**Southwest Continuum of Care (SWCOC) Meeting**

**Thursday, December 14, 2023**

**1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**201 S. Iowa Street Dodgeville WI. Zoom Meeting**

**Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Michelle Friedrich at 1:02 p.m.

Attendance – Sheryl Brokopp, Heather Ringberg, Julie Ann Drake, Melissa Kelly, Becky Turpin, Cassandra Robinson, Kate Chambers, Miranda Addison, Corie Dejno, Molly Olson, Sue Schwartz, Michael Hanrahan, Katie Spaeth, Lynn Halverson, Michelle Friedrich, Julie McGuire

Introduction of New Members – Julie Ann Drake: Lending Specialist with Foundation for Rural Housing

1. Approval of Agenda – Sue made the motion, Miranda seconded. Motion carried.
2. Approval of November Minutes – Lynn made the motion, Sheryl seconded. Motion carried.
3. Balance of State Updates/Gaps and Needs Provider Surveys
   * + Michelle forwarded the email updates from the BOS to the group
       - ARPA fund information was included if anyone is interested
     + Annual Gaps & Needs Surveys
       - Important to complete the community partner survey
       - Compilation of data in an annual report helps with grant writing
         * Data gets presented at the May Balance of State quarterly meeting
       - Michelle sent the link out and will resend after the meeting
     + WIBOS Quarterly meeting
       - Anyone is welcome to attend
       - Link on the BOS website to sign up
       - February meeting will be the first in person meeting since COVID
         * February 8th & 9th in Wausau
4. Housing Coalition Group (updates)
   * + Michelle attended the SW Wisconsin Regional Planning meeting
       - Need to determine if joining these meetings will meet our needs
       - Lynn is meeting with Alyssa Schaefer on January 4th
         * Invite Alyssa to join our January 11th meeting
         * Work on collaboration towards our end goal
         * Collaborating with more partners can help with bigger grants
5. Point in Time Count
   * + Need volunteers to start hanging out flyers
     + Need more volunteers to go out the night of the count
       - Groups of 2 or 3 for safety
       - Iowa County will do ride-a-longs if anyone would like to do that
       - Michelle will reach out to Lafayette County for ride-along options
       - If completing observation forms be as specific as possible to avoid duplication
     + Michelle will mark up routes on maps once we have the list of volunteers
6. Trainings
   * + Will start to offer trainings during our coalition meeting
     + Grants are adding more requirements & trainings will help with that
       - LGBTQ, Diversity & Inclusion, etc
       - Trainings will help with completing the Collaboration Grant
     + Many resources available that offer free trainings we can utilize
       - UW Extension is a good resource
       - Sheryl is certified to do Narcan training – add to January agenda
7. Program Updates
   * + Michelle Friedrich: SWCAP Supportive Housing
       - Allocation team will need to meet in February regarding allocation of EHH funds
       - Everything will need to be in place before the next grant cycle
     + Sheryl Brokopp: SWCAP Recovery
       - Currently has openings at the Opportunity House
         * Women’s side is almost empty
         * Short term stay typically less than one year
         * Candidate has to be a sober resident
         * Get them into treatment & help them get on track
         * Identify where their needs are to help them move forward
8. Other discussion
   * + Discussion on Home ARPA funds that Evers just past

Motion to adjourn – Lynn made the motion, Sue seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Next meeting – January 11th 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.