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

**Thursday, February 9, 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 1:00 p.m.

Attendance – Corie Dejno, Rick Gleason, Marcia Galvan, Paula Vestin, Cassandra Robinson, Jennifer Amacher, Szvon Conway, Meredith McCoy, Michael Basford, Sue Schwartz, Katie Spaeth, Michael Hanrahan, Maggie Milcarek, Kate Chambers, Michelle Friedrich, Julie McGuire

Introductions of New Members – Maggie Milcarek – UW Extension FoodWise (serves Grant, Green, Iowa & Lafayette counties)

1. Approval of Agenda – Sue made the motion, Corie seconded. Motion carried.
2. Approval of January Minutes – Jennifer made the motion, Sue seconded. Motion carried.
3. Balance of State Updates
   * + Michelle forwarded emails to the group earlier this week
       - Several trainings & webinars available
         * Everyone in the coalition can take advantage of these
       - Meredith
         * Lots of trainings available at a good cost
         * Website has been updated

<https://www.wiboscoc.org/trainings.html>

* + - * + Housing first 102 – Putting it into practice

2-day free training 2/22 & 2/23

2nd day is panel discussion with providers who work with various people

1. Point-in-Time Count
   * + Michelle thanked everyone that volunteered their time
       - 5 observation forms
         * 2 in Iowa County
         * 3 in Green County
       - 3 surveys in Green County
         * Walmart parking lot in Monroe – 3 different corners
     + Submit paperwork to Michelle so she can send back to the Balance of State
     + More volunteers this time making it much easier to cover all areas in the 5 counties
     + Some people saw flyers & we got them into hotels prior to the night of the count
2. Program Updates
   * + St. Vincent de Paul Monroe - Sue Schwartz
       - School contacted them regarding 2 homeless students – both 18
         * Had to get them off their mom & dad’s Foodshare to get them on their own
         * Both are connected with FSET & are trying to get jobs
         * One has a car & the other one does not
         * Provided them with gas vouchers until they get their 1st paycheck
         * Sue referred them to SWCAP for additional assistance
     + Family Promise of Green County - Rick Gleason
       - He has been in touch with the school
         * One of the homeless students is completing an app for Family Promise
         * They are going to waive the 90-day restriction so she can finish school
         * If they receive other applications she will need to agree to share a room
         * The other student is more difficult to find housing for
       - Green Counties leader group working on homeless project with the schools
         * Creating 2-sided card

First side has Family Promise information

Second side has list of Green County resources

Both sides have QR codes they can scan to get the information

Plan to disperse to all school districts in Green County

Hope to put stickers with QR codes in bathroom stall doors, etc

Looking for sponsors to cover the cost of printing

* + - * + Michelle inquired if we have a list of all the schools

Have several on our email list, but none are attending meetings

Rick has a list of all school districts throughout Green County

Hard to get teachers to attend during school hours

Do we need to re-evaluate the time of the meetings?

* + - * He has been working with Maggie from FoodWise to put in raised garden beds
        + Wants to get families involved in growing their own vegetables onsite
        + Just completed a grant that got submitted a week ago
      * Researching the vacant National Guard Armory to expand men’s shelter program
        + Has been sitting vacant for the last 4 or 5 years
        + About 70% of their clientele are veterans
        + Has a commercial kitchen, office spaces, gymnasium & shower facilities
    - WI Interagency on Homelessness - Michael Basford
      * Next week governor announcing the 2023-2024 budget
        + Considerable investments that the executive is proposing in housing & homelessness
        + Announced today part will be a request of legislature for $2M for supportive housing for Veterans
        + Encourages all of us to contact members of the State Assembly & State Senate to ask them to approve this request
    - SWCAP LIFT Rides – Corie Dejno
      * Can refer the teens that are struggling & don’t have a place to go directly to her
      * If are able to find work for them & they don’t have transportation
      * Call her directly at 262-573-2227 to see if they can help on their end
      * She can work with us to get rid of the cost
      * Car loans through Work-n-Wheels
        + Have to be working
        + Report loan to credit agencies so can help to establish credit
    - SWCAP Supportive Housing - Michelle Friedrich
      * Have not received notice of the EHH grant allocations yet
        + Typically hear about them in March
        + Will send out by email as soon as we receive it
        + Will add to the agenda & will send out applications at that time
      * DEHCR desk monitoring is scheduled for February 23rd
    - BOS - Meredith McCoy
      * Balance of State has made some changes to the Action Plan Model
        + Requiring all coalitions to have Diversity, Equity & Inclusion a part of the Action Plan always
        + Emphasis at both State & Federal level to incorporate this into all of the work we are doing
        + Circle back and add this to our next meeting
        + Michelle will forward information for review prior to our next meeting
      * Coalition support team is to do a brief presentation of all of the data they have on DEI in the coalition
        + Add to next month’s agenda for Meredith to go through the data
        + All data comes from HMIS
    - SSVF – Michael Hanrahan
      * SSVF has expanded their income eligibility criteria
        + Was at 50% for income limits, now can go by anything under 80%
        + Serves veterans that are on the street or who have an eviction notice

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

Next meeting – March 9th 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.