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

**Thursday, November 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 – Dan Williams, Chris Hinds, Roxanne Klubertanz-Gerber, Sheryl Brokopp, Becky Turpin, Michael Basford, Cassandra Robinson, Jane Laity, Sue Schwartz, Deanna Kloster, Katie Spaeth, Kiah Holtzman, Meredith McCoy, Lynn Halverson, Julie McGuire, Michelle Friedrich

Introduction of New Members – Chris Hinds: Associate Pastor Platteville Free Methodist Church, Kiah Holtzman: CPS

1. Approval of Agenda – Roxanne made the motion, Sue seconded. Motion carried.
2. Approval of October Minutes – Sheryl made the motion, Lynn seconded. Motion carried.
3. Balance of State Updates
	* + Michelle forwarded the email updates from the BOS to the group on Tuesday
		+ WIBOS Quarterly meeting next Friday, 11/17
			- Anyone is welcome to attend
			- Link on the BOS website to sign up
		+ Annual Gaps & Needs Surveys
			- 2 surveys – partner survey & client survey – links on BOS website homepage
			- Gaps & Needs committee collects data from all of the state of Wisconsin
				* Data gets compiled at the end of the year
				* Annual report gets submitted to the BOS

Use this information for grant writing

* + - * Community Partner Survey
				+ Everyone please take a few minutes to complete this survey
			* Consumer Client Survey
				+ Have your clients you work with complete this survey
			* Surveys help give us a broader picture of needs in our 5 counties we serve
			* Both Hmong & Spanish versions now completed
				+ Meredith will email out to the coalitions
			* Asking for a minimum of 25 of each survey to be completed by each coalition
1. Housing Coalition Group (work on housing issues in our five counties)
	* + Lynn & Michelle trying to get a committee together to look for more housing options
			- Gather info for grants, help get projects started
			- Contact Michelle if interested in joining
			- Would like one to two people from each county
			- Provides extra funding to help support programs
		+ Lynn was approached by Alyssa Schaefer
			- Runs the SW Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Housing Committee
				* Possibility of joining their meetings rather than starting a committee
				* Next meeting is 11/14 from 11 to Noon
				* In person in Dodgeville at Iowa County Health & Human Services bldg
				* Meet once a month
				* Covers all of Southwest Wisconsin
			- Michelle suggested maybe a couple people could join this committee & bring the information back to our monthly meetings
		+ Housing is lacking in all of the counties
		+ Lynn is completing home applications & a tax credit application
			- Trying to build some pocket neighborhoods in Lafayette County
				* Will have applications in by end of December
				* Find out by end of May if got any funding & how much
				* Would open up to families
			- Wants to build another 16-unit apartment complex for elderly & disabled
2. Point in Time Count
	* + Only 2 months out
			- Need volunteers to start hanging out flyers
			- Need more volunteers to go out the night of the count
			- Michelle emailed Szvon to get on their agenda to discuss ride alongs in Green Cty
			- Will send emails to the officers in the other 4 counties
			- Observation forms should include as much detailed information as you can provide
3. Trainings
	* + Discussion on whether to offer trainings during these meetings
			- We were lacking in areas when completing the Collaborative Grant
			- Should we add trainings to fill in those gaps?
		+ WIBOS offers trainings on the monthly calendar on their home page
			- [www.wiboscoc.org](http://www.wiboscoc.org)
			- Click the link on the calendar to register
			- Free 2-hour training on fair housing coming up on 12/13
				* Getting folks housed that have disabilities
		+ Ryan Dowd offers several homeless trainings
			- Michelle will share the link to his website with everyone
4. Program Updates
	* + Michelle Friedrich: SWCAP
			- Applied for Recovery Voucher Grant - $125,000
				* Helps people in recovery try to get into recovery homes
				* $90,000 in vouchers to pay rent once a client gets into a recovery program
				* $20,000 for case managing the clients
				* Remaining $15,000 for administrative costs
			- Tenant Bases Rental Assistance (TBRA) Grant
				* SWCAP will administer
				* Will assist one client from each county
				* Have to be completely homeless & meet income guidelines
				* Have to be able to find housing
				* 2-year program – will assist 6 people in 1st year & 6 in 2nd year
		+ Chris Hinds: Platteville Free Methodist Church
			- In research phase of establishing a homeless shelter in Platteville
			- Works with people that need housing
			- Focus is on local needs & is aware of the great need for shelters & affordable housing
		+ Michael Basford: WI Interagency on Homelessness
			- Still waiting for the home ARPA funds to be released
			- Great kickoff last week for homelessness awareness month
				* Held an event at the capitol that brought a lot of news
			- Wisconsin Public Radio
				* Has been running a series on homelessness in Wisconsin the last month
				* Kate Archer Kent morning show from 8 to 9 a.m.
				* Discussions have all been archived for viewing
				* https://www.wpr.org/programs/morning-show

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

Next meeting – December 14th 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.