** Northern Wisconsin Initiative to Stop Homelessness (N\*WISH)**

Via Zoom

September 1st, 2021 10:30am-12:00pm

Minutes prepared by Aria Ard

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Adrienne Walker- Newcap

Amanda Aubry – Newcap

Aria Ard- Newcap

Linda Norton- Newcap

Makenna Kalata – CE Newcap

Tracy Pillsbury – Newcap

Ashley Durand – Forward Service Corporation

Katie Knospe- Forward Service Corporation

Beth Brunelli- OGJVAMC

Rich Holmstrom- OGJVAMC

Ginger Chrobak – Rhinelander Area Food Pantry/NATH

Teleka Dewing – Wasmogishek Food Pantry

**MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Tammy Modic- Northwoods Alliance for Temporary Housing, Inc

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Allen - ICA

Leigh Polodna – WIBOSCOC

1. **Review and Approval of August Minutes:** Debbie Maye made the motion to accept the August meeting minutes, Adrienne Walker seconds. August minutes approved.
2. **EHH/ESG CARES CV Update:**

* ESG/CV: 3 families are finishing up eligibility, next they will work on securing housing and hoping to get housed within the next week.
* Rapid Rehousing: 6 households housed, 4 of those are in DV program
* Prevention: 8 housed, 2 EHH, 2 through prevention

1. **Coordinated Entry Update:**

Makenna Kalata

Everything has been submitted for PIT. Anyone who needs a referral, please send them to Makenna.

1. **Action Plan 2:**

Next steps for Action Plan 2 are due before November; we will need to show that there is more progress made. Makenna stated that she reached out to all the homeless liaisons for the school districts about the coalition meetings.

1. **BOS Updates-** Leigh wanted to inform everyone know that they had a delay in the review of PIT data and that feedback may take a little bit longer, but it will be coming. DV rapid rehousing will be receiving new funds; make sure to watch for an update from Terri as she will be advising everyone what might be available to the communities. Please make sure to watch for it.
2. **Agency Updates**

Newcap- Previous HCV specialist, Kelli, is no longer with Newcap. Kathryn, the administrative assistant for HCV, will be assisting with phone calls in the meantime. Amanda and Erin will be working through the change although there may be a few delays. The eviction moratorium is ending meaning WERA will be needed for a lot of individuals. If anyone needs to apply, please guide them to our website, https://www.newcap.org/

Rich Holmstrom, VA- States that the VA has now expanded their eligibility to be able to serve more individuals. They have also received 15 more iPhones that they can provide to individuals with unlimited data. Any referrals please send to the VA. They

Ginger, Rhinelander Area Food Pantry- They have started their online ordering, states that it is working well, and they are extremely pleased in having a choice in what kind of food they receive. They are currently training volunteers to the new system. People that had not come in over a year, are back to wanting to come due to them having a say in what they want and not getting an abundance in food they will not consume.

The meeting adjourned at 11:12am

**Next N\*WISH meeting**

**Via ZOOM or in person**

**October 6th, 2021 – 10:30am-12:00pm**

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