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| Date: 01/16/2019 | Time: 1:30pm to 3:00pm | Location: Sojourner House |

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| Facilitator | Jeanne Semb and Kelly Christianson |
| Note taker | TJ Atkins |
| Attendees | Jeanne Semb | Western Dairyland (WD) |
|  | Kelly Christianson | Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley (FPCV) |
|  | Nikki Poderels | Marshfield Clinic Health System |
|  | Chad Bahr | Western Dairyland (WD) |
|  | Amy Giani | Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley (FPCV) |
|  | Shane Gerberding | Western Dairyland (WD) |
|  | Jacque Hogan | Western Dairyland (WD) |
|  | Robin Adams | Western Dairyland (WD) |
|  | Samantha Harkness | Western Dairyland (WD) |
|  | Nicole Benson | Eau Claire City Housing Authority |
|  | Casey Levrich | Department of Veteran Affairs |
|  | Tanya Alexandra | Lutheran Social Services (LSS) |
|  | Kalin Hiess | Lutheran Social Services (LSS) |
|  | Denise Kurt | Lutheran Social Services-Woman’s Way |
|  | Karla Peterson | Wisconsin Department of Veteran Affairs (WDVA) |
|  | Angela Friend | Center for Veterans Issues (CVI) |
|  | Chou Lee | Lutheran Social Services (LSS)- R.A.Y.S |
|  | Debbie Gough | P.O.R.C.H |
|  | DeAnn Judson | Hope Gospel Mission |
|  | Julienne Linberg | Catholic Charities |
|  | Katie Richel | Catholic Charities- Sojourner House (SoJo) |
|  | Caleb Palmer | Lutheran Social Services (LSS)- Midway Crisis Bed |
|  | Christine Warlowski | St. James |
|  | Chris Klesmith | Eau Claire Health Department |
|  | Lieske Giese | Eau Claire Health Department |
|  | Dani Claesges | Eau Claire Area School District |
|  | Jenny Chaput | Lutheran Social Services (LSS) |
|  | Theresa Greene | Volunteer/Community Member |
|  | Cliff Kuster | Klein Hall Veterans Center |

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| **Approval of December Minutes** |
| No corrections noted to be made. Debbie G. motioned to approve minutes. Amy G. second the motion. Unanimous decision to approve the minutes. |

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| WI BOS Continuum of Care (WISBOSCOC) Update  |
| * ***Quarterly meeting update***: It is in Stevens Point on Feb 14-15th. The blocked hotels rooms are booked, but there is a Holiday Express nearby. The agenda is posted on their website of:

<https://wiboscoc.org>. * ***Vote on WIBOSCOC bylaws-*** Jeanne gave the group a brief summary of the representation options. Then the vote was taken. **Results:** There were 10 votes for regional representation and 8 votes for local coalition representation.
* Votes will be tallied with the rural county coalition. In the event of a tie, Jeanne will email the group, which will give those who are not present an opportunity to vote.
* ***Housing First Update-*** There are 10 applicants ready to be housed. One moves tomorrow, but 7 still need to be moved. Western Dairyland has been meeting with property managers, but are still running in to barriers, such as applicant’s credit history.
* ***Competition Update-***Due to the government shutdown there has been no news. Section 8 housing will be okay through February. Per Nicole, Eau Claire county housing authority will be good through April as they are using their reserves to cover rents while the government is shutdown. Kelly announced no projects have been awarded for 2019 yet.
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| EHH |

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| * No news on funding. Possible due to the government shutdown.
* We do have money here in Eau Claire for Rapid Rehousing for families and singles.
* When the announcement is made to apply for EHH the process will more than likely be very fast. The group was encouraged to look at the Balance of state website to what funds are available and agencies should start thinking about if they wish to apply and start to prep for that if they are able to.
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| **Government Shutdown** |

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| * It was mentioned the Wisconsin Department of Health Services has issued a form agencies can look at to know what is happening with benefits. See below
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| **Point in Time (PIT)- Amy**  |
| * The dates are set it January 23rd midnight to January 24th.
* Still need volunteers
* Plan to meet at Sojourners at 10:45 pm and dress warmly. Katie request not to come before 10:45 pm as they are trying to get guests transitioned into quiet time.
* Jeanne states there is still a need for volunteers in Buffalo county
* People at Sojo and Community table will be served on the Jan. 24th to collect data of those that may have been missed from the 23rd.
* The data will be complied and then sent to the appropriate entities.
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| **Brain Trust** |
| * The group is working on the coalition bylaws, processes, and membership
* They meet again tomorrow at Western Dairyland from 1pm to 3pm at Western Dairyland
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| **A Home for Everyone Conference** |
| * The save the date is July 17th through the 18th and it will be at the Lismore.
* It’s sponsored by Wisconsin Collaborative for Affordable Housing.
* Their website has information from the conference last year. [www.ahomeforeveryone.events](http://www.ahomeforeveryone.events)
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| **Erin Healy Workgroup** |
| * Discussion on what as a community we want to do next as the workgroup works to secure funding for Erin to return.
* Dani shared Ken’s idea of thinking of homelessness in terms of a cycle with the categories of Eviction, homelessness, moving into a house, sustaining a home, and recurring problems. The goal is to break the cycle, so there are buckets which could catch an individual and break the cycle. The buckets are named Urgent Support Services (such as shelter or laundry), Home Acquisition, Ongoing Support Services, and Urgent Prevention Services.
* Exercise- If money were no object, what solutions would have to solve the problem of homelessness in Eau Claire? The group wrote down ideas on post notes and put them in the different buckets that would assist in breaking the Homelessness cycle. Dani will collect them and pass them along to the workgroup for discussion.
* If people think of more ideas they can forward them to Ken via email.
* Ken will compile the feedback.
* Suggestion was made to do a similar exercise with customers at Sojo’s, Positive Avenues, and the Community Table. Discussion that the process would need to be simplified and the pros and cons of perhaps doing a survey. One comment made it should be a day in the life of someone homeless in Eau Claire, so we can get a better understanding of the needs.
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| **After Hours Plan**  |
| * Kelly states no one has presented at Family Promise of the Chippewa Valley.
* Katie shares there are still a few presenting at Sojo. However, the after-hours plan is followed a majority of the time, with the police assessing the individual prior to entry in to Sojo as long as there is availability. She indicated they are still having overflow and this month they had to turn away 12 individuals.
* Someone inquired as to why the individuals away. Someone explained it may be due to the temperature requirement and availability of space for the person.
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| **P.O.R.C.H** |
| * They have change the P in P.O.R.C.H from progressive to practical as Kerry had received feedback that Progressive sounded political. Thus, the full name is Practical Outreach with our Community’s Homeless.
* The group also provided Ken with recommendations based on Erin Healy’s report. The recommendation was to focus on landlord mitigation services, which could help the chosen target group indirectly.
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| **ZerEau initiative** |
| * Kelly shared they are finding it difficult to find landlords willing to accept applications.
* This Friday (Jan. 18th), The Eagles Review at the Pablo Center will be donating part of the proceeds to the ZerEau initiative
* Kelly also states they have funds for people and because it is not tied to a grant or federal funding, they are able to be creative with how it’s used to help people. For example, they have helped an individual pay down some debt, which will increase their credit score to help them in finding a placement.
* Discussion on what alternatives, such as tiny homes could be a possibility. Someone indicated Lee Henick is working on looking at this model. However, there are challenges with this model in terms of zoning and licensing.
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| **Problem Solving aka Stump the Providers ☺** |
| * Deb inquired if it would be possible to get number of our homeless so the data can be shared in the community when discussing the issue.
* A thought was shared to add this to the agenda as a standing item. Discussion on what numbers does the group want and frequency. Kelly and Jeanne encouraged the group to ponder this and it will be added to February agenda for further discussion as there is lots of data and some data that just isn’t available. In addition, it can be time consuming.
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| **Agency Updates** |
| * **Catholic Charities:** Julienne reports Nadine the financial services coordinator has retired and Julienne will be assuming some of her duties, such as budgeting appointments. They have one Rapid Rehousing person. In addition, she is not sure if they will be filling Nadine’s position. They also will no longer be providing hotel vouchers in Chippewa County.
* **LSS-R.A.Y.S:** They will no longer be serving the La Crosse area and they have started serving CHI-HI (Chippewa Falls High School)
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| **Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm** |
| **Next Meeting: February 20, 2019 at 1:30pm at Sojourners**  |