West Central Housing Coalition |Minutes

## Meeting date | time 08/20/19 | 1:00pm to 3:00pm | Meeting location West CAP

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| Meeting called by | Corin Tubridy |
| Secretary  | TJ Atkins |

 | Heidi Hooten-Stepping StonesJamie Gibson- The Bridge to HopeJeni Haddad- Family Support CenterBrianne Berres- Catholic Charities- Sojourner HouseAngela Friend- Center for Veteran IssuesMissy Pridgen-West CapLori Bowman- Benjamin HouseKayla Hanson-Benjamin HouseVirginia Ormsby- Northwoods |

# Agenda topics

## **Agency Updates** | Presenter All

* Corin shared that West CAP will be expanding their PSH and will have 15 openings and will be hiring for a new case manager to begin to handle the new openings.
* Brianne shared that SoJo’s is averaging 58 people a night, which is an increase from previous months
* Heidi shared Stepping Stones is hosting a Relationship Class at the jail.

## **Balance of State Meeting Updates**| Presenter Corin

* Don R was approved for the Veterans Rep for the Board.
* Standardized Forms Updates were made and have gone back to the coalitions to make revisions.
* Ryan, the Coordinated Entry lead, did a QA. The VISPDAT only needs to be updated for significant changes and no longer needs to be updated every 6 to 12 months.
* Carrie shared some PIT data. West Central coalition is the 3rd highest in coalitions with the largest prioritization list (303). West Central Coalition is in the top 5 with the most in the categories of Domestic Violence, Transitional youth, and Veteran households. There has also been an increase with the coalition’s territory of the demographic household. ¾ are singles without kids and ¼ of households with kids. Carrie did share that she is available to assist coalitions with doing a presentation on what the role of the coalition is which is comparable to the presentation she did in 2018.

## **PIT** | Presenter Missy and Corin

19 Unsheltered found across 7 counties. 152 were in shelter and 50 were in transitional housing. This is an increase compared to prior years. Most of those unsheltered were found in Wal-mart parking lots. Action: Missy will be sending out a post PIT survey soon.

## **Coalition Governance** | Presenter Corin/All

1. Office Nominations: Corin volunteered for Chair. TJ volunteered for Secretary. Brianne volunteered for Vice Chair and backup to Secretary. Action: *Corin will send out the email again to see if those not present wish to nominate anyone else and then a vote will be taken.*
2. Feedback on Coalition Charter: BOS feedback was the layout is very clear and easy to find what you are looking for and very thorough. They only issue was that a MOU mentioned in the charter, but an MOU was not provided for review. Group discussion on the charter and edits on the section to amend the amendments section. Action: *Corin will send out changes for all to review.*
3. Membership Application: Lori setup a google application for new members to complete. All reviewed the application and gave recommendations for edits. Action: *Lori and Corin to make changes and group will review at next meeting in September.*

## **Taskforce: Getting People Document Ready** | Presenter Missy

## The goal is to cut the timeline for housing the chronic homeless down. Currently 15 on the list now for the Coordinated Entry list. The process is to find person, then obtain homeless history, get releases, and follow up. Missy states they are looking for a list of volunteers to help with the process. She would like follow up within the next 2 weeks from the group. Her goal is to start this process within the next 2 weeks. TJ recommended she check with Ryan as she believes only those with service point license can access and talk to those listed on the Coordinated Entry list unless the individual signs a release to note otherwise.

**Public Awareness** | Presenter Corin/All

1. Please share agency information on events with each other on Facebook and other pages.
2. Advocacy: Senator Katie Berneier will be at the Family Support Center discussing homeless issue. There are also bills in the senate currently, which can impact homeless issues. Corin shared on the federal level HUD has presented policy which will make it harder for tenants to file discrimination on a landlord which goes against the Fair Housing Act. Corin states this is currently open for public comment. There is also an event on Monday August 26th from 1 to 3pm at the Family Support to discuss with the Chippewa County strategic plans for central point of intake for homelessness. The need for a recovery house has been discussed.

**Strategic Planning** | Presenter Corin/All

Discussion continued from last meeting. Group shared there needs to be enough time between planning the event and the actual event for the planning meeting. Another recommended facilitator was Katherine Emmanuelle the director of UW Extension

***Next Meeting September 17th from 1pm to 3pm at TBD***