



## HITF Meeting Minutes

03-27-24

1. Chairperson Jessica Locher called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.
2. Present

Sarah (Guest)	Sara Hollatz	Chad Salmon MHS-HOM
Cassandra Barnett VA	Kerstin Hughes	Holly Sieren BOS CE
Kelly Bedessam COJ	Zadia Hughes-Taylor	Katie Spaeth
Amanda Bothun	Jim Hutchinson Husch Services	James Stahl CAI -Twin Oaks
Emily Bredlau	Deanna Kloster UHC	Unkown User
Trinity Brehmer ECO	Elizabeth Knapp-Spooner CAI	Jenny Viney RN MHS
Lisa Brooks Humane	Carrie Kulinski JPS	Alyssa Vis ECO
Alexis Camacho-Stedman Legal Action	Jessica Locher ECHO	Nancy Vue UA
Jessica Campbell YWCA	Joe Locher ECHO	Kelsie W Mercy Health System
Amy Dora	Nicole Majinski VA	Sarah Williams ECO
Kelly G Mercycare	Megan McBride City of Beloit	Paula
Marcia Galvan SWWDB	Jennifer Petruzzello COJ	Wishope
Sara Garbe CAI	Jackie Revels	
Hannah Haakenson Project 16:49	Damonyka Roberts FSSWNI	

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3. **Treasurer's Report:** Joe Locher reported that the BOS dues will be \$3,515.10.
4. **BOS Update:**
  - BOS CoC Project scoring tool is out for comment. Comments are due in the near future.
  - There are a few more days to put in applications to work at the BOOS. See their website or Facebook for details on the open position.
  - BOS Quarterly meeting will be in May and will be virtual.
5. **Book Club:** At the BOS conference, there was a discussion about DEI and how people are missing seeing each other. We are continuing to meet virtually due to travel issues between the two counties. One thought that was raised was the possibility of having a book club, getting together once a quarter. Possibly moving it around and visiting agencies. Several thought it was a good idea and sounded like fun. People were asked to put times that work better in the chat box. Movies or podcasts could also be topics. The books chosen could be shared with everyone, which they could read and attend if they wanted to. Project 16:49 already does staff reads.
6. **Action Plan:** The Executive Committee worked to update the Action Plan report that was due on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Included was DEI and homeless services, the DEI training and a couple TLP projects that are coming up, CAI secured funding for their shelter in Walworth County and the Planning Committee is working on activities for the committees.
7. **HITF Application, MOU and Bylaw Changes:** Jessica reviewed the updates. Copies of the changes, based on the discussion at the last meeting, are included. The Youth Committee was added to the Application. Language is added to the Bylaws to state what a member in good standing is. Editing was also done to make the documents all

correspond with each other. These will be emailed by the end of the week, for review and we will vote on them at the next meeting.

8. **Family Services Presentation:** Damonyka Roberts, DV Program Manager at Defy, gave a presentation on the Rapid Rehousing program at Defy. They follow the housing first approach. Serve category 1 or 4 homeless people.

9. **Subcommittee Updates:**

- **SSO:** Ian Olson was introduced as the new SSO. Has a poll for what is the best day and time for a monthly meeting for primarily case conferencing. He asked each agency to email him the staff that would be involved in case conferencing. He expects to be emailing everyone for a meeting next month.
- **Youth Committee:** Hannah Haakenson reported the committee had a meeting last month with about twelve youth to review the Coordinated Community plan, which had not been reviewed in about two years. They received some really good feedback from the youth which they will use moving forward.
- **DEI Committee:** We are still looking for a chair for this committee. If interested please contact Jessica Locher.
- **Planning Committee:** Jim Hutchinson reported that the committee met with Carrie Poser on Coordinated Entry issues. They reviewed where they see some room to move in the current rules and regulations. They also discussed that some programs are getting conflicting views from BOS program staff they interface with and the BOS Monitors. Carrie is following up on the conflicting issues and the committee will be looking at the other issues at its next meeting.
- **Data Committee:** Joe Locher advised that they should have first quarter data to report on for the next meeting.

10. **Agency Updates:**

- **Janesville Schools:** Carrie Kulinski reported that there are currently 511 McKinney Vento homeless youth in the schools: 82% are doubled up, 4% in shelters, 9% in motels and 4% unsheltered.
- **City of Beloit:** Megan McBride reported that Beloit's EEO Commission is working on an event that will be at the Historical society, on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and will focus on housing resources. The presenters will focus mostly on programs to support home ownership. They would also like to have a resource component too. If your agency provides housing services and would like to have a staff person present or provide information, contact Megan.

COB is working on updating their 5-year CDBG plan, which contains a NARSA plan, which identifies the Merrill and Hackett neighborhoods. They had listening sessions in these neighborhoods and still have a resident survey out and a stakeholder's survey, which are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. If you need the survey, contact Megan. The NARSA plan will be on the same timeline as the CDBG plan, which would get approved in November.

11. **Meeting Schedule:** Next meeting is Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at noon.

12. Adjourned 12:49 p.m.