



HITF Meeting Minutes

4-24-24

1. Chairperson Jessica Locher called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
2. Present

Cassandra Barnett VA	Jim Hutchinson Husch Services	Cassandra Robinson
Kelly Bedessam COJ	Jen Kelley MHS	Chad Salmon MHS-HOM
Amanda Bothun	Deanna Kloster UHC	Holly Sieren BOS CE
Jessica Campbell YWCA	Elizabeth Knapp-Spooner CAI	Andy Snow WCHA
Amy Dora	Carrie Kulinski JPS	Katie Spaeth
Tiffany Ford RVCP	Jessica Locher ECHO	Unknown User
Marcia Galvan SWWWDB	Joe Locher ECHO	Alyssa Vis ECO
Sara Garbe CAI	Nicole Majinski VA	Nancy Vue UA
Sara Hollatz	Megan McBride City of Beloit	Nina Wallace
Kelsey Hood-Christianson FSSWNI	Amanda Okane Salvation Army	Zachery Wishope
Kerstin Hughes	Jackie Revels	Christine MercyCare
Zadia Hughes-Taylor	Lafonda Rich	
Dakota Hunt	Damonyka Roberts FSSWNI	

3. **Treasurer's Report:** Joe Locher reported that the Treasury balance is \$256.61.
4. **BOS Update:**
 - BOS quarterly meeting is virtual, May 17th.
 - BOS is still looking for a grant specialist.
 - COC competition will be every two years now.
 - There are a number of grant opportunities for people that are interested.
5. **BATFOH:** Jackie updated the group that they finalized their 2024 Strategic Plan, there was a discussion pertaining to the Woodside Terrace Apartments and the dislocations and Legal Action did a presentation.
6. **Book Club:** For those interested in the Book Club, a list of books is being put together. One book will be covered each quarter. More information will be coming out in an email.
7. **HITF Application, MOU and Bylaw Changes:** Jessica reviewed the updates from the last meeting. Jim Hutchinson moved approval of the HITF Application, MOU and Bylaw Changes as presented. Second by Kelsey Hood-Christianson. Motion carried. Jessica will mail out the Application and MOU and ask agencies to complete and submit their applications.
8. **Project WIS Hope Presentation:** Zachery, Nina and Dakota gave an overview of the WIS Hope Project. Broadhead is a CBRF facility. At Woods Crossing they offer CBT based groups, meditation groups, art therapy, 12 Step programing and individual counseling. They also have peer recovery coaches. They have several sober living

facilities. One can apply for services on their website. www.wishope.org. They have opened four community centers over the past few months.

9. **Subcommittee Updates:**

- **Coordinated Entry Case Managers Committee:** Ian Olson is working to get the Case Managers committee up and going again.
- **Youth Committee:** No update.
- **DEI Committee:** We are still looking for a chair for this committee. If interested please contact Jessica Locher.
- **Planning Committee:** Jim Hutchinson reported that they are in-between things, having met with Carrie Poser, BOS, and not heard back from her yet. They're moving back to measuring what we're doing with homelessness. The EHH Request for Proposals process, which comes around about every three years, is starting and the HITF will be receiving information on it. We will be looking for three proposal scorers, who need to be independent from any agency applying for funds.
- **Data Committee:** Joe Locher gave a presentation on the data that is collected. Agencies not in HMIS are encouraged to get their data in as early as possible. Charts are available from Joe.

10. **Agency Updates:**

- **HITF Executive Committee:** The committee is going to follow an annual process of announcing, in April, the opportunities for EHH lead agency, Coordinated Entry SSO Lead or YETP System Navigator Lead. If your agency is interested in any of these leads, please email the Chairperson of the Coalition, which is Jessica, by May 15th. We'll do one vote for all of the Leads once a year at our May meeting. We are required by the grantors to have a vote on the Lead agencies.
- **Janesville Schools:** Carrie Kulinski reported that there are currently 533 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 30th, 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.
- CDBG is revising the income eligibility to not include disability benefits thru the VA. She'll be sending out information.
- **Family Services:** Kelsey updated that they will be entering into construction the week of May 13th.
The following Saturday is a Celebrate Mothers event at Riverside Park. It is a free event and geared towards the Spanish speaking community.
The next month is Pride Month and the LGBTQ program is hosting their 2nd Annual LGBTQ Educational Summit at BTC, with a minimal fee this year of \$25. She will be getting a flyer out.

11. **Salvation Army:** Amanda updated that they have several events coming up.

- May 3rd is their annual Spring Fest.
- May 8th is a Life Tech class on renting, insurance, etc.

12. **Meeting Schedule:** Next meeting is Wednesday, May 22nd at noon.

13. Adjourned 12:36 p.m.