**Ozaukee County Local Coalition Meeting**

**In-person or Zoom Meeting**

**November 15, 2022, 9:00 AM**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**: Meredith McCoy, Joana Hemschemeyer, Jennifer McBride, Brett Larson, Barb Fischer, Cori Guerin, JenAnn Bauer, Kayla Stoflet, Christy Knowles, Adam Hurst, Marshall Hermann, Casandra Robinson, Lisa Holtebeck, Stephanie VanHulst, Darsell Johns, Amanda Bramstedt, RJ Lange, Linda Vargo, Jeane Sager, Rachel Trainor Liza Drake Tracey Van Ryzin, Barbara Bates-Nelson.

1. **Introductions** – Joana Hemschemeyer led the group through individual introductions.
2. **Review and Approval September 20, 2022 Minutes** – Joana reported that the minutes from the last meeting were not available today for review. She will present them for review at the next coalition meeting.
3. **Wisconsin Balance of State CoC** 
   1. Balance of State Update – Joana reported that the WIBOSCOC quarterly meeting is this week.
      1. **WI BOS Board Member** - VOTE NEEDED – Motion made by Barb Fisher to elect Cori Guerin as the WIBOSCOC Board Member for Ozaukee County. Linda Vargo seconded it, and the motion carried.
      2. **Dues 2023** – Joana gave an overview of the annual dues and reported an increase this year. She noted that the increase was due to the coalition receiving more grant money than previously.
      3. **Volunteer Time/Match** – Joana talked about how members can use this link to record their time at the meeting that will be used as match.
         1. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScKQaQ21fhWADSXIAh6lsx7DmNw7R\_qRF2P4UKKqkP7MG5U8Q/viewform?usp=sf\_link
4. **Portlight Shelter Project Update** – Paul Bissett gave an update on the new shelter that is expected to open in mid-December. The workers are installing insulation which the installation of drywall will follow. Paul also said they are hiring staff for the 3rd and weekend shifts. Anyone interested should contact Family Promise.
5. **Coordinated Entry** – Joana reported that our agency has been unable to generate the report needed for selecting clients for the Rapid Re-housing program. Meredith McCoy responded by saying her team member could generate the report and send it to Joana.
6. **Data Collection** – Joana reported that data collection would be addressed in the new year, 2023.
7. **Landlord Outreach** – Joana led a discussion about a new initiative, started just last week, that aims to connect area landlords and property managers to this group of agencies helping the homeless get housed. JenAnn Bauer added that this group should target property management firms in the area as they often have numerous rentals. RJ Lange added that Tom Didier is a good resource for working with landlords in Port Washington. Meredith McCoy added that a training on shared housing is coming up in December that might interest this group. She sent out a link to register for the meeting. The next meeting will be in January. Tracey Van Ryzin and Kayla Stoflet offered to help with this outreach program
8. **Homeless** **Programs and Funding**
   1. **EHH 22/23** – Joana reported that this funding was available beginning September 1st of this year, and all the funds were used.
   2. **Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Program** – Joana reported that this program continues, and six households in Ozaukee County have vouchers.
   3. **Wisconsin Emergency Rent Assistance (WERA) Program** – Joana reported that this program also continues, and no end date has been reported. Processing of applications takes between 6-8 weeks. Agencies with clients in an emergency should contact Joana for assistance.
   4. **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program** – Joana reported that TBRA is still being offered to households in this area. The program can provide rental assistance for up to two years.
   5. **Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP)** – Barbara Bates-Nelson reported that phase 40 funding is coming, so if there are those who have not spent all of phase 39, they should do so now.
   6. **Safe and Stable Homes (UWGMW)** – Joana reported that his homeless prevention program from the United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha is for families in Ozaukee and Washington counties who are in need of rental assistance. Each county has been allocated $20,000. The program runs through June 30th, 2023.
   7. **Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP)** – Adam Hurst gave an overview of this program and the clients it is intended to help. The Youth are thaged age 18-24. The service area is Waukesha, Washington, and Ozaukee counties. The capacity of this program is twenty-four participants.
      1. **YHDP System Navigator** - Jennifer McBride was introduced as the new Youth Homelessness System Navigator for Ozaukee County.
9. **Agency Updates** –
   1. Rachel Trainor, CVI - reported they received a grant to serve veterans in Ozaukee County so any that are homeless should be referred to their agency. She added that CVI is also looking to hire a Housing Navigator.
   2. Jeane Sager, Salvation Army - reported that it’s Red Kettle time. This campaign is how they raise funds to help those struggling in our community. Anyone interested in signing up to help ring can go to [www.registertoring.com](about:blank).
   3. Linda Vargo, St. Vincent de Paul - reported that the thrift store now has a new point-of-sale system to generate care cards. These will replace the paper vouchers used in the past.
   4. Darcell Johns, Ozaukee County Human Services - reported that their staff working with energy assistance are availadaily day to help individuals with their paper applications.
   5. Barbara Bates-Nelson, United Way of Northern Ozaukee - reported that a new ALICE (Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed) report is now available and updated with the latest research.
10. Next Meeting is on Tuesday, January 17, 2023, at 9:00 AM