West Central Housing Coalition |Minutes

## Meeting date | time 1/21/2020 | 1:00pm to 3:00pm | Meeting location West CAP

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| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Meeting called by | Corin Tubridy | | Secretary | Brianne Berres | | Corin Tubridy – West Cap  Brianne Berres- Catholic Charities  Kelly Christianson- United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley  Angela Friend- Center for Veteran Issues  Virginia Ormsby- Northwoods  Missy Pridgen- West Cap  Heidi Hooten-Stepping Stones  Jessica Oleson-Bue- Chippewa County Housing Authority  Naomi Cummings- The Bridge to Hope  Duana Bremer – Salvation Army  Mary Gove- United Way of St. Croix Valley  Casey Levrich- Department of Veterans Affairs |

# Agenda topics

## **Agency Updates** | Presenter All

* Duana Bremer- Salvation Army- Grace Place; serving beyond capacity- two open beds in Polk county. Warming center in Rice Lake has availability for one male and one female.
* Virginia Ormsby- Northwoods- One vacancy- filling off waiting list
* Jessica- Housing Authority- awarded 5 HUD VASH vouchers; now have 27
* Naomi Cummings- Bridge to Hope- Emergency shelter with 9 bedrooms; have a few bedrooms open
* Kelly Christianson- United Way- new representative for UW Chippewa Valley
* Heidi Stepping Stones- family shelter is full; Winter Haven 2 open beds; struggling with volunteers this year
* Brianne- Catholic Charities- capacity update; Dairyland Warming Center update; Texas Roadhouse fundraiser TONIGHT!
* Corin- West Cap- Moving locations to old court house on 3rd floor- March; 7 openings left in PSH; Hiring PSH case manager
* Casey- Dept of Veterans Affairs- 10 more vouchers; March; 5 in Eau Claire County in May; Hopefully hiring another HUD VASH staff person

## **Coordinated Entry** | Presenter Missy

**Households with Children**

* **Families on Prioritization List: 89**
  + Category 1: 67
  + Category 2: 22
* Parenting Youth: 9
  + Category 1: 6
  + Category 2: 3
* Veteran Families: 2
  + Category 1: 2
    - Chronically Homeless: 0
  + Category 2: 0
* Average # of days since referral (Category 1): 126
* **Chronically Homeless Families (includes Parenting Youth): 4**

**Households without Children**

* **Singles on Prioritization List: 310**
  + Category 1: 265
  + Category 2: 55
* Homeless Youth: 33
  + Category 1: 28
    - Chronic: 0 (included in the Cat. 1 total)
  + Category 2: 5
* Veterans: 13
  + Category 1: 11
    - Chronically Homeless: 1 (Included in Cat. 1 total)
  + Category 2: 2
* Average number of days since referral (Category 1): 168
* **Chronically Homeless: 32**

* Barriers
  + Contacting eligible individuals
  + Landlords not wanting to work with the program

* Release of Information
  + Pre-screen form – allowing to share information with other agencies for purposes of referring
    - Only for share information for referring them

## **Membership Application**| Presenter Corin

* Reviewed application
* Suggested changes:
* Add to individual providers:
  + Add Other to types of individual applicants
  + Intellectual/Developmental Disability
  + Workforce Dev Board
  + Early Childhood/Other Education
  + Domestic Violence- Sexual Assault Provider
* Update address
* Unanimous passing for membership application

## **Coalition Governance**| Presenter Corin

* Need role of secretary to be filled
* Vote on coalition secretary- All in favor, none opposed
  + Secretary: Mary Gove, United Way of St. Croix

## **Diversion**| Presenter Duana, Bre, Heidi

* Have restructured the Diversion tool they are using at Grace Place
  + Once diverted- no need to continue into the intake process
  + Have diverted approximately 40 people
* BOS Emergency Shelter & Diversion
  + If anyone wants to be a part of diversion pilot contact Bre- will connect so service point can be set up for data collection

**Public Awareness** | Presenter Corin/All

* PIT Count – Missy
  + Struggle for volunteers in all 7 counties
  + Need help in all 7 counties
  + Send ideas to Missy
  + Missy will send post PIT go-to-meeting
    - Feedback
    - Survey
  + Talking about it with our own staff & connecting to services
  + After Hours Plans-
    - Pierce County & Chippewa County- go to Grace Place or hotel in Pierce- will e-mail to Missy
    - Polk County & St. Croix County- shelter or motel vouchers
    - Barron County- Warming House & motel vouchers- Contact Tom
    - Dunn County- Winter Haven – call house
    - Pepin County- Bridge to Hope if DV ; Would be able to stay at Winter Haven
  + Corin- check data to verify accuracy for a smooth PIT reporting
* Upcoming opportunities
  + PIT
    - Radio- after the fact
    - Does CDC have hotel vouchers? Could they be used for future PIT?
  + Talking about awareness with our own staff & connecting to services
  + Come to dinner at Texas Roadhouse fundraiser – 10% of ticket goes to Sojourner House
* Advocacy
  + Invite Senators to PIT
    - State address is in Madison during time of PIT
    - Will be looking to ask politicians to come out for summer PIT
  + Invite city council, county board members, mayors, etc.
  + River Falls police- will do ride along for summer PIT
  + Summer PIT- July 24

**Strategic Planning** | Presenter Corin

This Spring- every year with CoC competition- Carrie sends out coalition survey to collect data; Those packets should be the plan- Those questions talk about how are we collaborating with DV; how are we addressing needs of youth, human trafficking, LGBTQ, etc.   
  
Allows us to identify what are we going to prioritize.   
  
Carrie is adjusting packet for questions and will be sending to coalition leads; At March meeting we will talk about what areas we will be focusing on and how we can move forward to address.

Using data to support our priorities and focusing our discussion to make differences in the

***Next Meeting March 17th from 1pm to 3pm at West CAP***