



McHenry County Continuum of Care to End Homelessness MEETING MINUTES

MEETING DESCRIPTION: CoC Board Meeting

DATE/TIME/LOCATION: June 20, 2024, 9:00 am; via video conference

1. CALL TO ORDER – L Prince called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

2. ROLL CALL AND GUEST INTRODUCTIONS

Agency	Designated Voting Member	Present?	Alternate Voting Member	Present?
4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care	Jessica landola	P	Kim Lamz	
22nd Judicial Circuit	Josie Shattuck		Jennifer Chavez	P
Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital	Suzanne Martinez	P		
Association for Individual Development	Alejandra Gutierrez		Aneliz Carbajal	P
Catholic Charities	Amber Emmert		Cathy Weightman-Moore	
Consumer Credit Counseling Services	Donna Rasmussen	P	Diane Christensen	
Family Health Partnership Clinic	Suzanne Hoban		Erin Kemp	
Head Start	Alma Wright		Mayra Leanos	
Home of the Sparrow	Elizabeth Heneks		Kristin Miller	P
Housing Action Illinois	Foluke Akanni		Bob Palmer	
Lovell Federal Health Care Center	Kya Hays		Lillie Prince	P
McHenry County College	Sam Clifford			
McHenry County Community Development	Brandon Kyker	P	Hans Mach	P
McHenry County Department of Health	Leslie Schott	P	Sarah Oliveira	
McHenry County Housing Authority	Kim Ulbrich	P	Pepper LaFontaine	
McHenry County Regional Office of Education	James Menzer		Matt Tabar	
McHenry Savings Bank	Kathrine Violet			
McHenry Township	Deborah Macrito	P	Gary Barla	
Mental Health Board	Leonetta Rizzi	P	Karin Frisk	
New Directions	Bobby Gattone	P	Dan Woodward	
Northwestern Medicine	Anne King		Sarah Santoria	
Options and Advocacy for McHenry County	Elyse Sereyka		Courtney Behrens	
Pioneer Center	Carrie Freund	P	Gina Zinck	P
Prairie State Legal Services	Ryan Sugas	P	Paul Zukowski	
Refuge for Women	Meredith Hodge	P	Sybil Baxa	
Restoration America	Anna Hill		Irene Tapia	
Salvation Army	Mercent Smith	P	Nancy Rivera	
Senior Care Volunteer Network	Sarah Schrempf		Ellen Rood	
Service Inc. of Illinois	Carrie Callery			
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	Bill Meath	P		



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Steven's Home	Nada Lunsford	P	
Supportive Housing Providers Association	Joseph Winford		David Esposito
Thresholds	Kim McCoy	P	Aaron Neal
Turning Point	Nancy Erickson	P	
United Way of Greater McHenry County	Jamie Maravich		Sofie Dzik
Veterans Assistance Commission	Michael Iwanicki		Tara Guy
Veterans Path to Hope	Laura Franz		Angela Wood-Zuzevich
Warp Corps	Andrew Turner		Jon Purden
Willow Creek of Crystal Lake	Julie Davis		
Woodstock Food Pantry	Virginia Peschke	P	
Workforce Network	Jeffery Poynter	P	Elijah Wedwick

Members at Large: Rich Ring
Sam Tenuto

Non-members attending: Joe Davis P
Heidi Berardi P
Erica O'Neill P
Lindsay Kellner P

3. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – None

4. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES - CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 4.1 Approval of May 9, 2024 – Full Board Meeting Minutes
- 4.2 Approval of March 18, 2024 – Community Awareness Committee Meeting Minutes
- 4.3 Approval of April 15, 2024 – Community Awareness Committee Meeting Minutes
- 4.4 Approval of January 3, 2024 – HMIS Committee Meeting Minutes
- 4.5 Approval of February 6, 2024 – HMIS Committee Meeting Minutes
- 4.6 Approval of March 12, 2024 – HMIS Committee Meeting Minutes
- 4.7 Approval of April 2, 2024 – HMIS Committee Meeting Minutes

B Kyker motioned to approve the Consent the Agenda items as presented. S Martinez seconded the motion. All in favor, motion passed.

5. OLD BUSINESS

Committee Chairs Updates

- 5.1.1 *Community Awareness Committee* – B Kyker stated that he is giving up his chair position N Lunsford will be overseeing the events portion. There is a needs list in the packet. If interested in chairing Community Awareness please reach out to B Kyker. He will still continue to lead the Landlord Engagement Program.
- 5.1.2 *Coordinated Entry* – G Zinck reports that the program is busy. One PSH vacancy through Thresholds. There has been case conferencing. They have been seeing a big increase in families and also in the senior populations. The system is really full and there is a wait list almost everywhere. PADs will soon be full as well. We need more options, especially family PSH as there are none in our community. The hope is to fill some of these gaps and add additional housing type options. B



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Meath asked for more information for a family PSH - both head of households have a disability. G Zinck talked about the need to support this family type. L Prince stated that this is such a high need especially to find rentals with enough bedrooms and within specific school districts while they are getting the support from programming as well. Ongoing sustainability for families is a difficult hurdle. G Zinck is difficult to sustain because there are a lot of HUD regs and it is a challenge. F Samuels stated that the PSH is more expensive because the clients need more care and stability. He believes that there needs to be a distinction and a better understanding for this type of costly programming within the funding streams. B Meath asked if there were any agencies that own properties for PSH. G Zinck stated that there are a few agencies that run PSH programs that do not own but lease the property. Pioneer Center did own a PSH property but they are no longer doing PSH in their program. L Prince talked about the level of case management for families, including clinical services, is a lot.

5.1.3 Finance Committee – D Rasmussen – Competition is coming up soon and the committee is preparing.

5.1.4 HMIS Committee – J Davis stated that the committee is still searching for a vendor and he will report on this in 6.1. He requested that all agencies using HMIS should let J Davis know when there are staffing changes so he can preserve and utilize the licenses we have to new people. Short data update for comparison of growth measuring October 2022-June 2023 versus October 2023 – June 2024:

5.1.4.1 We are up 17% with total clients entering system

5.1.4.2 71% increase in emergency entries

5.1.4.3 231% increase in rapid rehousing entries

5.1.5 Housing & Services Committee – No meeting in June – No report

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Approval to continue discussions with Bitfocus Clarity

J Davis shared a presentation: Great Lakes HMIS Implementation. Wellsky is not keeping up with changes needed for reporting and workflow in particular. Bitfocus Clarity on our own, the cost was too prohibitive. He discovered the coalition of Wisconsin and Illinois using Bitfocus Clarity. All of Wisconsin and the counties of Rockford/DeKalb, Winnebago and Boone counties in Illinois are a part of this group. The group that manages this is Institute for Community Alliances and they have a record of doing this for the past 12 years. They have the system down in migrating data from Wellsky to Bitclarity. Our Wellsky contract renews January 1, 2025 but we need to give notice by October 1st, 2024. Please see full presentation for detailed information. J Davis asked the Board for approval to continue researching this specific vendor arrangement. B Meath asked about who other CoC's in our Northern Illinois area. Most of the CoC's in our area are using the system and we can all share the data. F Samuels stated that it makes sense to share the benefits of us moving to a different vendor because Wellsky doesn't meet the mark. The costs for the 1st year might be higher but then goes back down. B Meath asked about definitive costs. J Davis stated that we are still pulling together the actual costs as a part of this process of vetting this vendor. G Zinck stated the importance of getting good reports/data. They have a list of canned and custom reports and J Davis has a list. B Meath motioned that the HMIS committee continue to pursue this vendor and details of a possible the transition of the current Wellsky HMIS System to Bitclarity. G Zinck seconded. All in favor, motion passed.



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6.2 World Homeless Day Needs List

N Lunsford stated that she is coordinating the efforts for World Homeless Day. She developed a Needs List for the event on October 12, 2024 at the Chapel. McHenry Campus, in their brand new auditorium. There is a copy of the list in the Board packet. Drop off location is at McHenry Savings Bank (MSB) with K Violet. MSB will also be providing a popcorn machine for the movie. Please contact K Violet before you come over so she can meet you. B Meath asked about if the 4 large coolers can be lent rather than given. N Lunsford said yes, we will give back all borrowed items – please put your name on them ahead of time. Please reach out to N Lunsford directly if you have any questions. B Kyker will look into whether the donations can be tax deductible.

7. OPEN FORUM AND MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 7.1 B Kyker shared that the CoC Rubric feedback sessions will be held in early July. He is hoping there will be strong attendance to put together a fair and equitable rubric. He is working with others to bring in past comments into this session. July 2nd at 1:00p.m. and July 9th at 9:30a.m. are the tentative dates. Watch your email for final announcements on this effort.
- 7.2 Debbie DeGraw's celebration of Life will be held on June 22nd at 1pm at Niko's Nikos Red Mill Tavern. If you have questions, please reach out to E Heneks (Liz).
- 7.3 N Lunsford – Steven's Home has been working with MCC for a Culinary Arts program training for those who are experiencing homelessness.
- 7.4 H Mach the annual action plan is open for review on their website and you can make public comments according to the directions.

8. ADJOURNMENT

D Macrito motioned to adjourn at 10:01 a.m., seconded by V Peschke. All in favor, motion passed.

Minutes respectfully submitted by K Violet.

NEXT MEETING DATE/TIME/LOCATION: July 18, 2024 @ 9:00 am Videoconference