

Ozaukee County Local Coalition Meeting,

Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2021, 9:00 am by Zoom

Attended:

Paul Bissett	Charlotte Coenen	Joe Delucia
Liza Drake Hemschemeyer	Kathleen Christenson Fisher	Joana
Jeanne Mantsch	Meredith McCoy	Rachel Trainor
Jeane Sager	Stephanie Van Hulst	Tracey Van
Ryzin		
Carolyn Parkinson	Linda Vargo	Emily Linsley

Review and Approve January 19, 2021 minutes: Linda Vargo made a motion to approve the January 19, 2021 minutes, Joe Delucia seconded, motion carried.

Agency Updates:

- **Advocates:** Charlotte reported the shelter is technically full with one household per room. If the need arises, they can put more than one household in a room. Charlotte has noticed that the calls for rental assistance have gone down in the last few weeks.
- **St. Vincent De Paul:** Tracey reported that they have noticed a decrease in the number of calls that they are receiving. Most of the calls have been for gas cards. April 5, there will be a change in the store hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 am - 7 pm and Friday and Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm. This will allow individuals who are working better access to the store.
- **Ozaukee County:** Liza reported that Ozaukee County is still completing applications for energy assistance in Ozaukee County, but all online applications are going through Energy Services Inc. The county is concerned that this will be confusing for individuals in Ozaukee County. If anyone is in need of energy assistance they can still contact Ozaukee County at 262-284-8101.
- **Salvation Army:** Jeane reported that Nancy has experienced a decrease in calls in the last few weeks. Most of the calls that they are receiving are for rental assistance.
- **Inclusa:** Emily reported that they have resumed in-person meetings with their clients. The office in Sheboygan will be opening on May 1. Inclusa is also expanding into more counties in the state.
- **Family Promise:** Paul reported that we have provided shelter to 19 households, 37 individuals in 2021, and rent assistance to 20 households in the rapid re-housing program this year.
- **Institute for Community Alliances (ICA):** Stephanie reported the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) in the state will be changing as of April 1. Training information for the new system will be out next week.
- **Sirona Recovery:** Carolyn reported they are expanding their housing options and will be hiring a housing case manager in Milwaukee and will be opening a transitional housing program in Milwaukee.

Ozaukee County Homeless and Housing Funding:

- **EHH 20/21:** These funds consist of federal and state money and can be used for rapid re-housing, homeless prevention, and shelter. The funds have been used

primarily for rapid-re-housing and shelter services. Due to the eviction moratorium, we have not been able to use these funds for homeless prevention, except for the security deposit and the first month's rent.

- **ESG CV:** These are funds that the state received for Coronavirus assistance. In the first round, Ozaukee County received approximately \$380,000 and for the second round, the county received \$181,000. Family Promise also applied for a special allocation which they received \$150,000 to help cover the costs of motel vouchers.
- **Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP):** Kathleen reported that Barbara Bates Nelson was accepting applications for EFSP funding.
- **United Way of Greater Milwaukee/Waukesha & United Way of Northern Ozaukee County:** Nothing to report.

System Performance Measures:

- **Statewide Comparison:** Kathleen shared the ICA's dashboard for the State of Wisconsin. This can be found on the Institute for Community Alliance website, <https://icalliances.org/wisconsin>, click on the local system performance measure to see how Ozaukee County compares to other homeless providers in the State of Wisconsin.
- **Ozaukee County Data Collection:** Joana reported on the number of individuals and that received assistance from the various programs in Ozaukee County. The agencies included in this report are Family Promise of Ozaukee County, Advocates of Ozaukee County, St. Vincent De Paul, Salvation Army, Saukville Food Pantry, and Port Washington Food Pantry. Joana will be collecting this information on a monthly basis moving forward.

Coordinated Entry: Paul reported there are currently 11 households (13 individuals) on the prioritization list for the Rapid Re-housing Program and 67 households (78 individuals) on the prioritization list for homeless prevention. Joana noted that the individuals on the homeless prevention list have all been contacted regarding the Wisconsin Rent Assistance Program.

Emergency Shelter Project Task Force: Paul reported that Family Promise, in collaboration with Ozaukee County, submitted the full application for the Community Development Block Grant CV funds to purchase or build a new shelter facility. We will know if the project is approved on March 26, 2021. The Emergency Shelter Task Force consists of representatives from 11 organizations/agencies, with three committees: Building, Operations, and Funding.

WIBOS COC Action Plan: Joana reported that the Ozaukee Local Coalition was required to submit an action plan late last year that outlined the areas that the coalition would be working on in 2021. The action steps that were chosen include; local homeless coalition engagement, open invitation to new members, coordinated entry, and performance & strategic planning: racial disparity. Meredith clarified that the action plan was for 6 months and we will need to report on the progress in May. She also stated that after May we could choose other action steps to work on. Kathleen will put together a Doodle Poll with the list of action steps for coalition members to choose from to focus on May through November. Linda Vargo has also agreed to take the lead

on the racial disparity action step and will establish a workgroup to look at this.

Point in Time Count: Joana reported that there were 3 individuals that were homeless on the night of the point in time count. One individual was observed in the Walmart parking lot and the other two were identified during the service-based count. The count was conducted by staff this year from Family Promise and Advocates due to Covid-19.

After Hours Plan: The after-hours plan needs to be voted on. Kathy made a motion to approve the plan that was submitted, have the group meet to discuss the plan, and bring any changes back to the next coalition meeting. Linda second the motion, motion carried. Linda will take the lead to schedule this meeting.

Next meeting - The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 18, 2021, at 9:00 am by Zoom.

Joe made a motion to adjourn, Paul second, motion carried.