

Ozaukee County Local Coalition Meeting,

Meeting Minutes

May 18, 2021, 9:00 am by Zoom

Attended:

Paul Bissett	Joe Delucia	Barbara Bates-
Nelson		
Liza Drake	Kathleen Christenson Fisher	Joana
Hemschemeyer		
Jeanne Mantsch	Meredith McCoy	Kelly - CVI
Jeane Sager	Tracey Van Ryzin	Barb Fisher
Carolyn Parkinson	Linda Vargo	Emily Linsley
Gayle Williams		

Review and Approve March 16, 2021 minutes: Barb Fisher made a motion to approve the March 16, 2021 minutes, Barbara Bates-Nelson seconded, motion carried.

Agency Updates:

- **Advocates:** Barb reported they have not seen a decrease in the number of calls for rent assistance and utility assistance. Calls for shelter are picking up again.
- **St. Vincent De Paul:** Tracey reported that for the last two weeks they have been receiving calls for motel stays and rent assistance. Before that people were calling for gas cards. They lifted the mask mandate at the store.
- **Ozaukee County:** Liza had nothing new to report.
- **Salvation Army:** Jeane reported that things have been slow. Nancy has provided less than \$1,500 in the last 5 weeks in assistance. They received no calls last week.
- **Inclusa:** Emily reported that they have returned to in-person visits. The office in Sheboygan has opened.
- **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.
- **Sirona Recovery:** Carolyn reported they have experienced an increase in calls on the COPE line. They are hiring part-time listeners to cover the COPE line.
- **United Way Northern Ozaukee County:** Barbara reported that there is nothing new to report.
- **VA:** Gayle reported that they opened up a 100 unit apartment building on the VA grounds. She provided services to 2 vets from Ozaukee County. She also has new contact information: 414-384-2000, ext. 43583.
- **CVI:** Kelly reported that they have rapid re-housing funds available.

Ozaukee County Homeless and Housing Funding:

- **EHH 20/21:** Kathleen reported that the funds are being spent down. The coal need's to vote on the lead agency for the EHH 22/22 Grant. Barb made a motion that Family Promise of Ozaukee County continues as the lead agency for the grant, Joe 2nd the motion, motion carried.
- **ESG CV:** Kathleen reported that the funds received in rounds 1 & 2 are being spent down.
- **Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP):** Barbara reported that all the funds had been allocated.
- **United Way of Greater Milwaukee/Waukesha:** Barb reported that Advocates

submitted an application for additional rent assistance funds. Joana reported that Family Promise also submitted an application for rent assistance funds.

- **United Way of Northern Ozaukee County (UWNO):** Barb reported that Advocates received \$50,000 from UWNO for rental assistance.

System Performance Measures:

- **Statewide Comparison:** This was not discussed at this meeting. Information about the system performance measures 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 the amount of assistance individuals received from the various programs in Ozaukee County for March and April. 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.
- **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) - Clarity:** The switch to the new system has occurred, but not all of the functions are available yet.

Coordinated Entry: Joana reported on this during the data collection report.

Emergency Shelter Project Task Force: Paul reported that things are moving forward with the plans for the new shelter. Kathleen and Paul will be presenting at the City of Port Washington Council meeting tonight. They also recently had a meeting with an individual from the Ozaukee County Sheriff's Department and discussed security at the new facility. The County has received the contact from the State of Wisconsin. We are just waiting on the agreement between Ozaukee County and Family Promise. Paul shared the revised plans for the project and Kathleen shared a possible name for the project, "Portlight Project".

WIBOS COC Update and Action Plan: Kathleen reported that the Balance of State is making progress on case managers being able to charge Medicaid for services provided. In addition, there will also be funding available in the future for housing navigators. The new state budget has a lot of funding set aside for homeless programs.

Joana reported that the Action Plan 1 report was submitted to the WI BOS on behalf of the Ozaukee Local Coalition. The coalition now needs to decide on the action steps they would like to work on for the next 6 months. The coalition decided to continue to work on the 4 action steps that they began working on in November: local homeless coalition engagement, an open invitation for new members, coordinated entry and performance and strategic planning: racial disparity.

After Hours Plan: Barb suggested that this discussion be tabled till the next meeting in July.

Wisconsin Emergency Rent Assistance (WERA) Update: Joana reported that \$442,745 has been distributed in Ozaukee County to 90 households. This breaks down to \$3,754 in late fees, \$195,859 in rental arrears, \$233,820 in rental assistance, and \$9,312 in utility assistance.

Next meeting - The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 9:00 am by Zoom.

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