

SIouxLAND COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS
March 24, 2021 - 1:00 p.m.
Zoom meeting due to COVID-19

Mission Statement: To eliminate and prevent homelessness through collaborative planning, advocacy and funding of a system of housing and supportive services.

The SCEH Board and its Member Agencies value the input of individuals, particularly those who have experienced or are experiencing homelessness, and organizations with knowledge of homelessness and an interest in preventing or ending homelessness. New members, especially current and formerly homeless individuals, are invited to join the SCEH, attend meetings, and participate in SCEH committees as we work to end homelessness in Siouxland.

Board Members:		Present/Absent
Center For Siouxland	Susan McGuire, Chair	Present
	Alison Justice	Present
City of Sioux City/CoC Lead Agency, ex officio	Amy Keairns, Secretary	Present
Community Action Agency of Siouxland	Connie Noreen	Absent
Crittenton Center	Monica Rosenthal	Absent
FAVA	Denise Holst	Absent
Haven House	Deb Goettsch	Absent
1 st Financial Bank	Wendy Jackson, Treasurer	Present
Home Forward Iowa	Tim Wilson	Present
Heartland Counseling Services	Jennifer Jackson	Absent
Iowa Legal Aid	Frank Tenuta, Vice Chair	Present
Institute for Community Alliances	Stephanie Pickinpaugh	Present
Siouxland Community Foundation	Katie Roberts	Present
Warming Shelter	Tessa Shanks	Present
Women Aware	Kristine Bornholtz	Absent
General Members		Present/Absent
City of Sioux City – Housing Authority	Amy Tooley	Present
City of Sioux City – Neighborhood Services	Clara Macfarlane Coly	Present
Community Action Agency of Siouxland	Antoinette Green	Present
Community Action Agency of Siouxland	William Flynn	Present
Safe Place	Robin McGinty	Present
Shesler Hall	Kris Dam	Present
Siouxland Mental Health	Lindsey Slenk	Present
Siouxland Mental Health	Julie Schaap	Present
Veteran’s Administration	Ellen Ridley	Present
Guests		Present/Absent
Amerigroup	Shelby Marsden	Present

Attendance and Introductions/Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda. A motion was made by Katie Roberts and seconded by Wendy Jackson to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes* from Previous Meeting – January 27, 2021. A motion was made by Tim Wilson and seconded by Stephanie Pickinpaugh to approve the January 27, 2021 minutes. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report and Approval. Wendy Jackson advised there was no change to the treasurer’s report from last month.

Committee Reports

Executive/Nominating

The Executive Committee met in February to review/revise the By-Laws and Governance Charter. The revised bylaws were sent out with the meeting invitation for this meeting and are available on the website. Please read and comment; and a vote will be held to accept the revised By-Laws at the May 26 SCEH meeting. Revisions made include:

- Article IV – Membership
 - Section 3 – Member Agency and General Membership – Deleted #5. “The Board Secretary will provide a membership form to each new person attending a SCEH meeting. That person will complete the membership form. If the membership is for an agency, the form will also indicate the name of the person eligible to cast a vote for that agency.”
 - Section 3 – Member Agency and General Membership - #7, now #6. Changed “*will* serve on at least one of the standing committees” to “*should* serve on at least one of the standing committees.”
 - Section 5 – Board Terms of Service - #2 changed “All terms will begin on July 1st of each year.” to “All terms will begin on July 1st and end on June 30th.”
- Article V – Officers
 - Section 2 – added d. The Coalition voting members shall normally elect the Board Officers annually in May of each year.
 - Section 3 – added 2. All terms will begin on July 1st and end on June 30th
- Article VI – Standing and Ad Hoc Committees
 - Section 4, 3. Executive Committee – f. changed and combined with g. from “The Committee shall attend the bi-monthly meetings of the ICH via ICN.” to “The Committee shall designate a Coalition Member to attend the bi-monthly meetings of the ICH and report on issues both legislative and withing the ICH which impacts the SCEH and the homeless populations we serve.”
- Article VII – Meetings
 - Section 1, 1. – added “...will normally convene on the fourth Wednesday...” and “The Board Chair can alter meeting dates by giving 2 weeks’ notice.”

SCEH Planning Grant

Amy and Susan have been working on various projects through the Planning Grant:

- By-Laws Revision (w/ Frank Tenuta)
- CE Manual Revision (w/ Stephanie)
- RRH Program Written Standards – to be done
- PSH Program Written Standards, including adopting the Orders of Priority for Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons – to be done
- SCEH Policy Manual (policies and procedures – to be done)

Project Monitoring/Development

2nd Quarter Reports are due April 10. We will plan to meet as a committee and with the agencies in April/May. We meet every quarter. Working on transferring money to see if we can figure out issues with Safe Place. Other than that, things are going well. 2nd quarter due April 10.

Data and Performance Management/Point In Time Count

SPMs submitted in HDX on 2/26 before the 3/1 deadline and Susan provided an overview looking back historically for 3 years and what we currently submitted, FY2020 information. Dramatic increase in 2020 in persons served in emergency shelter, 15 to 559. That was largely due to the Warming Shelter entering their data into HMIS. Overall spent fewer days in ES. See details below:

- FY 2020 System Performance Measures
 - Submitted in HDX February 26, 2021
 - Overview

Metric 1 – length of time persons remain homeless: Goal is a reduction in the length of time individuals/families remain homeless by 5%

	ES persons	ES Days	ES/TH Person	ES/TH Days
2017	62	27	398	98
2018	13	42	292	113
2019	15	52	297	7
2020	559	52	614	63

- ✓ More persons served in ES and ES/TH largely due to Warming Shelter entering data in HMIS, spent fewer days homeless in ES and ES/TH
- ✓ 15% increase in length of time homeless for persons in ES; 35% decrease for persons in ES/TH

Metric 2 – the extent to which persons who exit to PH destinations return to homelessness: Goal is a reduction of at least 5% over a 6 to 12-month period

	Persons Exited	Returns in 6 months	Returns in 12 months
2017	169	1	7
2018	136	5	0
2019	190	0	3
2020	197	1	4

- ✓ Overall had a 1% return to homelessness in 6 months, and a 2% return in 12 months

Metric 3.1 – Change in PIT Counts: Goal is a decrease of at least 5% in the number of sheltered, unsheltered, and combined sheltered/unsheltered individuals and families on the most recent PIT

	Total PIT Count	Total Sheltered	Total Unsheltered
2017	288	286	2
2018	264	258	6
2019	255	248	7
2020	305	288	17

- ✓ 2019-2020 Sheltered Count – increased by 40 persons/16%; Unsheltered Count – increased by 10 persons/142%; Combined Sheltered and Unsheltered Count – increased by 50/20%

Metric 3.2 – Change in Annual Counts (unduplicated homeless persons in ES and TH):

	Total	In ES	In TH
2017	401	61	347
2018	292	12	282
2019	297	15	286
2020	669	613	84

Metric 4 – Employment and Income Growth: Goal is increase in income from employment and non-employment cash sources for persons in CoC Program-funded projects

	Adult stayers increased earned income	Adult stayers increased non-employment cash income	Adult stayers increased total income	Adult leavers increased earned income	Adult leavers increased non-employment cash income	Adult leavers increased total income
2017	0%	25%	25%	34%	12%	43%

2018	25%	0%	25%	36%	15%	49%
2019	0%	0%	0%	25%	25%	45%
2020	43%	14%	57%	34%	37%	69%

- ✓ Adult stayers increased earned income (big increase)
- ✓ Adult stayers increased non-employment cash income (slight increase)
- ✓ Adult stayers increased total income (big increase)
- ✓ Adult leavers increased earned income (slight increase)
- ✓ Adult leavers increased non-employment income (slight increase)
- ✓ Adult leavers increased total income (big increase)

Metric 5 - # of persons first time homeless: Goal is to reduce the number of persons who become homeless for the first time

	Entering ES/TH projects had prior HMIS enrollments	First time homeless	Entering ES/TH/PH projects had prior HMIS enrollments	1st time homeless
2017	5/327 (2%)	322	6/360 (2%)	354
2018	10/223 (4%)	213	18/287 (6%)	269
2019	12/242 (5%)	230	14/291 (5%)	277
2020	46/622 (7%)	576	62/694 (9%)	632

- ✓ Overall – increased the number of persons who became homeless for the 1st time and increased the number of persons entering ES, TH, and PH projects, largely due to The Warming Shelter entering data in HMIS

Metric 7 – Successful placement in or retention of Permanent Housing: Goal is an increase of at least 5% of persons who exit to PH or retain PH is currently in a PH project

	Exits from SO to PH	Exits from ES/TH/RRH to PH destination	PSH exits to PH or retention PSH
2017	NA	185/346 (53%)	7/5 (47%)
2018	NA	187/253 (74%)	6/6 (100%)
2019	11/16 (81%)	225/284 (79%)	9/9 (100%)
2020	61/107 (57%)	177/619 (29%)	20/22 (91%)

- ✓ Overall – Our exits to permanent housing from SO/ES/TH/RRH projects decreased quite a bit, largely due to The Warming Shelter entering data in HMIS, but also due to an increase in the number of more difficult to house clients being served. Our exits to or retention of permanent housing (PSH projects) remained fairly consistent.

- 2021 HIC/PIT Count
 - Sheltered and Unsheltered PIT count took place on Wednesday, January 27, 2021
 - Clara Macfarlane Coly lead the unsheltered PIT.
 - ✓ The count was conducted in the skywalk system, the Warming Shelter Day Shelter, and The Gospel Mission meal site as well as by ICA and City Street Outreach staff interviewing walk-in clients.
 - ✓ Unsheltered Count – 16; decrease of 1 from 2020 unsheltered PIT count

- Susan McGuire lead the sheltered PIT/HIC
 - ✓ All shelters participated except for the Gospel Mission Women's and Children's Shelter
 - ✓ Sheltered PIT Count – decrease of 90 from 2020 ES/TH sheltered PIT count
 - 198 – ES and TH
 - 57 – PSH
 - 117 - RRH
 - HIC
 - ✓ ES – 7 programs i. Some had reduced number of beds available due to the pandemic
 - ✓ Added the City of SC ESG ES – 34 overflow beds
 - ✓ TH – 2 programs; no changes
 - ✓ PSH – 3 programs; Heartland Counseling PSH fully operational
 - ✓ RRH – 4 programs; City of SC RRH fully operational
- Increasing HMIS Participation and Update on HUD-VASH Data Sharing (HUD Exchange October 7, 2020) – Are we working toward this?

Coordinated Entry – Stephanie/Sara

There were 3 new families and 19 new singles added to the Coordinated Entry list in February. The month of March is set to be an increase in the number of people added to the list.

Grant – Susan

- FY 20 CoC Program Grant Application
 - HUD automatically renewed all current CoC Homeless Programs funded in FY 2019
- FY 2021 CoC Program Grant Application
 - FY 2021 CoC Program Registration has been completed and submitted to HUD grants have been automatically renewed by HUD

EFSP Ad Hoc Committee – Susan

- Phases 37 and CARES update
 - All funds have been spent.
- Phase 38 update
 - Spending period Jan. 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021
 - ICA spending update doesn't foresee any issues spending their grant down. Only about \$25 left
 - Catholic Charities spending update
 - ✓ Rent/Mortgage – spent \$8,480
 - ✓ Utilities – spent \$332.17
 - ✓ Assisted 18 households total
 - ✓ Phase 38 funds remaining - \$9,103.83

Public Awareness and Advocacy – Stephanie Pickinpaugh.

A meeting was held and they discussed how to recruit more people to the committee. A doodle poll will be sent for a second meeting.

Old Business

Plans for 2021/2022 – some need to be completed before the 2022-2023 CoC Program Grant Application

- Written policy for VAWA Implementation
- Formal Agreements/MOU's with School Districts (Education Equity) and Education Services for ages 0-5???

New Business

SCEH Board Member Elections

- Board Member Election will be held at our May 26, 2021 meeting.

- We will have 12 open seats on the Board, including the following whose terms are expiring 6/30/2021: Kristine Bornholtz, Debbie Goettsch, Jennifer Jackson, Amy Keairns, Tessa Shanks, Susan McGuire, Connie Noreen, Stephanie Pickinpaugh, Katie Roberts, and Frank Tenuta. Those board members whose terms will expire on June 30, 2021 are eligible to renew their board membership if they so choose. Katie will not be continuing on the board due to her new job – she can't serve. She will remain active and on the Project Monitoring committee. 12 open seats on the board. If you are interested in running again, let Susan know. If you are interested in serving, let Susan know. Robin McGinty wants to serve.
- Please let Susan know if you are interested in serving/continuing to serve on the board

SCEH Officer Elections

- Officer Elections will be held at our July 28, 2021 meeting.
- The following office positions will be elected:
 - SCEH Board Chair
 - SCEH Vice Chair
 - SCEH Secretary
- Please let Susan know if you are interested in serving/continuing to serve as an officer of the board

City of Sioux City 5-Year Action Plan

Amy Keairns presented the City of Sioux City 5-Year Action Plan and asked SCEH members to provide comments, if any.

Agency Spotlight/Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion

ICH/BoS Meeting Updates

- ICH Meeting (3/19/21) – Tim Wilson
- IA BOS Peer-to-Peer Call Updates – Tim Wilson, Alison Justice

Agency/Resource Spotlight

- ICH/BoS Meeting Updates
 - ICH Meeting (3/19/21) – Tim Wilson provided updates from the meeting.
 - IA BOS Peer-to-Peer Call Updates – Tim Wilson, Alison Justice
- Agency/Resource Spotlight
- Sioux City Street Project/Committee Updates
 - Detox – No update.
 - Super Shelter/Housing – No update.
- Other Agency Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion
 - No update.

Approve date, time and location for next meeting

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 26, 2021 @ 1:00, via Zoom.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.