

SIouxLAND COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS
May 26, 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	Present
Crittenton Center	Monica Rosenthal	Absent
FAVA	Denise Holst	Absent
Haven House	Deb Goettsch	Present
1 st Financial Bank	Wendy Jackson, Treasurer	Present
Home Forward Iowa	Tim Wilson	Present
Heartland Counseling Services	Jennifer Jackson	Present
Iowa Legal Aid	Frank Tenuta, Vice Chair	Absent
Institute for Community Alliances	Stephanie Pickinpaugh	Present
Siouxland Community Foundation	Katie Roberts	Absent
Warming Shelter	Tessa Shanks	Present
Women Aware	Kristine Bornholtz	Present
General Members		Present/Absent
Catholic Charities	Amy Bloch	Present
City of Sioux City – Human Rights	Karen Mackey	Present
City of Sioux City – Police Department	Jeremy McClure	Present
Haven House	Kayla Johnson	Present
Iowa Workforce Development	Kari Rhodes	Present
NENCAP	Nikki Pierce and Amy Munderloh	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 Wendy Jackson and seconded by Tim Wilson to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes* from Previous Meeting – March 24, 2021. A motion was made by Wendy Jackson and seconded by Connie Noreen to approve the March 24, 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. A motion was made by Tessa Shanks and seconded by Stephanie Pickinpaugh to accept the Treasurer’s report. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

Committee Reports

Executive/Nominating

The Executive Committee met in February to review/revise the By-Laws and Governance Charter. *A motion was made by Tim Wilson and seconded by Stephanie Pickinpaugh to revise the by-laws as noted below. All members present voting aye, motion carried.*

- 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. 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) - complete
- CE Manual Revision (w/ Stephanie) - complete
- 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

Heartland Counseling is considering assuming Critten Center’s permanent supportive housing units.

- 2nd Quarter Committee/Agency meeting was held May 17.
 - Overall, we had a pretty good quarter.
 - Heartland Counseling is working with HUD and the Crittenton Center to assume Crittenton Center’s PSH grant/5 PSH units.
 - Patrick from ICA explained some data issues/questions we had related to the City’s SO project.
 - SafePlace will have a HUD Site Visit (virtually) for the RRH program June 7; we learned more about their program operation; they are awaiting approval of a grant amendment to change their agency’s name and amend their RRH budget which is delaying their grant funding.

Data and Performance Management/Point In Time Count

2021 HIC/PIT Count – data submitted in HDX May 4, 2021, ahead of the May 14 deadline. Increasing HMIS Participation and Update on HUD-VASH Data Sharing (HUD Exchange October 7, 2020) – Are we working toward this?

Coordinated Entry – Stephanie/Sara

Coordinated Entry Manual – updated to reflect changes/procedures in our CE. Stephanie went over the changes. System <https://icalliances.org/siouxcityce>. In April, there were 266 people in the system and 43 new clients. **A motion was made by Tessa Shanks and seconded by Jennifer Jackson to approve changes to the Coordinated Entry Manual. All members present voting aye except Stephanie Pickinpaugh abstained, motion carried.**

Grant – Susan

- FY 2020 CoC Program Grant Application
 - HUD automatically renewed all current CoC Homeless Programs funded in FY 2019
 - Grant agreements for FY2020 (Grant Year 2021-2022) are being sent out.
- FY 2021 CoC Program Grant Application
 - FY 2021 CoC Program Registration review step has been completed and submitted to HUD. We encourage new applications to apply for this grant.

EFSP Ad Hoc Committee – Susan

- Phases 37 and CARES update
 - All funds have been spent.
- Phase 38 update
 - All but \$27.75 has been spent.
 - ICA spending update
 - Rent/Mortgage – spent \$17,565.61; assisted 25 households
 - Utilities – spent \$313.64; assisted 5 households
 - Total Spent - \$17,879.25 (\$26.75)
 - Catholic Charities spending update
 - a. Rent/Mortgage – spent \$17,034; assisted 33 households
 - b. Utilities – spent \$871.00; assisted 6 households
 - c. Total Spent - \$17,905.00 (\$1.00)

Jennifer Jackson advised there is assistance available for Nebraska children and families. Heartland Counseling can connect those in need with the services. Nikki Pierce from NENCAP said they have EFSP for Dakota County as well. They also have SSVF and other funding to assist.

Public Awareness and Advocacy – Stephanie Pickinpaugh

Looking for additional members. The committee currently consists of Tessa Shanks, Sara Johnson, Dr. Walls, Jennifer Jackson and Tim Wilson.

Old Business

SCEH Board Member Elections. There are currently 12 openings.

The following have terms expiring on 6/30/2021 and have indicated a willingness to serve an additional term: Kristine Bornholtz, Amy Keairns, Tessa Shanks, Connie Noreen, Stephanie Pickinpaugh and Frank Tenuta.

The following have also indicated a willingness to serve: Robin McGinty, Safe Place; Amy Bloch, Catholic Charities; Nate Probasco, USD; Amy Munderloh, NENCAP; Jessica Barnes, Heartland Counseling; and Kayla Johnson, Haven House.

The terms would run from 7/1/2021 through 6/30/2023.

A motion was made by Katie Roberts and seconded by Wendy Jackson to elect the above people to the Board. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

A motion was made by Wendy Jackson and seconded by Tim Wilson to elect Tessa Shanks as SCEH Board Chair and Amy Keairns as SCEH Secretary effective 7/1/2021. All members present voting aye, motion carried.

New Business. None.

Agency Spotlight/Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion

ICH/BoS Meeting Updates

- ICH Meeting (5/21/21) – Tim Wilson Work continues with consultants. Clara did a good job reporting for SCEH. Departments from the state reported at the meeting as well. New slate of officers didn't include anyone from Sioux City area. ICH Meeting (3/19/21) – Tim Wilson
- IA BOS Peer-to-Peer Call Updates – Tim Wilson, Alison Justice

Agency/Resource Spotlight

- None.

Sioux City Street Project/Committee Updates.

- None.

Other Agency Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion

- Sioux City is accepting all 39 Emergency Housing Choice Vouchers. South Sioux City is not accepting any.
- Sunnybrook Hope Center Parking lot will have food available.
- Center For Siouxland is still taking appointments for late income tax return filers.
- The IRS will send advance payments of child tax credits to low- and moderate-income households for those with children under age 18 (up to 50%)
- Heartland is one of five agencies across Nebraska assisting those struggling with rent, utilities, and mortgage. Heartland will enter information into their Clarity system and Coordinated Entry will go through it and then if the household qualifies, they will send \$ to the individuals.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 26, 2021 @ 1:00, in the Lower Level of City Hall, 405 6th Street.

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