

**SIOUXLAND COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS**  
**May 27, 2025 - 1:00 p.m.**

**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.

<b>Board Members</b>		
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
Iowa Legal Aid	Frank Tenuta, Chair	X
The Warming Shelter	Joe Twidwell, Vice Chair	X
City of Sioux City	Clara Coly, Secretary	X
Availa Bank	Wendy Jackson, Treasurer	
Heartland Counseling Services	Jessica Barnes	
The Warming Shelter	Shayla Moore	
Catholic Charities	Amy Bloch	
Center For Siouxland	Alison Justice	X
FAVA	Darrell Mayo	X
KTIV	Taylor Deckert	
NENCAP	Amy Munderloh	
SafePlace	Stephanie Pickinbaugh	
University of South Dakota	Nate Probasco	
Haven House	Kristina Gralheer	X
SHIP	Matt Ohman	

<b>General Members*</b>		
<b>Agency</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Present</b>
	Michelle Orengo	
	Sharon Drummond	
	Chris Mathewson	X
Agape Community Servies	Rachelle Rawson	X
Availa Bank	Wendy Jackson	
Boystown	Keely Blome	
CAASA	Jamie Worden	X
Catholic Charities	Amy Bloch	
Center For Siouxland	Susan McGuire	
	Alison Justice	X
City of Sioux City - Housing Authority	Amy Tooley	
City of Sioux City - Human Rights	Karen Mackey	
City of Sioux City - Neighborhood Services	Freddy Diaz	X
	Armando Mora	
	Jill Wanderscheid	X
	Clara Coly	
City of Sioux City - Police Department	Tom Gill	
Community Action Agency of Siouxland	Antoinette Green	
	Jean Logan	
Connections Area Agency on Aging	Tasha Jones	
Crittenton Center	Ariel Sanders	X
Dismas Charities	Morgan Leonard	
Downtown Partners	Ragen Cote	X
FAVA	Darrell Mayo	X

	Maya Fumbanks Jones	
	Jen Zimmerman	
	Phillip Christmas	
Gospel Mission	Randy Ehlers	X
	Tim Hall	
Haven House	Kristina Gralheer	X
Heartland Counseling Services	Jennifer Jackson	
	Nicole Lidman	
	Tanya Walters	X
Iowa Legal Aid	Grant Beckwith	
	Frank Tenuta	X
Lila Mae's House	Emily Culver	
Iowa Workforce Development	Maggie Vogt	
	Amber Michaelson	X
Molina Health Care	Jackie Stellish	X
	Lindsey Ellison	X
NEN CAP	Amy Munderloh	
	Sarah Schweers	
Nebraska DHHS	Stacy Schenk	
Pierce Porter Facilitation	Shelby Pierce	
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	Amber Wendt	
	Andrea Rodriguez	
	Tanisha Burgess	
	Heather Oberg	
	Brad Johnson	
Safe Place	Margarita Mireles	
	Rhonda Miller	X
Salvation Army	Teri Ellison	X
SHIP	Melissa Ramirez	
	Gary Fuentes	
Siouxland Community Health Center	Brandi Steck	
	Glen Houts	
Siouxland Community Foundation	Katie Roberts	
Siouxland Mental Health	Julie Schaap	X
	Stephanie Luedert	X
Sunnybrook Hope Center	Teri Quintana	
United Health Care	Gloria Kennedy	
	Sarah Hughes	
Unity Point Siouxland PACE	Kayla Lennon	X
University of South Dakota	Nate Probasco	
Veteran's Administration	Melvin Lynn	X
Warming Shelter	Travis Blackman	X
	Michael Mosier	X
	Joe Twidwell	X
	Shayla Moore	
Winnebago Tribe	Val Uken	
	Melissa Remington	
Women Aware	Carter Smith	
Woodbury County	Theresa Jochum	

Guests: Sam Hacker, Mater Dei Parish and Community Action Agency; Tim Young

\*If your agency isn't listed on the members list but want to become a member, contact [ccoly@sioux-city.org](mailto:ccoly@sioux-city.org).

**Attendance and Introductions/Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 1:10 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda.** *Deferred, informational meeting only as there was no quorum of board members or general members.*

**Approval of Minutes from March 25, 2025.** *Deferred.*

**Treasurer's Report and Approval.** *November, January, March, and May deferred.*

**Standing Committee Reports.**

Executive/Nominating

Chair: Frank Tenuta

Members: Clara Coly, Wendy Jackson, Joe Twidwell

- The election is deferred to an email vote because there is not a quorum of general agency members. Clara will send an email with detailed instructions. Each member agency is allowed one vote, so please make sure only one person per agency submits a vote. Frank noted that it is both a requirement of HUD funding and a desire of the board that there is at least one board member with lived experience of homelessness, so please consider this when voting. Travis Blackman is the only nominee that disclosed a history of homelessness and addiction.

Project Monitoring/Development/Data and Performance Management

Chair: Wendy Jackson

Members: Shayla Becker, Amy Bloch, Antoinette Green, Jennifer Jackson, Clara Coly, Nicole Lidman, Susan McGuire, Stephanie Pickinbaugh, Katie Roberts

- No Report

Grant

Chair: Susan McGuire

Members: Jennifer Jackson, Alison Justice, Clara Coly, Stephanie Pickinbaugh

- Clara directed the coalition to review Susan McGuire's latest email that outlined the score of the most recent CoC application. Our community did well, but there are always areas to improve. Please review this email and reach out to Clara or Susan if your agency could help with any of the areas needing improvement. Alison Justice messaged via teams the following: "Grants are currently on hold due to the executive orders. No new info to report."

Public Awareness and Advocacy

Chair: Joe Twidwell

Members: Jessica Barnes, Clara Coly, Taylor Deckert, Nicole Lidman, Michelle Orengo, Kari Rhodes

- There's been no recent meeting, but Joe will set something up soon. He is going to have a meeting to discuss the opportunities with the Journal and KTIV to feature more stories on homelessness.

**Other committee Reports.**

EFSP Ad Hoc Committee: No report.

Coordinated Entry and HMIS Update

- 268 households on the list, 375 individuals
- Referral agencies and availabilities
  - Center for Siouxland Bridges West Transitional Housing
    - Capacity: 9 single units, 6 family units/ 24 family beds
    - 1 single and 1 family units currently filled
    - Not taking referrals as they transition to the Center Apartments
  - Sioux City ERA2 Rapid Rehousing
    - 16 households currently housed
    - At capacity
  - FAVA Rapid Rehousing

- 10 households currently housed
  - Open and available for new veterans
- Heartland Counseling Permanent Supportive Housing
  - Capacity: 29 one-bedrooms, 12 two-bedroom units
  - At capacity
- SafePlace Rapid Rehousing
  - Capacity: 7 single units, 4 family units
  - Will be taking 1 2-bedroom family and 3 1-bedroom referrals at the June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting
- Walk in Coordinated Entry intake appointments are going well, most intakes are done during those times. They are Tuesdays from 10:30-12:30 and Thursdays from 2-4. We are still making appointments with staff as well to meet the specific scheduling needs of the clients.
- Submitted the System Performance Measures (SPM) Report on April 11<sup>th</sup>
- The PIT/HIC report is due June 13<sup>th</sup>
- Continuing to onboard Crittenton Center and Warming Shelter staff in HMIS
- There will be data standards changes this fall, so far this includes removing the gender option that was updated in FY 2024 (as of 10/1/23) and replacing it with sex, including the options of male, female, and client refused/client doesn't know/data not collected. More information to come.

#### Street Project

- Western Iowa Tech Community College had a class that was going to do a project on homelessness, but it fell through.
- Homeless Court: Clara provided an update about the homeless court, the idea for which came from the May 2024 community meeting. The Iowa Finance Authority approved a grant to support technical assistance from the American Bar Association to get a program started in Sioux City. This court is intended to reduce the barriers that traditional court involvement can have in getting someone housed. If you're interested in joining the subcommittee of the public awareness and advocacy committee starting the project, email Clara at [ccoly@sioux-city.org](mailto:ccoly@sioux-city.org). More information to come once the grant and technical assistance is established.

#### **Old Business.**

- Sign up for committees.

#### **New Business:**

- Election for 9 open board seats is deferred to email. Clara will send more information to the listserv soon.
- Strategic planning: Shelby with Pierce Porter Facilitation is willing to continue working with the coalition but suggests starting with facilitated conversations instead of jumping straight into a large scale strategic planning session. The executive committee will explore this option further with Shelby and will report back.

#### **Agency Spotlight/Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion.**

- Consolidated Plan/Action Plan Discussion
  - Clara led a discussion about the consolidated plan. Neighborhood Services with the City of Sioux City conducts this plan every 5 years and is required by HUD to receive the City's CDBG and HOME funds. It sets general goals and priorities for the use of the funds. They are set to receive about \$1.5 million in CDBG and \$420 thousand in HOME funds per year. These funds are used for a variety of activities, including housing rehab, down payment and deposit assistance, public infrastructure, parks, match for CoC grants, etc. The current goals include:
    - Provide affordable owner-occupied housing opportunities
    - Provide affordable rental opportunities
    - Improve the community through public infrastructure, public services, and development opportunities
    - Improve the lives of homes and near homeless
    - Administration
  - Public input questions:
    - What are the unmet needs of the low to moderate income population in Sioux City?
      - Affordable and safe housing, transportation, food, accessible resources, infrastructure including public water and restrooms, childcare, detox opportunities, medical and mental health providers that accept Medicaid, substance use support, peer support in homelessness and substance dependence, dental care, landlords and employers willing

- to lease/work with people with complex backgrounds, language barriers, and case management.
- Are there changes in demographics over the last year that have affected needs in our community? Do you anticipate any other changes over the next year?
  - Homeowners impacted by flooding including damage to their homes and losing housing, an increase of large families, immigrants from new places without a large community of support because there aren't a lot of people from that place (Caribbean, new African countries, Micronesian, etc.) that also includes language barriers because there aren't translators that speak their languages, the political climate has affected who people are willing to let stay with them as they don't want to risk any issues by having someone who is undocumented at their house, there will likely be an increase in recent refugees losing housing and employment with the cancelling of refugee resettlement grants and programs.
- What are the current trends in your organizations?
  - In addition to what is listed above, there is an increase in older adult homelessness and mental health issues
- Any upcoming projects that may be CDBG and or HOME eligible?
  - Landlord incentives to increase availability of rentals and willingness to rent to 'tough' tenants, case management availability for housing, SOAR case managers to assist clients applying for disability.
- Iowa Finance Authority 2025 Iowa Innovation in Homelessness Incubator: Joe suggests trying a similar program as last year's application, including something about a landlord incentive and case management. Clara suggested the group focus on cross community collaboration for the application, as that was highlighted in the brief and was central to each of the finalists last year. Reach out to Clara if you have ideas or want to be part of creating the proposal.
- SCEH Photo, deferred to July as there were not enough people at this meeting.
- Other agency updates
  - The Warming Shelter has started a new tiered system in their overnight shelter, incentivizing self-improvement. Each tier has a different level of shelter access, including when they can be at the shelter, what resources they can access, and if they can access case management with staff. They are planning to stay open this summer.
  - The Salvation Army hosted a community baby shower on May 16<sup>th</sup>. 30 expecting mothers were celebrated and 12 agencies had tables to offer services.
  - The Salvation Army will have a Day Camp this summer starting June 9<sup>th</sup> for K-8<sup>th</sup> graders. Monday-Thursday programming is available. If interested, call Tiffany at 712-255-8836.
  - Neighborhood Services is ramping up Street Outreach again this summer. Freddy Diaz is the main contact for this program and will be reaching out to agencies to talk through referral options and what services you provide. His email is [fdiaz@sioux-city.org](mailto:fdiaz@sioux-city.org)
  - Tim Young shared that he is creating a non-profit organization to provide a day center for unhoused folks. His plan is to have agencies refer people to the day center, where he will provide what they need on a daily basis. He is planning to call it Oliver's activity and wellness center.
  - Frank suggested we adjust the May meeting next year to occur the week prior to Memorial Day to avoid vacation overlap.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, July 22, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Sioux City Public Museum, 607 4<sup>th</sup> St, Sioux City, IA 51101.

*The meeting was adjourned at 2:04 p.m.*