

SIOUXLAND COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

January 27, 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	General Members Present (as listed on Google sign in sheet):
Center For Siouxland	Susan McGuire, Chair	Present	Jean Sterner
	Alison Justice	Present	Alison Justice
City of Sioux City/CoC Lead Agency, ex officio	Amy Keairns, Secretary	Present	John McCalley
Community Action Agency of Siouxland	Connie Noreen	Present	Nicole Lidman
Crittenton Center	Monica Rosenthal	Absent	Shelby Marsden
FAVA	Denise Holst	Absent	Sara DeLuna
Haven House	Deb Goettsch	Present	Chris Kutchta
1 st Financial Bank	Wendy Jackson, Treasurer	Present	Jessica Barnes
Home Forward Iowa	Tim Wilson	Present	Antoinette Green
Heartland Counseling Services	Jennifer Jackson	Absent	Amy Bloch
Iowa Legal Aid	Frank Tenuta, Vice Chair	Present	Grant Beckwith
Institute for Community Alliances	Stephanie Pickinpaugh	Present	Tanya German
Siouxland Community Foundation	Katie Roberts	Present	Kayla Johnson
Warming Shelter	Tessa Shanks	Present	Nikkie Peirce
Women Aware	Kristine Bornholtz	Present	Clara Coly
			Gloria Kennedy
			Amy Tooley
			Robin McGinty
			Ellen Ridley
			Joe Twidwell
			Rosa Lupercio
			K Rhodes
			Karen Mackey
			Jeremy McClure
			Emily Vondrak

- 1) Attendance and Introductions/Roll Call
- 2) Approval of Agenda - **A motion was made by Tim Wilson and seconded by Karen Mackey to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye, motion carried.**
- 3) Approval of Minutes* from Previous Meeting - November 18, 2020 - **A motion was made by Karen Mackey and seconded by Karen Mackey to approve the November 18, 2020 minutes. All members present voting aye, motion carried.**
- 4) Treasurer's Report and Approval - Although Wendy Jackson, Treasurer, attended the meeting via Zoom, she did not have access to audio. Amy Keairns reported the only expenditure was \$19.56 to public a legal notice regarding Emergency Food and Shelter Funding. There is no official Treasurer's Report for approval, but the report will be approved at the next meeting.
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a. Executive/Nominating - Susan/Amy
 - i. The Executive Committee will meet in February to review/revise By-Laws and Governance Charter.
 - b. Project Monitoring/Development - Wendy/Amy
 - i. 1st Quarter Reports were due January 10. We're in the process of compiling them and will plan to meet as a committee and with the agencies in February.
 - c. Data and Performance Management/Point In Time Count -Stephanie/Susan
 - i. LSA Data (formerly AHAR) - Final submission was January 15, 2021.
 - ii. FY 2020 SPM Data Submission - HDX opened October 5, 2020; Data must be submitted by March 1, 2021; we will work with ICA to get the SPM reports and clean up data if/where possible. Our hope is to have them by the middle of February.
 - iii. 2021 HIC/PIT Count - will take place on Wednesday, January 27, 2021; we will be asking for volunteers to assist with the unsheltered count; we will be developing the forms and holding trainings for the PIT and HIC

1. Sheltered and Unsheltered PIT count will take place on Wednesday, January 27, 2021.
 2. Clara Macfarlane Coly is taking the lead on the unsheltered PIT. She advised Tina, Skywalk security, will count anyone found in the Skywalk and she has been trained on the forms. Sara Deluna and Stephanie Pickinpaugh will be at the Gospel Mission from 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 a.m. and Grant Beckwith and Jacob Harlan will be at the Gospel Mission during the lunch hour to interview people and determine if anyone was homeless and staff at 521 Nebraska Street will ask everyone that stops by during the day. Tessa Shanks will talk to everyone at the Day Shelter.
 3. Susan McGuire is taking the lead on the sheltered PIT/HIC. Training was provided. Let her know if you need any forms.
 4. The sheltered PIT/HIC forms have been sent to the agencies. Training will take place following the meeting today.
- iv. Increasing HMIS Participation and Update on HUD-VASH Data Sharing (HUD Exchange October 7, 2020) – This project is underway.
- d. Coordinated Entry Update – Stephanie Pickinpaugh said there were 915 new entries in Coordinated Entry in 2020. This includes literally homeless as well as those imminently at risk of homelessness. Coordinated Entry is now located at 1309 Pierce Street and walk-in hours are Mondays and Wednesdays, 9am to Noon and Tuesdays and Thursdays, Noon to 3pm.
- e. Grant – Susan
- i. FY 20 CoC Program Grant Application
 1. Still waiting for guidance from HUD on FY 2020 CoC Program Application
 - ii. FY 2021 CoC Program Grant Application
 1. The FY 2021 CoC Program Registration and Application is available in e-snaps
 2. FY 2021 CoC Program Registration has been completed and submitted to HUD
- f. EFSP Ad Hoc Committee – Susan
- i. Phases 37 and CARES update
 1. Spending period for both Phase 37 and CARES is underway.
 2. All funds have been spent.
 - ii. Phase 38
 1. Spending period Jan. 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021
 2. Phase 38 funding total is \$36,542
 3. Local Board met and awarded \$17,906 each to Catholic Charities and ICA for rent/mortgage and utilities and \$730 Center For Siouxland for program administration.
 4. Local Board plan has been submitted; funds have not been released yet.
- g. Public Awareness and Advocacy – Stephanie Pickinpaugh did not have an update at this time. She also said if anyone is willing to chair this committee to let her know.
- 6) Old Business
- a. Plans for 2021/2022 – some need to be completed before the 2020-2021 CoC Program Grant Application?
 - i. Review SCEH By-Laws/Governance Charter; look at merging into 1 document
 - ii. Written Standards for PSH and RRH programs
 - iii. Written Standards for PSH programs – Adopt the Orders of Priority for Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons
 - iv. Written policy for VAWA Implementation
 - v. Formal Agreements/MOU's with School Districts (Education Equity) and Education Services for ages 0-5???
- 7) New Business
- i. SCEH Board Member Elections – not until May 2021 but never too early to start thinking about it.
- 8) Agency Spotlight/Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion
- a. ICH/BoS Meeting Updates
 - i. ICH Meeting (1/22/21) – Tim Wilson said ICH is looking for a consultant to lead the Council on what they should be doing to address homelessness across the state in Iowa.
 - ii. IA BOS Peer-to-Peer Call Updates – Tim Wilson and Alison Justice attend these monthly meetings. There has been an increase in calls for social services in our area. Allison said a series of free trainings is available and she will email the group regarding those opportunities.
 - b. Agency/Resource Spotlight
 - i. WIC/Hawki – Jean Sterner.
WIC:
Income guideline for is 180% of poverty level. Call WIC at the Health Department for a virtual appointment. Documentation is proof of address, income and identity. They provide access to healthy food, nutrition education, support and referrals to other services. Households with children birth to five may qualify. John McCauley said they just launched a new electronic breast pump value-added benefit available to eligible Amerigroup Iowa members.

Hawki:

Rosa Lupercio advised they can provide immediate Hawki assistance to applicants to get them by until they are officially approved or denied. They can do appointments over the phone. They offer free or low-cost health care coverage for kids and teens ages 1-19. Hawki covers doctor's visits, dental care, eyeglasses, vaccines, well-child visits, inpatient hospital services, prescription drugs, outpatient hospital services, mental health services and more.

- ii. UHC/NE - Sarah Hughes/Gloria Kennedy. Gloria Kennedy provided information about additional services provided by UHC/NE. They have maternal health benefits focusing on healthy pregnancies and healthy pregnancies. Debit card reward for prenatal visit, earn rewards by visiting doctor regularly before and after birth, community baby shower where member can earn baby items, breast pump, back to school programming, sports physicals, healthy food guidelines, kids health, a mascot that promotes healthy habits and a text service to receive information on pregnancy wellness, window and door alarms for those that need it, independent living skills, GED education, transportation to appointments, debit card rewards for medical visits, waived copays, nurse line, 90 day subscriptions, and housing support.
 - c. Sioux City Street Project/Committee Updates -
 - i. - Detox - No update.
 - ii. Super Shelter/Housing - No update.
 - d. Other Agency Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion
 - i. LIHEAP. Community Action Agency of Siouxland is taking LIHEP apps through April 30, 2021. They don't count pandemic unemployment as income, so even if someone thinks they won't qualify, it is possible they will.
 - ii. VITA. Center For Siouxland began taking appointments for income tax preparation.
- 9) Approve date, time and location for next meeting - The next meeting will be held Wednesday, March 24, 2021 @ 1:00 @ City Hall Lower Level Conference Room and/or via Zoom.
- 10) The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.