

# SIouxLAND COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

July 22, 2020 - 1:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting due to COVID-19

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Board Members:		Present / Absent	General Members Present (as listed on Google sign in sheet):
Center For Siouxland	Susan McGuire, Chair	Present	Kayla Johnson, Haven House Tiffany Clayborne, City of Sioux City Joe Twidwell, The Warming Shelter Patrick Schacherer, ICA Kris Dam, Shesler Hall Sara DeLuna, ICA Karen Mackey, Sioux City Human Rights/Siouxland Pride Alliance Jessica Barnes, Heartland Counseling Services Kristi Waltz, Safe Place Jeremy McClure, Sioux City Police Department Clara Macfarlane Coly, City of Sioux City Ellen Ridley
	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	Present	
1 <sup>st</sup> 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	Present	
Institute for Community Alliances	Stephanie Pickinpaugh	Absent	
Siouxland Community Foundation	Katie Roberts	Absent	
Warming Shelter	Lindsay Landrum	Absent	
Women Aware	Kristine Bornholtz	Present	

- 1) Attendance and Introductions/Roll Call
- 2) Approval of Agenda - **A motion was made by Wendy Jackson and seconded by Frank Tenuta to approve the agenda. All members present voting aye, motion carried.**
- 3) Approval of Minutes\* from Previous Meeting - May 27, 2020 - **A motion was made by Tim Wilson and seconded by Wendy Jackson to approve the May 7, 2020 minutes. All members present, motion carried.**  
 \*Minutes from previous meetings are available on the SCEH website at [www.siouxlandhomeless.org](http://www.siouxlandhomeless.org).
- 4) Treasurer's Report and Approval - The only expense since the last meeting was for a Sioux City Journal advertisement.
- 5) Committee Reports
  - a. Executive/Nominating - Susan/Amy
    - i. Exec Committee will be meeting to review/revise By-Laws and Governance Charter and see about merging them into 1 document
    - ii. Nominating Committee - Board Officer Elections will be held today.
  - b. Project Monitoring/Development - Wendy/Amy
    - i. Project Monitoring Committee - Wendy/Amy/Kristine/Katie - Quarter ended. The committee will meet to go over the information for this quarter.
  - c. Data and Performance Management/Point In Time Count -Stephanie/Susan
    - i. LSA Data (formerly AHAR) Patrick - these are due in August - vendor needs to provide info by then. ICA doesn't have a hard deadline for this at this point. No real update.
  - d. Coordinated Entry Update - Stephanie/Sara. Sara provided an update and in June 27 single adults and 16 families were served. In July 39 single adults and 3 families were served. Women aware, Heartland, CAAS, and Catholic Charities all have funding to help people with homelessness prevention and other items.
  - e. Grant - Susan
    - i. FY 19 CoC Program Grants

1. Project funding letters and grant agreements have started to come out; at least for the early grants there seems to be a delay in Dallas - backlogged with CoC, CARES, etc. funding. Susan McGuire said on Monday, Center For Siouxland's status changed to "ready to spend" so maybe the delay is coming to an end.
  - ii. FY 20 CoC Program Grant Application. No word as to when this will be available. Delayed due to HUD being busy with COVID-19 funding.
  - f. EFSP Ad Hoc Committee - Susan
    - i. Phases 37 and CARES update
      1. Spending period for both Phase 37 and CARES is June 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021
      2. Phase 37 and Phase CARES
        - a. 1<sup>st</sup> payments have been dispersed to the funded agencies.
        - b. Catholic Charities can assist households with rent/mortgage and utilities, other shelter, and other food.
        - c. A household could potentially be assisted with Phase 37 and Phase CARES funding because they are 2 different phases.
    - g. Public Awareness and Advocacy - Stephanie Pickinpaugh. SCEH is anxious to hear if she was able to connect with Meet the Needs Siouxland and look forward to an update in September.
- 6) Old Business
- a. Plans for 2019/2020 - some need to be completed before the 2020-2021 CoC Program Grant Application?
    - i. PHA Homeless Preferences/Moving On Strategy w/ SSC Housing Authority has been accomplished - may need to look at working with SC and SSC to revise language
    - 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???
    - vi. Review SCEH By-Laws/Governance Charter; look at merging into 1 document
  - b. 2020 Agency Spotlight/Community Resource sign-up
    - i. Spotlight one or 2 agencies at each meeting; 5 - 10 minute overview of agency programs/services
    - ii. Community/Mainstream Resource spotlight - overview of benefits available, eligibility requirements, application/access information (Public Awareness Committee arranging these, but if you have ideas or contacts, please share them with Susan or Stephanie)
  - c. 2020 SCEH Committee Sign-up
    - i. All SCEH members are encouraged to sign up for a committee or two, especially the Project Monitoring/Development and Ad-Hoc EFSP Committees.
    - ii. All CoC and ESG funded agencies are REQUIRED to serve on various committees. Make sure your agency has representation as required.
- 7) New Business
- a. SCEH Officer Elections
    - i. To be held at July 22, 2020 meeting
    - ii. Current/Continuing Officers - Chair - Susan McGuire; Secretary - Amy Keairns
    - iii. Open Officer Positions
      1. Vice Chair - currently held by Frank Tenuta
      2. Treasurer - currently held by Wendy Jackson - A motion was made by Khristine Bornholtz and seconded by Amy Keairns to appoint Frank Tenuta as the Vice Chair and Wendy Jackson as the Treasurer. All members present voting aye, motion carried.
    - iv. Officer positions are open to current Board Members and Board Members elected in May 2020. Let Susan know if you are interested in holding an officer position on the Board.
- 8) Agency Spotlight/Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion
- a. Agency/Resource Spotlight
    - i. Frank Tenuta: Evictions have begun again and there are issues landlords may run into when trying to evict. Sometimes they might have served notices during the moratorium. Landlords can run into issues. If people have an eviction notice, refer them to Iowa Legal Aid.
    - ii. Susan McGuire: Income tax deadline has passed but there are still a few volunteers on an as needed bases if there are late filers.
    - iii. Amy Keairns: The City of Sioux City will receive ESG-CV funds from the Iowa Finance Authority in the amount of \$63,000\
    - iv. Khristine Bornholtz: Women Aware is open by appointment only.
    - v. Lisa: The Safe Place shelter is not open. Only survivors fleeing domestic violence are being placed in hotels. They hope to open again in August.
    - vi. Kris Dam: Shesler Hall opened on June 28 and is almost full. Everyone is required to wear a mask in public areas of the shelter.

- vii. Jennifer Jackson: 9 out of 12 Permanent Supportive Housing units are filled. The walk-in clinic is operating virtually and therapists are in the office two days a week and at home two days a week. They take temperatures and require masks.
- viii. Joe Twidwell: What will the solution be for those that test positive in the shelter? Are shelters trying to quarantine in the shelter? Lisa at Safe Place said that is one of her questions that they are having a hard time deciding. Safe Place is putting positive people up in a hotel. Shesler left a couple rooms empty they plan to use in that event. They are using plastic silverware, trays, etc. They will quarantine to one specific room. Bridges West has separate rooms. They would do 14 day isolation if they test positive. If they have to exit their rooms, there is strict guidelines on disinfecting what they touch. Can only leave for essential situations. They haven't had a positive case yet. Women Aware is available for anyone in the community. An intern put together a card about five ways to stay safe with COVID and they give clients a mask. Khristine makes masks and some have been donated, as well as donations of sanitizer and disinfectant. Anyone can go to Women Aware and get that. Debbie said Haven House is taking one family at a time because. They talk to her over the phone. They leave her groceries outside. Kristi said the walk-in clinic at Siouxland Community Health Center is open from 9am - Noon. It takes 4-5 days to get test back.
- b. Sioux City Street Project/Committee Updates - None.
  - i. - Detox -
  - ii. Super Shelter/Housing -
- c. Other Agency Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion
  - i. ICH Meeting (to be held July 24, 2020?)
  - ii. IA BOS Peer-to-Peer Call Updates - None.
  - iii. Center For Siouxland - VITA free income tax preparation - The filing deadline has passed but we are still accepting drop offs and have a couple of volunteers preparing taxes for those who missed the filing deadline or still have to file 2017 or 2018 taxes.

9) The next meeting will be held Wednesday, September 23, 2020 @ 1:00 @ City Hall Lower Level Conference Room and/or via Zoom.

10) Adjournment 1:45pm

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