

SIOUXLAND COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

March 27, 2019 - 1:00 p.m.

City Hall, 405 6th Street, Lower Level Conference Room, Sioux City, IA

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	Absent
City of Sioux City/CoC Lead Agency, ex officio	Amy Keairns, Secretary	Present
Community Action Agency of Siouxland	Alice Mollet	Absent
	Connie Noreen	Absent
Crittenton Center	Monica Rosenthal	Present
CSADV	Terri Sturges	Absent
FAVA	Rhonda Jordal	Absent
First American Bank	Wendy Jackson, Treasurer	Absent
Heartland Counseling Services	Jennifer Jackson	Absent
Institute for Community Alliances	Allison Larson	Present
Iowa Legal Aid	Frank Tenuta, Vice Chair	Present
Women Aware	Kristine Bornholtz	Absent

General Members:		Present/ Absent
Ameri Health Caritas	Edith Rohde	Absent
City of Sioux City - Hsg Assist. Ctr	Amy Tooley	Present
City of Sioux City - Human Rights	Karen Mackey	Present
	Jessica Ryan	Absent
City of Sioux City - Neighborhood Svcs	Darlynn McMullen	Present
City of Sioux City - PD	Jeremy McClure	Absent
City of South Sioux City	Carol Schuldt	Absent
Crittenton Center	Marian Burnett	Absent
Community Action Agency	Caroline Druilhet	Absent
	Jean Logan	Absent
Connections/SRTS/SIMPCO TAG	Dawn Kimmel	Absent
CSADV	Erica Carter	Absent
	Lisa Drum	Absent
Dakota County Connections	JoAnn Gieselmann	Absent
Dismas Charities	Trevor Risdal	Absent
	Eric Smith	Absent
FAVA - Someone from FAVA was present, but didn't list their name.	Denise Holst	Absent
	Kerry Gunderson	Absent
	Zack Reese	Absent
Haven House	Debbie Goetsch	Present
	Sara Arguello	Absent
Heartland Counseling Services	Nicole Stack	Absent
Home Forward Iowa	Tim Wilson	Present
Institute for Community Alliances	Julie Eberbach	Absent
	Sara Deluna	Present
	Stephanie Pickinpaugh	Present
Iowa Legal Aid	Grant Beckwith	Present
Mercy Medical Ctr Mission Services	Jerry Hernandez	Absent
Nebraska DHHS	Stacy Schenk	Absent
NE Nebraska Community Action	Jan Hawk	Absent
Salvation Army	Jason Duncan	Present
SCC Street Medicine Ministry	Darin Dunn	Absent
Shesler Hall	Kris Dam	Present
Siouxland Community Health Center	Anais Adame	Absent
	Carter Smith	Absent
	Kristi Walz	Absent
Siouxland Habitat for Humanity	Katie Roberts	Absent
Siouxland Mental Health Center	Marcia Carlson	Absent
	Julie Schaap	Absent
Siouxland Pace	Lorelei Goodman	Present
	Emily Hinnah	Present
Siouxland Pride Alliance	Karen Mackey	Present
VAMC	Nicole Knowles	Absent
	Jeremy Mayo	Absent
Warming Shelter/Soup Kitchen	Lindsay Landrum	Absent
	Joe Twidwell	Present
Welcare of Nebraska	Nicole Cusick	Absent
Women Aware	Barb Wingert	Absent
Woodbury County Veteran Affairs	Danielle Dempster	Absent
United Healthcare	John Donovan	Present

- 1) Attendance and Introductions - The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and introductions were made. **NOTE: THERE WAS NO QUORUM FOR THIS MEETING. NO OFFICIAL BUSINESS WAS CONDUCTED, BUT THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED BY THOSE PRESENT.**
- 2) Approval of Agenda - n/a
- 3) Approval of the Minutes - n/a
- 4) Treasurer's Report
 - a. Discuss/approve automatic payments from SCEH checking account. In years past, Amy Keairns has paid for all SCEH expenses, specifically website expenses, and requested reimbursement. As mentioned during the last meeting, godaddy.com recommends upgrading the website platform from Business Plus Website Builder to GoCentral Business Plus. This change will pass google.com's security certification process. She reported last month the cost would be \$900 for five years, which is less than staying on the current plan for five years. The actual cost for the switch was \$899.40 plus \$62.96 tax for a total of \$962.36. The new platform will be active in February. Therefore, she had to pay for one month (January) on the "old" plan, which was \$18.18 for one month. She would like to change the process and allow all website expenses to automatically be deducted from the SCEH checking account. She would then report the expenses to SCEH at the next regular meeting. **Official action will be taken via an email vote.**
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a. Executive/Nominating - Susan/Amy
 - i. ICH Meeting 4/4/19
 1. Meeting has been moved to April to coincide with Day on the Hill. More information is available on IFA's website under Homeless Programs for anybody interested in participating in Day on the Hill.
 2. HUD/CoC Homeless Grantees semiannual conference call - Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
 3. CoC Program Grant Start-Up Training, Thursdays, April 11, 18 and 25, and May 2 from 10:00 a.m. - noon. Required for all new project recipients who have been awarded a new project in the last three years.
 - b. Project Monitoring/Development - Wendy/Amy
 - i. Project Monitoring Committee - Wendy/Amy/Kristine/Katie/Susan
 1. 1st Quarter Reports - have been submitted and reviewed. Much of the discussion was around data quality and accurate, timely entry. We also discussed performance measures and both how to improve project performance and ramifications for projects that consistently perform below the standards.
 2. 2nd Quarter Reports - Due April 10, 2019.
 - c. Data and Performance Management/Point In Time Count -Stephanie/Allison
 - i. 2019 PIT/HIC Preliminary/Mostly Final Numbers.

1. Was held February 6, 2019 - delayed 1 week due to the polar vortex that was gripping the Midwest during the week of January 29, 2019.
2. Sheltered Count
3. Unsheltered Count
4. Housing Inventory Survey. The LSA is a new report. There are bugs in the system on HUD's end and the deadline has been extended to April 29, 2019.

Allison Larson presented a slide show with the PIT/HIC data (on file with City of Sioux City Neighborhood Services Division if you would like a copy). This is a draft of the final count, but the only piece missing is the section regarding disability. In summary, there were 7 unsheltered persons, 170 people in emergency shelter, 78 people in transitional housing, 50 people in rapid rehousing, and 39 people in permanent supportive housing. Only 2.03% of the homeless population in this area were unsheltered on the night of the PIT. Of those that were chronically homeless, 2 were unsheltered and 19 were in emergency shelter. 15 veterans were in emergency shelter and none were unsheltered. There were 7 youths in emergency shelter and one in transitional housing. Request a copy of the presentation from the City of Sioux City Neighborhood Services Division for additional details regarding the PIT and HIC.

- d. Coordinated Entry Update - Stephanie/Allison
 - i. CE Manual - Discussion/Motion/Vote to approve Centralized Intake Policies and Procedures. **Official action will be taken via an email vote.**

Stephanie Pickinpaugh provided the following statistics regarding Coordinated Entry (none of the statistics include domestic violence shelters).

- There are 74 homeless people on the prioritization list.
- In the past month, 40 people were removed from list because they cannot be located, have self-resolved or they declined further participation and seven people were placed in rapid rehousing, permanent housing or transitional housing.
- The average VI-SPDAT score for individuals is 6 and for families is 5.
- 20 individuals scored for permanent supportive housing, 37 scored for rapid rehousing and 8 scored for no support.

- e. Grant - Susan
 - i. FY 2018 Grant Application Debriefing
 1. We scored: 144.25/200 - we were about average compared to all CoC's (high score 190; low score 47.75; median score 160)
 - a. Part 1: CoC Structure and Governance 39.75/52; high priority question = Project Review, Ranking, and Selection and Severity of Needs and Vulnerabilities (13/22)
 - b. Part 2: Data Collection and Quality: 26/49; high priority question = HMIS bed coverage (1/6)
 - c. Part 3: CoC Performance and Strategic Planning: 68/77; high priority questions = CoC System Performance (41/46); CoC Performance and Strategic Planning Objectives (3/3)

- d. Part 4: Cross-cutting Policies: 10.5/22; high priority question = accessing mainstream benefits and additional policies (8.5/20)
 - ii. HUD Debriefing webinar highlights - not specific to our CoC or our grant application but a lot of good information and suggestions to consider when preparing the FY19 application.
 - iii. National Homeless Information Project (NHIP) Ranking of CoCs - based on our System Performance Measures.
 - 1. We were ranked 203/273 in the Small Cities category (HMIS count of 57-9,258; our count = 401)
 - 2. We ranked High on SPMs 1 & 2 length of time homeless and returns to homelessness; Medium on SPMs 4 and 7.1 increased income and successful exit to permanent housing; and Low on SPM 7.2 retention in PSH/successful exits from PSH to PH
 - iv. FY 2018 Project Contracts
 - 1. Renewal Projects - seem to be running ahead of schedule. Bridges West has already received their Scope of Work and the funding has been spread in eLoccs ready for our June 1 start date.
 - 2. New Projects (Heartland PSH and SCEH Planning Project) - have not received their "congratulations on your final selection for funding" letter yet, but hopefully, they will be set soon and the new projects will be under contract by late summer/early fall.
 - v. FY2019 Grant Application
 - 1. Registration opened in February; was submitted by the March 14, 2019 deadline
 - 2. HUD plans to open the CoC competition in early May with the application due in late August and awards announced in early November. This would be the ideal timeline every year going forward.
 - f. EFSP Ad Hoc Committee - Susan
 - i. All of the Phase 35 funding has been spent. Agencies are working on compiling their final reports and documentation. These are due to the National Board by July 15.
 - 1. \$25,947 total funding; awarded to Catholic Charities, Heartland Counseling, and The Salvation Army for rent/mortgage and utilities assistance
 - 2. Assisted 49 households with rent/mortgage; 30 households w/ utilities
 - ii. Phase 36 Funding Update
 - 1. Phase 36 allocations will be posted to the EFSP website in the near future; we should then get our allocation from the State set-aside. Once we know that, we'll reconvene the local board and start the application and awarding process for Phase 36.
 - 2. Phase 35 and Phase 36 will run almost concurrently - this is a little confusing since we have already been awarded and spent our Phase 35 funding, but maybe that wasn't the case across the country.
 - g. Public Awareness and Advocacy - No report in absence of Committee Chair
- 6) Old Business
- a. SCEH Donation Policy
 - i. Carried over from January due to no quorum...In November we approved using a Facebook donation to assist a homeless gentleman with eye surgery. Following the discussion and the

- vote, Frank requested a policy be written that outlines the manner in which the SCEH will accept and disburse donations.
- ii. Discussion/Motion/Vote to approve proposed SCEH Donation Policy. **Official action will be taken via an email vote.**
- b. Plans for 2019 - some need to be completed some items before the 2020-2021 CoC Program Grant Application
- i. PHA Homeless Preferences/Moving On Strategy w/ SSC Housing Authority, Siouxland Regional Housing Authority, Emerson Housing Authority, NE Nebraska Joint Housing Agency. If anyone has contact information and is willing to contact any of these housing authorities, please let Susan McGuire or Amy Keairns know as soon as possible.
 - ii. Written Standards for PSH and RRH programs.
 - iii. Adopt the Orders of Priority for Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons - within Written Standards for PSH programs
 - 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
- c. SCEH Board Elections
- i. To be held at May 22, 2019 meeting
 - ii. Members w/ terms ending 03/31/2019: Kristine Bornholtz, Jennifer Jackson, Allison Larson, Susan McGuire, Connie Noreen, Monica Rosenthal, Frank Tenuta
 - iii. Members whose terms are ending 03/31/2019 and who have left their employment and have not indicated a desire to continue on the Board: Rhonda Jordal, Alice Mollett, Terri Sturges
 - iv. If you are interested in serving on the SCEH Board, let Susan know
- d. SCEH Officer Elections
- i. To be held at July 24, 2019 meeting
 - ii. Current Board Members and Board Members elected in May interesting in holding an officer position, let Susan know

7) New Business

- a. SCEH Committees 2019
- i. Sign up sheet was passed around. All SCEH members are encouraged to sign up for a committee or two, especially the Project Monitoring/Development and AD-Hoc EFSP Committees. All funded agencies are **REQUIRED** to serve on various committees. Make sure your agency has representation as required. Thank you to Monica Rosenthal and Stephanie Pickinpaugh for signing up for committees during this meeting.
- b. 2019 Agency/Community Resource Spotlight
- i. Sign-up sheet was passed around
 - ii. Just a 5-10 minute overview of the programs/services your agency provides
 - iii. Adding Community/Mainstream Resources - overview of benefits available, eligibility requirements, application/access information

8) Agency Spotlight/Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion

- a. Agency/Resource Spotlight

- i. Community Action Agency of Siouxland. No report was given because there was no one from Community Action Agency of Siouxland present at the meeting.
- b. Sioux City Street Project/Committee Updates -community meeting held June 19, 2018
 - i. Detox - The Hope Street House renovations are underway. There will be ten beds for males, group home style. They plan to be open this summer. Discussion was held regarding whether mental health services would be provided. Kris Dam said she strongly believes in many cases substance abuse issues won't be fully resolved without mental health and other services.
 - ii. Super Shelter/Housing - Joe Twidwell said he believes there is a big problem downtown with homelessness. He said recently he has noticed an increase in younger homeless individuals on the streets with substance abuse and mental health issues with aggressive behaviors. There has been talk of changing the focus of the super shelter from a 365 day shelter to something else that may address other issues. Grant Beckwith suggested asking the City/Warrior project to invest in addressing the downtown homelessness issue further before the doors open of the new project. Woodbury County recently joined the Rolling Hills mental health region. Kris Dam said Rolling Hills is developing a crisis plan.
- c. Other Agency Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion
 - i. Center For Siouxland - VITA free income tax preparation continues through April 13.
 - ii. Faces of Siouxland Multicultural Fair - March 31, noon-4pm, Convention Center.
 - iii. Expungement Clinic - Iowa Legal Aid will be hosting an Expungement Clinic on May 16.
 - iv. Four Directions/Hope Street/Detox Committee Meeting - w/ HIS, Steve King, and reps from Senators Ernst and Grassley and Governor Reynolds' offices on April 17, 2019 at the Ho Chunk Center. Contact Val Uken for additional information.
 - v. Sioux City Consortium Action Plan - Amy Keairns advised the City of Sioux City will not receive ESG funds in the coming year. If that changes, there will be a public hearing and all SCEH members and the general public will be asked to provide input.

9) The next meeting will be held Wednesday, May 22, 2019 @ 1:00 @ City Hall Lower Level Conference Room.

10) The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.