

SIOUXLAND COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS

September 25, 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	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
Heartland Counseling Services	Jennifer Jackson	Absent
	Allison Larson	Absent
Iowa Legal Aid	Frank Tenuta, Vice Chair	Present
Sioux City Community School District	Cate Combs	Absent
Siouxland Community Foundaiton	Katie Roberts	Present
Warming Shelter	Lindsay Landrum	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	Absent
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
	Maria Gomez	Present
Dakota County Connections	JoAnn Gieselman	Absent
Dismas Charities	Trevor Risdal	Absent
	Eric Smith	Absent
FAVA	Amanda Eldridge	Present
	Zack Reese	Absent
Haven House	Kayla Johnson	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
Iowa Workforce Development - Promise Jobs	Kari Rhodes	Present
Lila Mae's House	Marit Westrich	Present
Mercy Medical Ctr Mission Services		
Nebraska DHHS	Stacy Schenk	Absent
NE Nebraska Community Action	Jan Hawk	Absent
Salvation Army	Jason Duncan	Absent
SCC Street Medicine Ministry	Darin Dunn	Absent
Seasons Center	Alyssa Nelson	Absent
Shesler Hall	Kris Dam	Absent
Siouxland Community Health Center	Kristi Walz	Absent
Siouxland Mental Health Center	Marcia Carlson	Absent
	Julie Schaap	Absent
Siouxland Pace	Lorelei Goodman	Absent
	Emily Hinnah	Absent
Siouxland Pride Alliance	Karen Mackey	Present
South Sioux City Housing Agency	Becky Mathis	Present
VAMC	Nicole Knowles	Absent
Warming Shelter/Soup Kitchen	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	Absent

- 1) Attendance and Introductions. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. and introductions were made.
- 2) Approval of Agenda. **A motion was made by Katie Robers and seconded by Wendy Jackson to approve the September 25, 2019 agenda. All members present voting aye, motion carried.**
- 3) Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting July 24, 2019. **A motion was made by Wendy Jackson and seconded by Allison Justice to amend the July 24, 2019, minutes to reflect that HMIS Data Standards go into effect October 1, 2019, and not August 1, 2019. All members present voting aye, motion carried.**
- 4) Treasurer's Report - Wendy Jackson. **A motion was made by Frank Tenuta and seconded by Connie Noreen to approve the Treasurer's Report. All members present voting aye, motion carried.**
 - a. Discussion and vote to move SCEH checking account from Availa Bank (formerly First American Bank). **This item was tabled to the next meeting.**
- 5) Committee Reports
 - a. Executive/Nominating - Susan/Amy
 - i. ICA Meeting 7/19/19 - Susan
 1. Iowa Council on Homelessness working on governance structure which would include finding a separate entity to manage the CoC grant; currently IFA Staff/Amber Lewis is doing the job of ICH and Balance of State CoC
 2. HMIS Data Standards changes - go into effect 10/1/19; ICA held webinar training on 9/24/19
 3. Iowa Council has 2 openings on the council due to people who are no longer able to serve or have accepted a position on another board. Tim Wilson encouraged people from this area of the State to apply.
 4. Policy and Planning Committee - had updated RRH Program Standards and sent back to Teri at HUD to review. She thought it was even more confusing, so we still don't have a final RRH Standards document
 5. 2020 Homelessness Awareness Day on the Hill - Wednesday, March 4 from 9:30 - noon; ICH meeting moved from March 20 to March 4 to coincide w/Day on the Hill
 - b. Project Monitoring/Development - Wendy/Amy
 - i. Project Monitoring Committee - Wendy/Amy/Kristine/Katie/Susan
 1. 4th Quarter Reports - will be due October 10, 2019
 2. Met to review and rank project applications for the FY2019 CoC Program Grant; recommendation was made to the Board and approved.
 - c. Data and Performance Management/Point In Time Count -Stephanie
 - i. Summer PIT (unsheltered)

1. Was held August 2, 2019, 1:00 a.m. - 5:00 a.m.
 2. Results. 26 interviews were conducted (17 last year). 27 observations were completed (26 last year).
- d. Coordinated Entry Update - Stephanie
- i. Update to Grievance Policy in CES Manual - grievances stay with agency receiving referral
 1. P. 20 (New language): Household and Provider Grievances
Household grievances will be directed to and addressed by the agency where the referral was made. The grievance will be handled in accordance with that specific agency's grievance policy and procedure. Agency contact information may be acquired from the CES Project Manager.
Provider grievances will be directed to and addressed by the CES Project Manager. The grievance will be handled in accordance with the Institute for Community Alliance's grievance policy and procedure.
 2. **A motion was made by Katie Roberts and seconded by Allison Justice to approve revisions to the CES Grievance policy. All members present voting aye, motion carried.**
- e. Grant - Susan
- i. FY 2019 Grant Application - Due September 30, 2019
 1. Did not have any new project applications; All eligible renewal projects applied for another year of funding
 2. Project applications were reviewed and ranked as follows:
 - a. Tier 1
 - i. ICA - Siouxland HMIS - \$43,156
 - ii. ICA - Siouxland Coordinated Entry - \$186,608
 - iii. Heartland Counseling - Heartland Counseling PSH - \$170,658
 - iv. Center For Siouxland - Bridges West TH - \$130,609
 - v. Crittenton Center - Project Help PSH - \$53,553
 - vi. CSADV - RRH - \$122,635
 - b. Tier 2
 - i. CSADV - RRH - \$34,249
 3. CoC Application has been completed, posted to SCEH website, and emailed to SCEH Board and Members for review and comment. A huge thank you to everyone that took the time to assist with the application. It is a huge project. Special thank you to Susan McGuire for taking the lead.
 4. **A motion was made by Wendy Jackson and seconded by Connie Noreen to approve the CoC Consolidated application and submit it to HUD. All members present voting aye, motion carried.**
- f. EFSP Ad Hoc Committee - Susan

- i. Phase 35 - spending is complete and all documentation has been turned in to the Local Board. Final Reports will be available with Phase 36 final reports in March 2020?
 - ii. Phase 36 Funding Update
 - 1. The State Set Aside Committee awarded Woodbury County \$29,545
 - 2. The Local Board approved 2% (\$590) for Admin and the remaining \$28,955 to Catholic Charities and SHIP as fiscal agent for the Urban Native Center for rent/mortgage, utilities, and other shelter
 - 3. The Local Board Plan has been submitted to the National Board; LRO's have signed their certifications. The first half of the funding should be released so the agencies can begin spending.
 - g. Public Awareness and Advocacy - Stephanie Pickinpaugh
 - i. Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week - November 16-24, 2019. A meeting will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at Coffee Connections.
- 6) Old Business
- a. Plans for 2019/2020 - 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 has been accomplished - may need to look at working with SC and SSC to revise language. This may need to be adjusted for next year to meet HUD's standards.
 - 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
- 7) New Business. None.
- 8) Agency Spotlight/Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion
- a. Agency/Resource Spotlight
 - i. Seasons Center - Alyssa Nelson. Not present.
 - ii. Jackie Stellish - Job Corps. Not present.
 - iii. Kari Rhodes - Promise Jobs. Promise Jobs is housed at Iowa Workforce Development. The program's goal is promoting independence and self-sufficiency through employment and assist with cash assistance to recipients to become self-sufficient through participation in work ready activities. (Additional info is attached.)
 - b. Sioux City Street Project/Committee Updates - community meeting held September 18, 2019
 - i. - Detox - No update.

- ii. Super Shelter/Housing - No update.
- c. Other Agency Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion
 - i. Homeless to Home Sweet Home. Center For Siouxland fundraiser event, October 11, 2018.
 - ii. Warming Shelter. Currently open Sundays from 7am - 3pm for showers and food. They are looking for donations. Please call Lindsay or drop off between those hours on Sundays. They are purchasing 910 Nebraska Street which will be used as the day shelter. Renovations will happen in the future. Both day and night shelter will be open regularly beginning November 1, 2019.
 - iii. Seaboard Triumph. Karen Mackey advised their office had received a complaint from an individual or individuals regarding concerns of their employment at Seaboard Triumph. The Human Rights office is investigating.
 - iv. Scenic Apartments. Becky Mathis said a meeting will be held Saturday, October 5, 10:30am - noon, regarding needs of Scenic Apartment residents.
 - v. Siouxland Sleep Out. The Siouxland Sleep Out will be held Friday, November 1, and they are in need of auction baskets.
- 9) Approve date, time and location for next meeting - Wednesday, November 20, 2019, @ 1:00 p.m. @ City Hall Lower Level Conference Room - Move regular meeting to the Third Thursday of November due to Thanksgiving being November 27, 2019.
- 10) Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m.

PROMISE JOBS

PROMISE JOBS, "Promoting Independence and Self Sufficiency through Employment," is Iowa's TANF Employment & Training program designed to assist cash assistance recipients to become self-sufficient through participation in work ready activities. Program participants will develop an individualized Employment Plan outlining work ready activities in order to reach their individualized goals and reduce their dependency on the welfare support systems. A number of work ready activities are available to PROMISE JOBS participants, including:

- Assessments – Aptitudes and interest inventories are used to help participants determine their best route toward meeting their individual goals.
- Life Skills – Workshops covering money management, self-esteem, housing information, nutrition, parenting information, identifying personal goals, etc.
- Job Seeking and Skills Training – Workshops covering interviewing techniques, résumés, completing job applications, career exploration, networking, building skills and other work search information.
- Job Search/Job Coaching – Expanding and capitalizing on job search techniques in order to obtain employment with a livable wage.
- Employment & Community Service Opportunities – Obtaining/retaining full/part-time employment through unsubsidized employment, subsidized employment, self-employment, work experience, and/or community service opportunities to build and expand experiences and skills.
- Apprenticeship Opportunities – Education, training and employment option available to job seekers wanting to earn a wage while receiving specialized training in a skilled profession.
- Basic Education – Includes assistance with covering the costs and supportive assistance in order to obtain their high school diploma, HiSET (formerly known as GED) certificate, adult basic education, and English-as-a-Second-Language (ESL) to open doors to opportunities that provide sustainable earnings.
- Post-Secondary Classroom Training – Includes assistance with academic and vocational training and certification to prepare participants for careers that are in high demand.
- Parenting Skills – Classes that provide parents resources and techniques to adapt to demands parenting requires.
- Family Development Services – Supportive services to assist with addressing and overcoming the challenges and obstacles family and work place on participants.
- Family Planning Services – Classes that provide the resources to gain a better understanding on financial and social impacts of raising a family.

Additional information on work ready activities and services can be found at the local [One-Stop office](#).

Supportive services are offered to program participants as they prepare to become work ready individuals. Services may include: transportation assistance, childcare, housing assistance, tuition/books, work related licensing, assistance with interviewing and work uniforms. Each local area has a network of community resources and supportive services.

Family Development Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS) program partners with PROMISE JOBS to assist families build on their strengths, make connections to local resources, identify priorities, set goals and celebrate successes. For additional information and locations visit the [FaDSS site](#) For more information on how to qualify for PROMISE JOBS or to apply, please visit the [Iowa Department of Human Services site](#).