

SIOUXLAND COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS
January 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.

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

General Members*		
Agency	Name	Present
	Michelle Orengo	
	Sharon Drummond	
Boystown	Keely Blome	
Catholic Charities		
Center For Siouxland	Susan McGuire	
City of Sioux City - Housing Authority	Amy Tooley	X
City of Sioux City - Human Rights	Karen Mackey	
City of Sioux City - Neighborhood Services	Freddy Diaz	X
	Armando Mora	X
	Jill Wanderscheid	X
City of Sioux City - Police Department	Tom Gill	
Community Action Agency of Siouxland	Antoinette Green	
	Jean Logan	
Connections Area Agency on Aging	Chris Kuchta	
Dismas Charities		
Downtown Partners	Ragen Cote	X
FAVA	Darrell Mayo	X
	Maya Fumbanks Jones	X
	Jen Zimmerman	X
	Riley McFarland	X
Gospel Mission	Randy Ehlers	X
	Tim Hall	
Haven House	Kristina Gralheer	
Heartland Counseling Services	Jennifer Jackson	

	Nicole Lidman	X
	Tanya Walters	X
Iowa Legal Aid	Grant Beckwith	
Lila Mae's House	Emily Culver	
Iowa Workforce Development	Maggie Vogt	X
	Amanda Hageman	
Molina Health Care	Jackie Stellish	
NEN CAP	Nikki Peirce	
Nebraska DHHS	Stacy Schenk	
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	Amber Wendt	
	Andrea Rodriguez	
	Tanisha Burgess	
	Heather Oberg	
	Brad Johnson	
Safe Place	Margarita Mireles	
Salvation Army	Teri Ellison	
SHIP	Melissa Ramirez	X
	Gary Fuentes	X
Siouxland Community Health Center	Tami Doyle-Tieck	
	Brandi Steck	
	Glen Houts	
Siouxland Community Foundation	Katie Roberts	
Siouxland Mental Health	Lindsey Slenk	
	Marcia Carlson	
	Julie Schaap	
United Health Care	Gloria Kennedy	
	Sarah Hughes	
Unity Point		
Veteran's Administration	Melvin Lynn	X
	Kemi Brown	
Warming Shelter	Travis Blackman	X
Winnebago Tribe	Val Uken	
	Melissa Remington	
Women Aware	Carter Smith	
Woodbury County	Julie Albright	
	Theresa Jochum	

Guest: Chris Courtney, Siouxland CARES; Ariel Sanders, Crittenton Center; Kayla Lennon, Siouxland PACE; Michelle Eyer, Community Action Agency; Matthew O'Kane, Sioux City City Council member.

*If your agency isn't listed on the members list but want to become a member, contact ccoly@sioux-city.org.

Attendance and Introductions/Roll Call. The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Approval of Agenda.

Approval of Minutes from September 23, 2024. *Deferred to next meeting.*

Treasurer's Report and Approval. *Deferred, no report and no changes.*

Standing Committee Reports.

Executive/Nominating

Chair: Frank Tenuta

Members: Clara Coly, Wendy Jackson, Joe Twidwell

- No Update

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 Pickinpaugh, Katie Roberts

- No Report

Grant

Chair: Susan McGuire

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

- No report

Public Awareness and Advocacy

Chair: Joe Twidwell

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

- Point in Time Count: Joe Twidwell and Melissa Ramirez gave updates based on their experience going out at night to count. They did not come across as many people as they thought they would, but they said it was still a worthwhile experience. They wondered if it was partly because the weather had been so bad the nights leading up to the count. Both said they would like to include this in the count again next year.
- Melissa asked to clarify the Warming Shelter rules on banning residents. Joe clarified that there is a cold weather protocol if it is less than 10 degrees to allow residents that were previously banned to come to the shelter for that night, but it is a zero-tolerance night when it comes to resident and staff safety. But bans on any other nights can be remedied by the resident attending a panel meeting with staff that were not directly involved. The Gospel Mission also clarified their banning protocol; anything related to violence equals a one-year ban, a drug violation equals a one week ban.
- 'Americans with No Address' documentary screening
 - Randy presented about an opportunity to present a screening of 'Americans with no address' in conjunction with the film 'No Address', the proceeds of which will be shared with agencies around the country serving those experiencing homelessness— The Gospel Mission and the Warming Shelter included locally.
 - Randy suggested meeting to make a plan and create some marketing around this. The group will meet on 1/30 at 11am, Clara will send specifics following the SCEH meeting.

Other committee Reports.

EFSP Ad Hoc Committee: The application for the most recent round is due today. The committee will then meet to review applications and decide funding allocations.

Coordinated Entry and HMIS Update

- 200 households currently on the CE list, with 301 individuals.
- Referral Agencies and availabilities (corrected to below after the meeting)
 - Center for Siouxland Bridges West Transitional Housing
 - Capacity: 9 single units, 6 family units/ 24 family beds
 - 2 single and 2 family units currently filled
 - 2 open referrals pending contact

- 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 bedroom, 12 two bedroom units
 - 6 open one bedroom referrals, pending contact and confirmed eligibility
- SafePlace Rapid Rehousing
 - Capacity: 7 single units, 4 family units
 - Currently full
- Walk in Coordinated Entry intake appointments are going really 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.
- Clara will be reaching out about Point in Time Counts and Housing Inventory Counts for agencies with housing specific programs.
- The next federal report is the System Performance Measures. The due date is expected to be in February, but HUD has yet to release any guidance.
- Still working on onboarding Warming Shelter staff in HMIS, they are using it nightly to track residents and shelter stays.
- Joe Twidwell asked about the number of affordable housing units available in town and wondered if landlords would be more willing to rent to currently unhoused folks if there was more 'protection' in the form of financial support. Amy Tooley mentioned that the EHV program had an additional landlord incentive that proved helpful in getting people housed faster than a regular voucher

Street Project

- Morningside University Leadership Class results
 - Matt Ohman, Ragen Cote, and Clara Coly worked with the Morningside University Leadership class. They researched other communities to see about what solutions they are pursuing. They came away with three recommendations:
 - Hire a full time homeless system manager that coordinates the efforts across the community that is an independent employee (Cedar Rapids recently started this, they are employed by their version of SIMPCO)
 - Connect agencies for the population, essentially create a more streamlined information pathway for agencies to better understand what is available and to follow up on referrals to other agencies—making sure clients don't fall through the cracks
 - Create a landlord incentive program to encourage them to rent to people they may not normally accept.

Old Business.

- Sign up for committees.

New Business.

- Change meeting day to Tuesdays at 11 instead of Monday. Could not vote as there was no longer quorum at this point in the meeting. Will send an email vote later.
- Strategic Planning: Clara suggested having a strategic planning session(s) with a facilitator to clarify the direction of the coalition. Everyone seemed on board with it, suggested Clara bring a contract or plan to bring to the group next time. Planning grant funding can be used to cover this.

Agency Spotlight/Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion.

- Agency Spotlight: Neighborhood Services Midtown Terrace project: Jill Wanderscheid gave a brief presentation about Midtown Terrace, an affordable townhome project that was recently funded at 13th and Douglas. 17 of the 24 units will be dedicated permanent supportive housing units, which will be supported through heartland counseling services. For more information or questions, please contact Jill at jmwander@sioux-city.org
- Center for Siouxland will be opening appointments for their VITA Tax service. Please call for information and appointments.

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 24, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Gleeson Room of the Wilbur Aalfs Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.