

SIOUXLAND COALITION TO END HOMELESSNESS
March 25, 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	X
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	X
Catholic Charities	Amy Bloch	
Center For Siouxland	Alison Justice	X
FAVA	Darrell Mayo	X
KTIV	Taylor Deckert	
NENCAP	Amy Munderloh	X
SafePlace	Stephanie Pickinpaugh	X
University of South Dakota	Nate Probasco	X
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	
City of Sioux City - Human Rights	Karen Mackey	X
City of Sioux City - Neighborhood Services	Freddy Diaz Armando Mora Jill Wanderscheid	X X
City of Sioux City - Police Department	Tom Gill	
Community Action Agency of Siouxland	Antoinette Green Jean Logan	
Connections Area Agency on Aging	Tasha Jones	X
Dismas Charities	Morgan Leonard	
Downtown Partners	Ragen Cote	X
FAVA	Darrell Mayo	X
	Maya Fumbanks Jones	X
	Jen Zimmerman	
	Riley McFarland	X
	Phillip Christmas	X
Gospel Mission	Randy Ehlers Tim Hall	X
Haven House	Kristina Gralheer	X

Heartland Counseling Services	Jennifer Jackson	
	Nicole Lidman	X
	Tanya Walters	
Iowa Legal Aid	Grant Beckwith	
Lila Mae's House	Emily Culver	
Iowa Workforce Development	Maggie Vogt	X
	Amber Michaelson	X
Molina Health Care	Jackie Stellish	X
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	
	Rhonda Miller	X
Salvation Army	Teri Ellison	X
SHIP	Melissa Ramirez Gary Fuentes	
	Tami Doyle-Tieck	
Siouxland Community Health Center	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 Siouxland PACE	Kayla Lennon	X
Veteran's Administration	Melvin Lynn	
	Kemi Brown	
Warming Shelter	Travis Blackman	
Winnebago Tribe	Val Uken	
	Melissa Remington	
Women Aware	Carter Smith	
Woodbury County	Julie Albright	
	Theresa Jochum	

Guest: Ariel Sanders, Crittenton Center; Teri Quintana, Sunnybrook Hope Center and Agape Community Services; Rachel Tudehope, Nameless Project; David Flores-Marroquin, Nameless Project; Christopher Knechel, SHIP; Jamie Worden, CAASA; Shelby Pierce,

Pierce Porter Facilitation; Chris Mathewson, Neil Bartholomew.

*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 November 25, 2024 and January 27, 2025. *Stephanie Pickenpaugh made a motion to approve the November minutes, Wendy Jackson seconded the motion. Kristina Gralheer made a motion to approve the January minutes with amended numbers for the Bridges West Transitional Housing program, Wendy Jackson seconded the motion. Upon further review, the numbers were correct in the January 27th minutes after Clara conferred with Bridges West staff.*

Treasurer's Report and Approval. *November, January, and March 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 Pickenpaugh, Katie Roberts

- No Report

Grant

Chair: Susan McGuire

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

- 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: Clara presented the findings of the 2025 PIT count. There were 43 unsheltered individuals counted, 268 sheltered single adults, and 116 sheltered individuals in families (35 total families) for a total of 427 individuals. The number of unsheltered individuals is about double from the previous few years, at least in part due to better data collection this year. We are consistently trying to improve our data collection, and we talked to a lot of people this year. We collected data both the night of (and night after) to reach people when they were staying outside, as well as talking to folks at resources they accessed the day after staying outside. These locations included the Gospel Mission at breakfast and lunch, the Soup Kitchen for dinner, and various CoC agencies where people check in like the Warming Shelter, Urban Indian Connections, and Coordinated Entry. It is also possible that there were more people outside this year than in previous years. Please see the attached spreadsheets outlining the sheltered count this year and years prior.
- 'Americans with No Address' documentary screening (Randy Ehlers): Thanks to Randy for coordinating and bringing the idea to the community. The screening on February 25th was well attended, with about 50 people viewing the documentary. It was well received by those in attendance.

Other committee Reports.

EFSP Ad Hoc Committee: Deferred to May meeting

Coordinated Entry and HMIS Update

- 206 households currently on the CE list, with 286 individuals.
- Referral Agencies and availabilities
 - 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

- 1 open referral, still verifying eligibility
- 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
 - 5 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 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.
- System Performance Measure (SPM) Report is due April 11th
- Onboarding Crittenton Center staff and creating their HMIS program for their new youth street outreach grants
- There will be data standards changes this fall, but we have yet to know the extent of the changes given the change in presidential administration.

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.
- Western Iowa Tech Community College has a class that will be doing a project related to homelessness. It is just getting started, but the professor is connecting with several agencies in the CoC. More to come next meeting.
- Homeless Court: Clara provided an update about the homeless court, the idea for which came from the May 2024 community meeting. The Iowa Finance Authority is interested in supporting a pilot project, so they will vote on a grant at their next board meeting in early April. We will know more about next steps after that. This court is intended to reduce the barriers that traditional court involvement can have in getting someone housed. If you're interested in joining the sub-committee of the public awareness and advocacy committee starting the project, email Clara at ccoly@sioux-city.org.

Old Business.

- Sign up for committees.

New Business: Strategic Planning: Shelby Pierce visited the meeting to observe the dynamic and will eventually offer her perspective on what strategic planning could look like for this group. The plan is to use CoC Planning Grant funds to cover the cost of having a facilitated strategic planning process.

Agency Spotlight/Reports/Activities/Updates/Discussion.

- Housing Authority/ Section 8: There was a question brought up about how many unused Housing vouchers there are currently out in the community. Amy Tooley shared prior to the meeting that there are always unused vouchers in the hands of people looking to use them at a rental. This can be due to new vouchers being issued or someone looking to move rental units. The concern about portability was raised again, which is about the ability a tenant has to move with their voucher to another community. This means that our Housing Authority would then pay the fair market rent in that community, which is often much higher than rent in Sioux City. This adds to budget strain, which is why Amy advocates consistently to change the rules on how housing authorities pay for ported vouchers. Frank offered a reminder that this isn't to blame the tenant for wanting to move—they have a right to autonomy and choice. This is an issue with the policy, not the person using the policy. The

biggest problem, though, seems to be a lack of affordable housing to apply the vouchers and to rent even without a voucher. Joe Twidwell suggested that the community needs to have a landlord incentive program to encourage taking 'risky' tenants.

- Center for Siouxland still has open appointments for their VITA tax preparation program, call their office for assistance.
- The Human Rights Commission is hosting the Multicultural Fair on March 30th at the Convention Center.
- The Warming Shelter has started a new tiered system in their overnight shelter, incentivizing self-improvement. Each tier has a different level of shelter access, including when they can be at the shelter, what resources they can access, and if they can access case management with staff. They are planning to stay open this summer like they did last year for families, folks with mobility impairments, and folks that are working.
- The Salvation Army is hosting a community baby shower on May 16th. Call Val if you would like to table the event.
- The Nameless Project is a new group of folks passionate about serving the unhoused population in Sioux City. They are very early in their group development in the discovery phase. They will be reaching out to learn more about what you do and how they can help.

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. at the Gleeson Room of the Wilbur Aalfs Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.