

**WINNEBAGOLAND HOUSING COALITION**  
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**WEDNESDAY February 5th, 2014 - 9:00AM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

Hooper Community Center Basement, 36 Broad Street Oshkosh WI 54901

**Attendance:**

Amy Lang, Brent Wojnowski, Angie McCarthy, Molly Stashek, Fran Beilke, Mitch Cornils, Jordan Dvorak, Kristi Cutts, Jennifer Allen, Nicole Lemke, Kirsten Nawarrette, Steph Crane, Jennifer Ven Rooy, Cassandra Clough, Su van Houwelingen, Betty Miller

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion to approve the December meeting minutes first by Steph Crane with a second by Angie McCarthy.

**Updates:**

Balance of State Continuum of Care

- Coordinated Assessment – Brent invited members to stay after meeting to discuss the assessment questionnaire in more detail.

Officer nominations

- As no new nominations were made, a motion to approve re-appointment of current co-chairs and secretary made by Nicole Lemke with a second by Angie McCarthy.

WHC strategic planning sessions

- A strategic plan will be worked on at meetings in March and April 2014 with a final document by May 2014.

**Reports:**

Case Managers Network- Amy Lang, ADVOCAP

- These meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am.
- A tour at Father Carr's is taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February.

Monthly shelter census/Point in Time street count- Brent Wojnowski, ADVOCAP

- Christine Ann: 30 served (25 in families, 5 individuals)
- Day by Day Warming Shelter: 19 served
- Father Carr's: 17 individuals
- Father Carr's Holy Family Villa: 25 in families, 19 individuals
- Advocap, Inc.: 10 served (2 families)
- Those who helped with Street Count include: Advocap, Inc., Christine Ann, Legal

Action, Father Carr's, UW Oshkosh Student Social Work Association. Places searched: Bridges, Festival, Walmart, Riverside Cemetery, Downtown, Menominee Park, etc.

## **Agency Sharing and Announcements**

Energy Services, Inc. – Betty: Dodge County declared disaster to get funds due to propane costing over \$7.00/gallon. Currently, the price has dropped back down to \$3.00/gallon. The state funded \$100,000, but this was gone in one week. It is anticipated that other rural cities will also be declaring disaster. At this time, it is unsure what will be available on April 15 for disconnects due to all crisis funds being used now.

Oshkosh/Winnebago County Housing Authority – Jennifer V., Su:

Susan van Houwelingen announced that she has taken on the role of Executive Director as of February 1, 2014.

The FAST crew is currently working in Menasha on family unit renovations.

Interior work at Mainview should be completed by the end of May 2014.

Court Tower units full as of 12/31/13.

RCAC (Residential Care Apartment Complexes) at Court Tower – Working with State of Wisconsin on Application to secure a license for a Certified RCAC, and working with local agencies regarding management of the RCAC.

Oshkosh/Winnebago County Boards have approved resolutions to send in applications for Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversion. HUD estimates that only about one-third of the applications will be approved. Proposed budget increases, to allow for more conversions, have not yet made it to the Congressional floor but expected this year.

A Housing Choice Voucher program participant recently closed on a Habitat for Humanity home with assistance through the Family Self Sufficiency program. The participant graduated from the FSS program with \$14,000 saved in her escrow account.

Voucher program lotteries were run and applicants were processed in December. Vouchers will be disbursed to 20 applicants on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>. The Voucher program is in the process of verifying eligibility information for 20 more applicants.

Cumberland Court is applying for Tax Credits for a 2 phase multi-million dollar major renovation. Response for the State on initial tax credit application expected prior to July.

Court Tower was awarded a grant to run a "Call It Quits" smoking cessation program through Affinity Medical Group.

Christine Ann Domestic Abuse Center – Steph: The Self-Sufficiency program successfully ran a CNA program in partnership with Fox Valley Technical College to provide scholarships, subsidized childcare, and learning sessions for eight women.

Legal Action – Kirsten: Eviction defense funds are available to those who are income eligible.

Fair Housing – Nicole: No updates at this time.

WI Division of Housing – Jennifer A.: Shelters along HWY 41 are meeting quarterly. Day by Day, Father Carr's, Emergency Shelter of the FV, Fox Valley Warming Shelter, New Community Shelter, and St. Johns. A study has been conducted reviewing data over the past two years on client movement. There has been discussion of Waupaca opening a shelter. The Institute for Community Alliance will be taking over the program that she operates.

UW Extension – Kristi:

A new location for 2014 has been confirmed: The Oshkosh Public Library.

Money Smart Week is taking place April 5, 2014. This is the second annual event and will be held at Oshkosh West High School. Pre-registration prices are available (Adult: \$2, Children: \$0).

The Landlord Education Workshop will be offered on April 12, 2014 at the JP Coughlin Center from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. This educational session is intended for landlords in the community. Please contact Kristi at [KCutts@co.winnnebago.wi.us](mailto:KCutts@co.winnnebago.wi.us) if you would like brochures or handouts for any of these programs.

Bridges – Jordan:

Their location will remain at the Red Cross building until March. A new location is not confirmed. The program served 39 cases with a total 86 people. FEMA funds allowed the program to help with up to \$500. Currently, the program is able to help with a maximum of \$300.

If you know of someone struggling with propane cost, please contact Nikki at Red Cross. Since disconnects will be coming in April, Jordan urges those seeking assistance with energy costs to make at least three payments on their utilities even if it is a small amount. Without payment history on the account, the Bridges program will be unable to help.

Mainview Apartments – Mitch: Tenants are currently moving to the 10<sup>th</sup> Floor. Applications are currently being accepted.

Center for Veterans Issues – Molly, Fran: Once per month, they will be visiting the Day by Day Warming Shelter to speak with veteran guests.

Day by Day Warming Shelter – Angie: The shelter is currently in their third season. During the extreme cold, the shelter has had to stay open twenty-four hours four separate times. The shelter has had their first terminally ill guest stay with them and coordinated his stay in a long-term facility outside of Oshkosh.

ADVOCAP, Inc. – Amy: The Help for the Homeless drive is taking place and boxes for collection will be out around Oshkosh.

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

**Next Meeting: March 5th, 2014, at 9:00AM, Hooper Community Center**

Please contact Jennifer Ven Rooy at [jennifers@ohawcha.org](mailto:jennifers@ohawcha.org) if you have any questions regarding these minutes.