

WinnebagoLand Housing Coalition

December 6, 2017

Hooper Community Center Basement

36 Broad St

Oshkosh, WI 54901

Attendance: Kay Hinton, Jordan Dvorak, Amanda Hammond, Lori Larson, Kathy Thunes, Beth Biesinger, Darlene Brandt, Melissa Meidam, Tamara Marquardt, Felita Daniels Ashley, Sandra Reeves, Al Rolph, Liz Groeschel, Donn Lord, Angela Kalsbeek, Allison Knautz, Susan Tucker, and Rosangela Berbert.

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made and carried to approve the November 2017 minutes.

Discussion:

Presentation by Rosangela Berbert Executive Director of Samaritan Counseling Center of the Fox Valley, Inc.: Samaritan Counseling Center is a nonprofit mental health services agency. Founded in 1970 by First Congregational UCC, Appleton. They connect mind and spirit so individuals, families, organizations and communities thrive. In 2017, Samaritan counseled 1200 clients with 200 + residing in Oshkosh. They will offer wellness screening for over 12,000 K-12 students in 2017-18. Serves 10 school districts. Also provide Mental Health Ministry Initiative -meeting mental health needs via faith communities. This equips faith leaders as mental health first responders. Samaritan has 5 locations throughout the Fox Valley: Oshkosh, Menasha, New London, Kaukauna, and UW-Fox Valley. El Centro de Esperanza (currently only available in Menasha and Kaukauna) serves Spanish speaking families with education for individuals and families, support groups for women and teens, and counseling for children and adults. They do not have any interpreters at this time due to the high cost. They use a sliding fee if families have difficulty paying. Lowest charge would be \$20/session. Current cost for an intake apt is \$185/session and following sessions are \$130. They take most insurances and badgercare. Need: Looking for funding to assist homeless population. Sometimes they have to put a cap on how many adults served. If Samaritan cannot serve a client, they will assist clients to find a counselor by utilizing the myconnectionnew.org website.

Creating a subcommittee for the After Hours Homeless Plan- Amanda Hammond:

Please let Amanda know if interested in being on the committee.

Reports:

Shelter count numbers- For the Last Wednesday in November:

Father Carr's: 8 single men, 10 single women, and 4 women & children. Total= 22

Advocap Transitional: No report.

Day by Day: 25 ---turning away an average of 4 people/ day.
Christine Ann Center: No report.

Case Managers Network- Next meeting 1/10/2018. The group is working on updating a community resource directory. Meets 2nd Wednesday at 9 am at Salvation Army. Contact AI if interested in joining.

Balance of State Update-

BOS quarterly meeting is 2/8 and 2/9 in Eau Claire. Jordan will post information on the Blog. <http://winnebagolandhousing.blogspot.com/>. Gaps and Needs Survey is due 12/13/2017. Only received 90 and need 600 completed surveys. Information is posted on the blog. Point in Time (PIT) Count is coming up on January 24 from 11pm-6am. Sandra Reeves will be the contact person for the PIT Community resource fair on 1/25/2018.

January 2018 Meeting-

Coalition members voted to have the January 3rd meeting.

Agency Announcements:

Winnebago County/Oshkosh Housing Authority: Kay handed out the Family Self Sufficiency December newsletter. WCHA/OHA is working with a family to buy the property at: 1628 Elmwood Oshkosh. 902 W 4th St home is done with rehab and will be on the market soon. The Habitat home on the corner of Parkway and Grove is completed.

Day By Day: Day by Day is in need of Fast food gift cards. They are giving them to people that are turned away. People are lining up at 12 noon. They are at capacity every night. Giving Tuesday raised \$30,000.

City of Oshkosh: The city is working on the Comprehensive plan.

FSC: When Allison is on leave, please contact the Region 3 supervisors: Megan Sawall, Jennifer Marks, and Leah.

ADVOCAP (Bridges): Bridges assistance numbers are higher by 50 households compared to last year.

ADVOCAP (Homeless): Hygiene for the Homeless first meeting is 12/18/2017 at Salvation Army at 3:30 pm.

ADRC: Until December 15th, ADRC can help with marketplace health insurance applications by calling ARDC at (920) 236-4669.

ECWRPC: No updates.

Center for Veteran Issues: Angela has been extremely busy with an average of 6-7 referrals per week. Tamara at VA has been helping with case management. Fraternal Order of the Eagles will be having a huge fundraiser on 1/13/2018 at the Electric Lounge. \$10/person for a Dart Tournament. 50% profits go to Veterans outreach and 50% goes to Veterans Equestrian trail services.

Legal Action: If clients are 60 years old and have legal issues, please send a referral to elder rights program. Shiftra green project: represents sexual assault victims for legal rights. This may just be in the Madison area only. Business Law for Veterans has a free legal service for veterans starting a business. Please contact Brad Sarkauskas at 414-274-3065 or bjs@legalaction.org. Truancy Court Project (Appleton only): to provide court to students right at the school. They have seen how homeless affects kids.

ADVOCAP (PASS/HUB): no updates.

Fair Housing: Felita handed out "Know your rights for Fair housing" flyers.

Salvation Army: Last toy store sign up is 12/12/2017 at Salvation Army. Kids coats are also available. Toy Pick up is 12/19 and 12/20 at the old Planet Fitness on Murdock.

Veteran services: Veteran Services has moved to 112 Otter St. New phone number is 232-3400. Amanda will email a list of homeless shelters to all members.

Adjourn: A motion made and carried to adjourn.

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 3rd at 9 am at Hooper Community Center Basement.

Please contact Jordan Dvorak jordand@advocap.org if you are unable to attend. Please also submit future agenda items or ideas to Jordan.

Mission – The WinnebagoLand Housing Coalition will maximize resources to identify and address affordable housing needs in our community.

Kay Hinton

WinnebagoLand Housing Coalition Secretary