# Winnebagoland Housing Coalition December 2, 2015 Hooper Community Center Basement 36 Broad St Oshkosh, WI 54901

**Attendance:** Amy Lang, Jordan Dvorak, Kay Hinton, Jackie Dioszegi, Nicole Lemke, Beth Biesinger, Lu Scheer, Steph Crane, Natalie Ness, Amanda Hammond, Neil Romenesko, Kaitlyn Esula, Susan Tucker, Kathy Kamp, Cindy Beishir, Jennifer Allen and Michael Rust.

### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made and carried to approve the November 2015 minutes.

# **Special Presentation- Kathy Kamp-Housing Continuum Planning Grant update:**

There is a critical need for affordable housing in Oshkosh; in fact, to meet demand, about 100 new units/year of affordable housing needs to be developed in the next 20 years. The National Low Income Housing Coalition is expecting the number of families who pay more than 50% of their income for housing to triple in the next 10 years. Major areas of need are: post-shelter rental housing, a year-round shelter, rehab existing housing, and more rental housing for lowest income households. The group identified the pros and cons of each project as follows: Safe Haven, "Housing First", Shelter/Permanent Supportive Housing, Affordable Housing/Revitalization, Small Rental Project, Tax Credit Project, and Homeownership options. The 2 selected projects are Shelter/Permanent Supportive Housing and Affordable Housing/ Revitalization. Shelter/Permanent Supportive Housing would be a small shelter with congregate beds, meals, etc., combined with efficiency apartments. Chronically homeless would move to attached units and services continuing, but living independently in stable housing. Affordable Housing/Revitalization would include purchasing foreclosed homes, rehab, rent to households at affordable rent OR build new on vacant lots. This project would revitalize neighborhoods. How can your agency support these projects? Please increase community awareness of the need for more affordable housing. Kathy's Powerpoint will be on the Winnebagoland Housing Coalition blog at <a href="http://winnebagolandhousing.blogspot.com">http://winnebagolandhousing.blogspot.com</a>. If you would like to be involved in this housing group, please contact Kathy at <a href="mailto:kathykamp@wphd.org">kathykamp@wphd.org</a>. Father Carr's Homeless Shelter is looking into converting shelter units to more longer term rental units.

### Reports:

Shelter count numbers-Amy Lang, ADVOCAP -

ADVOCAP- 4 transitional.

Christine Ann- no count

Father Carr's - 14 single men, 32 single women, and 12 women/children.

Day by Day- no count but at full capacity most nights.

# Case Managers Network-Amy Lang, ADVOCAP

Next meeting will be at December 9th at 9 am at Forward Services Corp on Oregon St. QPR suicide prevention training last month was successful.

# Balance of State Update-Amy Lang, ADVOCAP

At the BOS meeting in November, ADVOCAP attended a Housing First training. BOS voted to use VI spdat for the coordinated entry requirement. Jennifer Allen asked to let her know who was going to take the lead for coordinated entry so that she may train them on Service Point in the future.

## **Agency Announcements:**

**ADVOCAP (Homeless):** Amy is looking for families to get placed quickly. She will house 2 families/individuals soon and have another 2 meeting to complete paperwork.

**Father Carr's:** Father Carr's served 910 Thanksgiving meals with a lot of volunteer assistance. Please call for Christmas meal delivery or join them for a Christmas morning meal served at Father Carr's. Neil will send volunteer sheets to the coalition to volunteer.

**Fair Housing:** The property managers training was successful. 47 property managers attended and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of them were from Winnebago County. Fair Housing is building their tester pool to gather evidence for discrimination. If you are interested in becoming a tester, please call to sign up for the training in January and February.

**ADVOCAP (PASS):** Please send referrals. PASS is working on goal setting and coaching. **ADVOCAP (Bridges):** Jordan helped 42 households, 91 people this past month. There was an increase in SVDP voucher requests.

**ADVOCAP:** ADVOCAP submitted the grant to include Legal Action receiving more rapid rehousing monies.

**Legal Action:** No new updates. **Conflict Resolution:** No updates.

**Service Point Representative:** Jennifer stated if we have any questions about Service Point to please email her.

**Veteran Affairs:** Cindy handed out brochures. She covers the Homeless hotline out of Green Bay, but she can outreach at any shelter and enroll veterans. We discussed VASH vouchers for veterans.

Christine Ann: Race for the Light is this Saturday at the Boys and Girls Club at 3 pm.

ADRC: no updates.

**Housing Authority:** FSS newsletters were handed out. Kay invited the public to a Power of Choice Workshop on 12/9 at 1 pm and the FSS Connection meeting on 12/14/15 at 9am at Court Tower.

**Day By Day:** Cory resigned as operations Manager. Amanda is the new case manager. The Shelter is full most every night.

Goal Follow-ups: No reports.

Adjourn: A motion made and carried to adjourn.

Next Meeting: January 6, 2016 at 9 am, Hopper Community Center.

Kay Hinton

Winnebagoland Housing Coalition Secretary