



# Lake County Coalition for the Homeless Board Meeting-Minutes

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**Date:** Tuesday, March 5, 2024, **Time:** 9:00 am

**Place:** Zoom **Zoom Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83191976726>

## **1.0 Call to Order, Preamble & Introductions 9:01am (Eric)**

**Preamble** - Today's meeting is a meeting of the entire CoC board. Any organization or person that has filled out our full membership application and paid CoC dues, if applicable, is considered a voting member of this group. Each agency should have one designated member who will vote on behalf of their agency.

With that being said, everyone here is a part of the Lake County Coalition for the Homeless. Everyone here works in some way to improve the lives of some of our most vulnerable neighbors and so everyone is encouraged to ask questions, provide input, and participate in the meeting by making motions. Thank you all for being here.

## **2.0 Spotlight Presentation (presentation was conducted after staff reports)**

Agency Spotlight: Family First Center- 10:19 AM

Rachel Chenier - Family First Center of Lake County - 2504 Washington Street Suite 603 Waukegan IL 60085 - Rachel@familyfirstcenter.org 224-421-0948- Non-profit agency in Waukegan, joined the coalition. Have partnered up with PADS of Lake county to provide Family Fun Day to over 30 children in shelter. The agency partnered up with Northern Illinois Food Bank and will be providing meals to children ages 3+. The agency will be to providing fun and youth empowerment sessions. Family First Center is a mobile agency and will offer free counseling, wellness groups and case management to those in need.

**2.1 Annual Coordinated Entry Assessment-** Brenda & Danielle: Discussed data achievements- sustained Functional Zero since December 2018 for the veteran population.

\*There were 564 Assessments completed in FY2023, a 19% increase from last year. \* 75% more families assessed in FY23 than in FY22. 53 \*Chronic at entry, an 18% decrease. \* 19 veterans, 35% increase. \*257 Family assessments 75% increase,

\*35 parenting youth 40% increase, and \*65 youth HoHs an 18% increase.

VI-SPDAT findings: 70% of households reported homelessness caused by breakdown of relationships \* 78% due to abuse or trauma \* 36% of families have 3 or more children \* 49% had police contact.

Assessments and referrals by race and ethnicity- There were more Hispanic/Latinos identifying clients in FY2023 than in previous years- Racial disparities in referrals: 54% Black make up 47% of referrals – Average days from match to housed decreased from 179 to 139 in FY23, overall time from matched to housed decreased.

Next Steps: Coordinated Entry to address issues, ask more questions.

<https://www.lakecountypartners.com/resources/lake-county-housing-analysis/>  
If you are interested in joining the Housing Action Team with Live Well Lake County, please email Jon Ashworth at Jon.Ashworth@lakecountyl.gov.

### **3.0 Approval of Minutes**

January- James motioned Gregorio 2<sup>nd</sup>- all in favor- Minutes approved.

**4.0 President's Remarks** – Eric- President expressed his appreciation for all providers, members, non-members. President encouraged members to ask questions.

**5.0 Treasurer's Report** – Kate: Actual balance \$ 10,968.17. **In May a new budget will be discussed for approval. New member applications will be sent in April via email.**

**6.0 Staff Report** – Brenda: Busting Barriers Event March 7<sup>th</sup> @10am. PIT count currently at 82 unsheltered, previous recorded-34, final count TBD. The county is working on a press strategy to address rising numbers. Funding opportunities-LOIs for LCHD reallocations are due 28<sup>th</sup>, State LOIs are due April 1<sup>st</sup> for state ESG. CoC coordinator hiring timeline-application screenings completed, Round 1- county staff interviews-Round 2 CoC & County in person interviews with top 3 candidates- Hiring decision later this month.

**7.0 Old Business-** None.

### **8.0 New Business**

**8.1 Election Results** – Jim: Elected, take office in May

Sindy Guerra- Secretary

Jason Menzi- Coordinated Entry chair

Karina Galindo – HMIS Chair

Gregorio Resendiz- Project Performance and Monitoring Committee Chair

Nestor Segun- Strategic Planning and Performance Committee Chair

Stephanie Schlappi- System Coordination & Entry Committee Chair

Jason Lenzi- Community Engagement, Advocacy, and Membership Committee Chair

**8.2 PSH Return Prioritization Proposal** – Stephanie: Request for change in policy PSH Return Prioritization proposal- discussion, chronic definitions.

Motion to approve change- Malin, Vail 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion approved.

### **9.0 Committee Reports**

**9.1 Community Engagement, Advocacy & Membership Committee** – Jim: Elections completed. Lived experience compensation plan completed, working on onboarding package. Next meeting After board meeting.

**9.2 Strategic Planning & System Performance** – Nestor: Last week 1<sup>st</sup> meeting CoC grant allocation, 2 applications, 29 households leases will be renewed. State funding applications to be discussed at the next meeting, TBD.

**9.3 Service Point (HMIS) Committee** – Danielle: Last meeting was cancelled. Next meeting will take place on March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2pm. Send Sarah F. an email if you would like to join the committee/meetings. SFeiger@lakecountyl.gov

**9.4** Monitoring & Project Performance Committee – Gregorio: Reallocation Letters sent out on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Next meeting: TBA.

**9.5** System Coordination & Entry Committee – Stephanie: Last meeting discussed Policy and Procedures, Housing Placement Workgroup. Next meeting: March 6<sup>th</sup>

**10.0 Agency Announcements/Member Comments:**

- Charles: stated that CoC could use more exposure to cities to become an active partner of making things better- Discussed LiveWell Lake County and it's housing initiatives. Added that there is a need for Call to Action to the community, discussed a possible presence at different fairs throughout the county, will continue conversation in CEAM meeting.
- Andrea: Reported CoC website issues-not user friendly, outdated information. Needs to be actively managed. – Discussed possible improvements with Danielle.
- Rachel : Thanked Andrea for recruitment efforts
- Ms. Pierre: Wants more problem solving.
- Membership application: <https://form.jotform.com/221014027323135>

**11.0 Adjournment: 10:53 am. Next meeting: May 7, 2024.**