



# Lake County Coalition for the Homeless Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday, September 5, 2017

**Time:** 9:00 am

**Place:** United Way of Lake County  
330 S. Greenleaf, Gurnee, IL 60031

## **1.0 Call to Order & Introductions:** Meeting was called to order at 9:05 am, The following were in attendance:

### **Present:**

David Allen, The Harbor  
Sondra Haney, Workforce Development  
Sue Shimon, Thresholds  
Reagan Piechowski, LCHD  
Carol Craig, LCHD  
Yareli Facundo, LCCD  
Brenda O'Connell, LCCD  
Eric Foote, LCCD  
Dave Fries, Catholic Charities  
Lisamarie Keskar, Catholic Charities  
Donna Drinka, Catholic Charities  
David Hipes, Catholic Charities  
Kate Ceithaml, Lake County Haven  
Charles Bassett  
Jim Menzer, ROE

Matt Tabar, ROE  
Mark Hansen, PADS  
Meghan Powell-Filler, PADS  
Joel Williams, PADS  
Alexandra Milkent, A Safe Place  
Vanessa Vargas-Ramirez, House of Peace  
Terri Moore, Community Action  
Partnership  
Amanda Williams, Cool Ministries  
Mindy Lindholm, Cool Ministries  
Susan Perlman, Prairie State Legal  
Sara Martinez, United Way  
Clint Van Winkle, Independence Center

## **2.0 Spotlight – Mental Health**

Sue Shimon from Thresholds gave a presentation about mental health and the services that Thresholds provides to those experiencing mental illness. 57 million people experience the effects of mental illness and 70-90% who receive treatment see a reduction or improvement in symptoms. There are typically more males in treatment as women are in caretaker positions and less likely to be in a position to seek out services. Thresholds provides a variety of services like Community Support, 1500 housing units, and supported employment. Any questions about services can be directed to the service center number 773-572-5500.

Lake County Health Department operates a crisis care program for individuals experiencing mental health crisis. Individuals can call the 24 hour hotline at 847-377-8088 when in psychiatric crisis or to reach the respite program. The Addictions Treatment Program has now expanded from 2 weeks to 28 days. Women's Residential Services provides 90 day integrated treatment for mental health and substance use disorders. The health department also has 2 drop in centers. Individuals wishing to get connected to service can call to schedule an intake appointment at the Grand or Libertyville office.

## **3.0 Approval of the Minutes**

The September Minutes were approved in a motion by Sue and seconded by Charles.

## **4.0 Treasurer's Report**

The treasurer's report was approved in a motion by Carol and seconded by Meghan.

## **5.0 Committee Reports**

- 5.1 **Strategic Planning** – The committee has been working on key indicators for a dashboard that will be presented in January.
- 5.2 **Community Engagement** – The committee continues to try to contact the Mayor of Waukegan for a meeting. Elections for Coalition offices are coming up early in 2018.
- 5.3 **ServicePoint (HMIS) Committee** – There is a ServicePoint training scheduled for February. The annual homeless assessment was completed in October. The new ServicePoint is scheduled to roll out sometime in the summer of 2018.
- 5.4 **Project Performance and Monitoring**– The committee reviewed the charter and is meeting at 1:30 pm next Thursday. Each funded agency is required to provide 1 monitor that will be required to attend a series of meetings and the actual monitoring of a site. There is a housing first assessment tool that agencies will be asked to use to complete a self assessment.
- 5.5 **System Coordination** –Meghan presented the Coordinated Entry Annual Report with updates on the system. We have had 36 successful placements from October 1- September 30<sup>th</sup>. The number of assessments has increased or maintained over the last 11 months. The most housing referrals happened between April and July. 28% unable to contact, 28% housed, 16% vacancies full, 12% of people self resolved, 5% declined by provider and 4% ineligible. Prior year 40% exited to other destinations and 60% permanent this year flipped with 66% going to other destinations and 34% to permanent.

## **6.0 Staff Report**

Certified quality by name list for vets and chronically homeless. 105 chronically homeless people housed since 2015.

SOAR – the goals for this year are to get 10 newly trained SOAR providers and complete 25 applications. Sam has been working on building partnerships and local process improvement. The next cohort will begin in late January.

## **7.0 New Business**

HMIS Fee Structure – was approved in a motion by Carol, seconded by Kate.

PIT Count Methodology - was approved in a motion by Sue and seconded by Dave.

Coordinated Entry Charter – was approved in a motion by Carol, seconded by Dave.

Project Performance and Monitoring Charter – was approved in motion by Clint seconded by Dave.

By-law amendments for review – if there is a vacancy in the first quarter the replacement needs to be approved by the full board after the first quarter the steering council can approve. The President and Treasurer need to be from different agencies. And the terms of the Executive Committee and the committee chairs will now be staggered to avoid having the whole Steering Council turn over in the same election.

## **8.0 Adjournment-** Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am