***The Iowa Council on Homelessness***

**MINUTES**

*v2, per corrections submitted on 7/19/19*

Friday, May 17, 10:00 a.m. – Noon

Location: Iowa Finance Authority, 1963 Bell Avenue (NEW LOCATION), Des Moines, Iowa

OR Conference Call: 866-685-1580; Code 515-725-4942 (press \*6 to mute; #6 to unmute)

**Meeting Minutes & Other Resources:** <http://www.iowafinanceauthority.gov/Home/DocumentSubCategory/243>

**I.** **Introductions**

*We are continuing to test a new check-in procedure for Iowa Council of Homelessness meetings. Participants will self-report attendance through a shared Google Sheet. To access this document, please click on the link below. Once the meeting has ended, the document will be closed and a PDF for accountability of attendance will be recorded. If you have problems logging in and recording your attendance, please email Carolyn Cobb at*[*carolyn.cobb@iowa.gov*](mailto:carolyn.cobb@iowa.gov)*. We hope this new process will save time during our meetings.*

**[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hXRD3V9GM-7W7bafBHrQJLIZf46PVdXnypuNUv\_srRQ/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1hXRD3V9GM-7W7bafBHrQJLIZf46PVdXnypuNUv_srRQ/edit?usp=sharing" \t "_blank)**

***or*** [**https://tinyurl.com/yyv3g5qf**](https://tinyurl.com/yyv3g5qf)

A quorum was established.

The meeting was opened by Chair Karin Ford.

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**Motion:** Dennis Lauterbach

**Second:** Carrie Moser

**Action:** Motion Passed

**III. Special Presentation: *Home, Together (***<https://www.usich.gov/home-together/>)*(Robert.pulster@usich.gov)*

Reported on Federal Strategic Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Also reported Iowa’s Homelessness numbers have gone down and a 27% decrease in Veterans Homelessness in Iowa.

There are Vouchers available for non-elderly disabled now.

**IV. Special Presentation: Brain Injury and Homelessness** (*James Pender, Iowa Department on Public Health)*

Brain Injuries are defined by Iowa Code. There are roughly 17,000 traumatic brain injuries a year. # 1 cause is falls, #2 is Auto Accident.

A new screening tool is being developed that will be helpful in determine if a homeless person has a brain injury. If the determination is made that there is an injury, this could lead to more sources for help

More information can be found at biaia.org (Brain Injury alliance of Iowa).

**V. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Report, Institute for Community Alliances** *(Pat Schacherer)*

* The Point in Time totals show a decrease overall in the unsheltered count.
* There was a large jump in chronic homeless population, slight decrease in Veterans and slight decrease in unsheltered youth.

**VI. Committee/Task Force Reports**

**Executive Committee** (Karin Ford)

* Committee met and discussed combining committees.
* The date for the 2020 Day on the Hill has been changed.
* Looking forward to having new consultant on board.
* There was some discussion of the process for selecting a new Council vice-chair. Two letters of interest were submitted for consideration, from Mariliegh Fisher and Ashley Odom. These were made available for consideration at the previous Executive Committee meeting; however the Executive Committee did not vote, but instead this decision was left to the full Council. However, the letters were not posted for the meeting today for the full Council to review. Therefore, the vote on vice-chair is tabled for the next meeting; letters will be posted in advance.

**Nominating Committee** (Ashley Odom)

* All seats should be filled by July 1, 2019
* Committee met to make recommendations and presented recommendations to council

**Continuum of Care Committee** (Dennis Lauterbach)

* The application is online now.
* Need a team of about 8 people with no conflict of interest to score the application.
* New projects review and scoring is set for August.
* The HMIS project applications is a competitive process, but since Institute for Community Alliances is the only provider, maybe there is no need to go through that competitive process. It was suggested to defer the decision.

**Coordinated Entry** (Carrie Moser)

* The data information from Institute for Community Alliance is a great help.
* Gary Wickering is taking over leadership of the committee in June when Carrie leaves.

**Research and Analysis** (David Hagen)

* Met on April 26th
* Received a nice report from Willis Dady.
* Looking at ways to better serve the Balance of State.

**Policy and Planning** (Crissy Canganelli)

* Met on the 10th
* Discussed upcoming work items and meeting again to discuss the new ESG/SAF Application.

**Public Awareness Committee** (co-chairs Tim Wilson and David Binner

* Tim Wilson reported the date for the 2020 Day on the Hill is March 4, 2020.

**VII HACAP Coordinated Entry Report** (Dusty Noble)

* There are changes to the Coordinated Entry Map. Check the ICA website.

**VIII. Iowa Finance Authority Staff Updates** (Amber Lewis)

* Two RFI’s have gone out. One for CoC Application Consultant and one for Council-CoC Governance.
* Currently working on Requests for Proposals for a consultant.
* New Travel requirement. Accounting Department will only accept mileage shown on Google Maps.

**IX. Old Business**

* None

**X. New Business**

* Denise Holst, *Family Alliance for Veterans of America* has a new program called Rapid Resolution. It is a grant for literally homeless veterans.

**XI. Public Comments**

* Karin Ford thanked Carrie Moser for her work with the council. Carrie is leaving us and moving to South Dakota.

**XII. Other Updates**

**XIII Next Meeting**: July 19, 2019

A Motion to adjourn was made and motion passed.