

# *The Iowa Council on Homelessness*

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

Friday, March 27, 2020, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: **Conference Call ONLY**: 866-685-1580; Code 515-725-4942

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### **Meeting Minutes & Other Resources:**

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- **Introductions**
  - Quorum was confirmed using the Google sign-in sheet
  
- **Approval of Agenda (*Action Item*)**
  - Motion: Tim
  - Second: Dennis
  - Unanimously approved
  
- **Approval of Minutes from January 24, 2020 (*Action Item*)**
  - Motion: Ben
  - Second: Dennis
  - Unanimously approved
  
- **Committee/Task Force Reports (*chairs provided brief written reports, which were posted online in advance as resources*)**
  - **Executive Committee (*Karin Ford*)**
    - *Met on 2/21/2020*
    - Angie Arthur: Comment: Funnel week this year didn't happen because the legislature adjourned early due to Covid-19.
    - Appointment of new CoC Interim Board; will discuss later in agenda.
  
  - **Nominating Committee (*Ashley Odom*)**
    - Some terms will be ending on June 30<sup>th</sup>.
    - Will need a state employee representative to fill the vice-chair position upcoming in July.
    - Will meet next on April 8<sup>th</sup>.
  
  - **Continuum of Care Committee (*Dennis Lauterbach*)**
    - *Met on 2/11/20 & 3/10/20*
    - Annual CoC Grantee Meeting – may be virtual instead and pared down; more details to come.

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- Julie: Still working with HUD field office and IFA to transition the CoC Planning Grant. Julie shared that the new CoC Interim Board positions have all been confirmed. ICA will be calling a first meeting of this board soon.
- CoC Tier 2 awards were made by HUD.
  
- **Coordinated Entry** (*Gary Wickering*)
  - *Met on 2/18/20 & 3/17/20*
  - Postponed a planned human trafficking training.
  - Change in leadership of CoC; Courtney Guntly will be new CoC director, and a new Coordinated Entry team lead will be hired by ICA.
  - Discussed a change in the usual Coordinated Entry process to quickly rehouse some people out of shelter to reduce shelter crowding in response to Covid-19.
  
- **Research and Analysis Committee** (*David Hagen*)
  - No report.
  
- **Policy & Planning** (*Crissy Canganelli*)
  - No report.
  
- **Public Awareness Committee** (*Tim Wilson*)
  - *Met on 2/10/20 & 3/16/20*
  - Day on the Hill: March 4, 2020. See written update.
  - Next meeting will be April 13<sup>th</sup>.
  
- **Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Report, Institute for Community Alliances** (*Gary Wickering*)
  - System Performance Measures dashboard up and running for the entire state.
  - New Covid-19 shelter screening tool available to use (optional).
  - Karen Hyatt asked if also available for PATH; yes, available for all.
  
- **Information & Updates**
  - Housing for Rural Iowans (*Mary Juergens, USDA*)
    - Mary Juergens provided information about several programs offered through USDA, including multi-family housing programs, the 504 Program, the 502 Program, and the home loan guarantee program. See resources posted to accompany the meeting.
    - Most small towns and rural areas qualify. Mission to serve low-income residents obtain decent safe and sanitary dwelling, either an apartment or purchasing a home.
    - For questions, Mary may be reached directly at (515) 284-4493 or mary.juergens@usda.gov, or a more general line at (515) 284-4444.
  
  - COVID-19 response in Dubuque (*earlier scheduled discussion postponed regarding Manufactured/Mobile Home Park practices; Jess Bleile*)

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- Jess Bleile shared how Dubuque is handling the emergency response in their community. The Community Foundation is raising funds; United Way is focused on keeping nonprofits and others aware of what's happening. Looking at basic needs currently. For recovery, will be looking at making sure nonprofits stay viable to provide services. Jess encouraged communities to reach out to their local United Way organizations for support if/when needed. They are also willing to share documents and information regarding what they are doing in Dubuque if other communities would like this kind of support.
- New grant for the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) (*Michele Tilota, IDPH*)
  - Michele Tilota provided an update on this new grant. Michele is the current project officer until they hire someone longer-term as project director. Just awarded in January, 2½ years after applying for the grant.
  - Focused on evidence-based treatments and peer support.
  - Six counties are included as the focus of the grant: Polk, Linn, Scott, Johnson, Black Hawk, and Story.
  - An RFP will be coming, to go to seven substance use treatment providers; it will be posted to IowaGrants.gov when available.
  - There was a question about who IDPH worked with to develop the proposal: Michele responded that IDPH worked within the department, with Karen Hyatt at the Department of Human Services, and with some substance use treatment providers.
- New opportunity for shelter rehabilitation through federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) (*Dan Narber, Iowa Economic Development Authority*)
  - Dan Narber provided an overview of program requirements. Funding is from HUD, part of it is for Community Facilities and Services Fund, where they can fund projects to provide a public service. One activity is construction or rehabilitation of homeless shelters. Bricks and mortar program only, not for operations or maintenance. Federal guidelines make cities or counties only eligible applicants, but these entities can apply on behalf of a nonprofit.
  - Application cycle opened recently and they are currently taking applications through IowaGrants.gov system. May begin reviewing applications in July.
  - They will review in the order they are received, and funded until funding runs out. Is a competitive program, so may be reviewed and scored in comparison to some other types of projects.
  - Question how much funding is available: Up to \$2m available in program overall. May apply from between about \$200k up to \$800k.
  - Question about eligible cities; eligible applicants are cities up to 50,000 in population, or counties.
- Presentation from Linn County Public Awareness Committee – *postponed until later meeting*
- 2020 Iowa-Nebraska HUD Homelessness Symposium – postponed until 2021

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- **Iowa Finance Authority Staff Updates** (*Amber Lewis*)
  - Date of next meeting – May 15, 2020
  - Reference: Iowa Code Chapter 68B: Government Ethics and Lobbying: Will post as a reference for Council members, as relates to advocacy, education, and awareness events such as the Homelessness Awareness Day on the Hill.
  - Transfer of HUD Continuum of Care Planning Grants: This is proceeding, as Julie Eberbach described earlier.
  - Appears there will be significant additional Emergency Solutions Grant funding in the new federal stimulus bill, if passed today or tomorrow as anticipated.
  
- **Old Business**
  - None.
  
- **New Business**
  - Steve Eggleston from the HUD Des Moines office provided a few updates about items happening at the federal level:
    - 2020 HUD Iowa-Nebraska Peer-to-Peer Symposium postponed until 2021; thanks to those that participated in early planning.
    - Temporary eviction moratorium relating to some federally-backed mortgages.
    - Monitoring the anticipated new stimulus package.
  - Scott Mather provided an update from Iowa Workforce Development: Very busy right now, processing applications and taking unemployment claims over the phone. Lots of questions relating to new federal unemployment benefits, but the stimulus package hasn't yet been passed.
  - Amber Lewis asked for input on launching a series of peer-to-peer calls for providers and other community stakeholders to share how they are responding to Covid-19 (ideas, needs, successes, etc.). Ben Brustkern and Angie Arthur expressed support.
  
- **Public Comments**
  
- **Next Meeting:** Friday, May 15, 2020
  
- **Adjourn**
  - Motion: Ben
  - Unanimously approved

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