



Crawford County Housing Meeting

October 9, 2024

9:00 AM

Notes

Topic	Notes
Introductions	Via Zoom: Ryan Graham, Samantha Martin, Seth Reynolds, Nate Gilberts, Amanda Schultz, Monica Horner, Jada Duncanson, Amanda Griswold, Mark Lee, Miranda Klosterboer, Dan McWilliams, Dana Casberg, Becky Koske, Leigh Polodna, Roby Fuller, Sara Tedeschi, Sheri Bowar, Melanie Prew and Tahra Ferguson
Presentation/ Updates:	
Ryan Graham, Homeless Systems Manager WI Balance of State Continuum of Care	Presented on the CoC structure and purpose. Identified Crawford County as being in the Coulee Coalition with Vernon, Monroe and La Crosse counties. Discussed the definition of homeless - WI BOS uses the HUD definition that includes 4 categories and prioritization versus the schools that use the McKinney-Vento homeless definition. Discussed Housing First both as a philosophy and as a project. Homeless Crisis Response System discussed as well as Coordinated Entry (CE). Essentially a triage system that prioritizes those with high risk and vulnerability (die or be victimized due to their homeless situation) and ensures that they are housed first. Ryan gave an overview of the programs within CE:
Becky Koske, Housing & Community Services Director Couleecap Dana Casberg, Couleecap	Overview of Couleecap Housing Programs: permanent supportive housing (40 units with case management), homeless prevention services (motel vouchers, security deposit assistance, 1st months' rent), SOAR (Social Security Access and Recovery Program has case mgmt. element), Access to Work Program (La Crosse County CCS program, currently on hold), Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA - case mgmt. provided by partner agency that referred).
Emergency Food and Shelter Program	Next meeting is scheduled for 10/10/24 @ 10:00 am. Request for applications was advertised; deadline was last week. Applications will be reviewed at the meeting tomorrow.
Areas of Work Updates:	-
Direct Services	Has not met since the last large meeting.

Coordination Group	
New Development Work Group	Summary provided by Mark Lee regarding the group's most recent activities which included a tour of Crawford County on 9/18/24 of shovel ready sites that could possibly be used for future development - already zoned and have utilities in place. Discussed wanting to increase the group participation to include builders and other interested parties.
General Discussion	The Wisconsin Site Evaluation Program at the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is seeking applications from community-based organizations (CBOs) interested in addressing environmental health hazards and their impact on housing. We are offering mini grants of up to \$15,000 each to help CBOs implement new, innovative, expanded, or enhanced interventions to increase tenant and homeowner environmental health literacy. Health equity and environmental justice are priorities and should be at the center of the project planning and implementation.
Next Steps	UW presentation on the research being done with regard to rural housing (Contact: Amanada Griswold) Agencies should contact Ryan Graham or Abigail Jeffers to be referral sources for the Coordinated Entry system.
Next Meeting	January 8, 2024 @ 9:00 am in the Crawford County Administration Building