 **Full Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Date:**  Thursday, January 19, 2023

**Time:** 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

**Location: NIHC Returned to In-Person Meetings. Virtual option listed below.**

Winnebago County Health Department

Room 115

555 N. Court Street, Rockford, IL 61103

Note: Masks required at all times. HEPA filters cleaning the air in the meeting room as an additional layer of mitigation. Distant seating arrangement due to COVID protocol

Northern Illinois Homeless Coalition Meeting  
Thursday, January 19, 2023: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM  
**Remote Option:**Zoom joining info<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89656947564?pwd=Y205N01CdVQzNHVFYnN4VHJDMGxSQT09>  
Meeting ID: 896 5694 7564  
Passcode: 281254

**Present**: Kira Devin, Joyce Williams, Mike Hedrick, Laura Ortiz, Jennifer Yochem, Angela Wood, Cassandra Barnett, Todd Kisner, Angie Walker, Sarah Parker-Scanlon, Shelton Kay, Kelci Cox Raney, Paula Lind, Emily Schwartz, Sarah Brinkman, Lesly Wicks, Melissa Crowell, Karina Williams, Joseph Winford, Tessa Slough, Josh Zimmerman, Shannon Kopp, Patti Floyd, Tiana Cook, Glory Borsema, Olga Ivari, Chris Riehlmann

**Agenda Items:**

1. Call to order at 3:01 pm
2. 12/15/22 Meeting Minutes
   1. 1st – Kira; 2nd – Shelton - unanimous approval
3. HMIS Lead Agency
   1. Submitted LMSA on-time
   2. Reviewing reports
   3. Data migration to new system
4. Treasurer’s Report
   1. $1,848.67
5. HOME ARP Planning – Sarah Brinkmann (handout)
   1. Hired W. F. N Consultants and reaching out to partners regarding input to secure housing
      1. Homesless, risk, fleeing domestic violence
      2. A chance to give feedback
      3. One time grant
      4. Interviews are easy and painless, a few questions
6. Non-Congregate Shelters, Shelter Occupancy – Angie Walker
   1. Meeting with Mike and Pastor Becky
   2. Mission is at capacity for the last 6 months and hoteling individuals – no money available – 30 people
   3. Has gone through sign in sheet from Becky, many new people, wanting to find out where the new people are coming from
   4. Grand have 4 – 6 units available
   5. Harbor House has 3 openings
      1. Mental Health treatment – engaged with Case Management
7. Mainstream Vouchers – NI ReACH
   1. 10 Mainstream Vouchers in Winnebago County
   2. 38 Mainstream Vouchers in Boone County
   3. Ability to port through Boone County
8. Committee Updates
   1. Coordinated Entry
      1. Met last Thursday, meeting again the 2nd Thursday in March
      2. Put together training to teach about coordinated entry
   2. Built for Zero (formally Chronic Homeless)
      1. Met 1st Friday of month
      2. Trying to get people housed
   3. Membership, Ed & Public Relations
      1. Homeless Memorial – Park District was great, interested in partnering next year
      2. Focus in February will be membership and information packets for new members
   4. Equity and Diversity
      1. Waiting for a reply from NIU regarding training
      2. Creating a registration process and location
      3. Dates 4/18 – 4/21 once we have a definite date, we can get the contract and move forward
      4. Board voted to move forward with the training
9. COVID-19 Update
   1. Community level transmission is dropping as well as the flu, still be cautious
10. Agency Updates/Announcements
    1. Point in Time – Monday at 3 pm for 24 hours
       1. Finalizing street count group
       2. Email will be sent out – please share with staff
       3. Training on Monday at 10 am on zoom
       4. If you use HMIS, Joyce will gather the information
       5. If you don’t use HMIS, Joyce will work with you one-on-one
       6. Drop in centers – you can do surveys with those that drop in
    2. Chris and Olga from Resolution Systems Institute - eviction mediation
    3. St. Vincent DePaul new call in line: 815-986-5825
    4. Tiana Cook – DHS
       1. Returning to pre-pandemic benefits for SNAP in March
       2. Cares act increased SNAP to $95 with pandemic and will be stopped at the end of February
    5. Landlords group/income updates – Kira sending out fact sheets on topics
       1. Source of income is added as a protected class
          1. Landlords can’t say they don’t take Section 8 – along with other rental assistance
          2. Complaint can be filed under this new law
       2. Kira was a guest at the Rockford Landlords Association Meeting
          1. Landlords are not excited about new law
          2. Concerned about accepting Section 8
          3. Concerns regarding General Assistance delays
       3. Refer clients to Prairie State in regards to Fair Housing Issues
11. Adjournment at 4:25
    1. 1st – Kira; 2nd – Laura