

Iowa Council on Homelessness
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2009

Voting Members or their Alternates Attending

LaDean Ahrens	<i>Family Resource Center</i>	Jeff Gronstal	<i>Ia. Dept. of Public Health</i>
Allan Axeen	<i>HACAP</i>	Ann Hearn	<i>Linn Co. Comm. Services</i>
Alt – Darlene Brickman	<i>Ia. Dept. of Econ. Dev.</i>	Alt – Joseph Jones	<i>Ia. Finance Authority</i>
Ben Bruskern	<i>Cedar Valley Friends of Family</i>	Jennifer Manders	<i>Project Concern</i>
Christina Canganelli	<i>Shelter House</i>	Gordon Miller	<i>Ia. Dept. of Public Safety</i>
Ann Davidson	<i>YWCA of Ft. Dodge</i>	Patrick Nestvedt	<i>Catholic Charities</i>
Susan Dawson	<i>Allen College</i>	Ernie Owen	<i>Ia. Dept. of Corrections</i>
Donna Eggleston	<i>Ia. Dept. of Education</i>	Donna Phillips	<i>Ia. Atty General's Office</i>
Kelli Foltz	<i>Ia. Dept. of Vet's Affairs</i>	Bob Steben	<i>Ia. Dept. of Vet's Affairs</i>
Alt – Ellen Fritz	<i>Ia. Dept. of Workforce Dev.</i>	Robert Uhl	<i>Consumer</i>
Melissa Fulton	<i>Consumer</i>	Eric Wilson	<i>American Trust & Svgs.</i>

Voting Members Absent

Bill Brand	<i>Ia. Dept. of Human Rights</i>	Cheryl Connot Perez	<i>I.S.U. Extension</i>
Bob Brownell	<i>ISAC</i>	Tom Schmit	<i>Comm. & Fam. Resources</i>
Lori Elam	<i>Scott Co. Community Svcs.</i>	Reginald Schmitt	<i>Iowa League of Cities</i>
Rebecca Falk	<i>SEIDA Community Action</i>	Nancy Schulze	<i>Heartland Family Svcs.</i>
Mario Hayslett	<i>Hanson House</i>	Steffani Simbric	<i>Iowa State University</i>
Deirdra Henriquez	<i>Primary Health Care</i>	Nicki Stajcar	<i>Ia. Dept. of Elder Affair</i>
Karen Hyatt	<i>Ia. Dept. of Human Svcs.</i>	James Walker	<i>Keys to Awareness & Assoc</i>
Julianne Marken	<i>Shelby Co. Outreach</i>	Harry Waller	<i>MOHM's Place</i>

Others Present

Yvonne Baldwin	<i>Ottumwa Outreach</i>	Joan Hill	<i>YWCA</i>
Dennis Ball	<i>Youth & Shelter Svcs.</i>	Sarah Hood	<i>YWCA</i>
Zeb Beilke-McCallum	<i>Ia. Coalition Against DV</i>	Jesse Hurley	<i>HACAP</i>
Sheri Bradford	<i>Youth & Shelter Svcs.</i>	Mike Keesler	
Sister Charla	<i>Domestic Violence Prog.</i>	Fred Lemke	<i>Ia. Veterans Home</i>
Pat Cramer		Roberta Molenski	
Carrie Dunnard	<i>Youth & Shelter Svcs.</i>	Julie Williams	<i>Humility of Mary Shelter</i>
Tracy Eckstrum	<i>Catherine McCulley Ct.</i>	Tim Wilson	<i>Willis Dade Emerg. Shelter</i>
David Epley	<i>House Democratic Staff</i>	Erin Wright	<i>Ia. Inst. For Comm. Alliances</i>
Becky Flores	<i>Dept. of Human Services</i>	Woody	
		Andy	<i>YWCA</i>

Iowa Finance Authority Staff

Lyle Schwery – Homeless Programs Coordinator
Judy Hartman – Administrative Assistant

I. Introductions

Introductions were made by those present at the remote ICN sites and the Host site by conference call. A quorum was established.

II. ICN Etiquette Overview

Lyle Schwery reminded everyone on the usage of the ICN network

Chairman Manders called the September 19, 2009 meeting of the Iowa Council on Homelessness to order at 10:15 a.m.

III Approval of Agenda

Chairman Manders introduced the agenda for the September 18, 2009 meeting

Action: On Motion by Jeff Gronstal and seconded by Sue Dawson, the council approved the agenda

IV Approval of Minutes

Council was unable to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2009 meeting. They were not available for review on the web site.

V. Committee/Taskforce Reports

Executive Committee Report

Chairman Manders stated letters will be going out to those board members that have missed meetings regarding their attendance. An attendance list will also be e-mailed out prior to each monthly meeting.

Nominating Committee

No report

Continuum of Care

Sue Dawson reported that Nofa has not been published yet. Register on HUD.gov website to get auto notification for when the Super Nofa is published. Also there are lots of webcasts there.

Policy and Planning

Christina Canganelli stated she and Doug Keast have been in touch and when the document is in final form, they will send it out, hopefully in advance of the next meeting.

Public Awareness

Events:

9/18/09 Sleepout in Dubuque
9/18/09 Sleepout in Burlington
10/14/09 Reggie Sleepout
1/14/10 Legislative Breakfast (tentative date)

Lyle Schwery requested that if you have knowledge of any events being held around the state to e-mail them to Nicki Stajcar and himself

Jeff Gronstal reported the Stand Down was a great event

Research and Analysis

Al Axeen stated the report will go to the Governor soon and wanted to thank the Institute and everyone involved. It is currently at press. It is a good product and should be distributing copies next week. After it has gone to the Governor's office, a PDF copy will be posted on the web page.

HMIS Report

Erin Wright attending on behalf Dave and Julie Eberbach

There is a lot of ramping up for HPRP. Set ups for HPRP have gone out. There was a webinar yesterday. They have to work on the report model. Otherwise it is pretty well done.

He is actively interviewing for Mobility study.

Lyle also reminded everyone that attended the Iowa Finance Authority Housing Conference to complete their surveys and return them. We are interested in your ideas.

VI.Reports/Activities

Homeless Coordinator

Lyle Schwery reported there will be an application workshop for the Homeless Assistance Program on October 21, at 10:00 a.m.,

Changes are coming in 2010. He will send out list of ICN sites available prior to the training.

HPRP contracts must be back to IFA by 9/25/09. The program will be up and running on 10/1/09

There were 16 awards made from the I-jobs Public Service Shelter Grants, which is for new construction and/or renovation.

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Lyle Schwery is reviewing the number of sites used for ICN.

VII Public Comments

Zebulon Beilke-McCallum with the Iowa Coalition against Domestic Violence asked about HMIS w/HPRP funds and privacy. How is HMIS going to track individuals when they are referred. Lyle explained that HPRP does not refer.

VIII Old Business

Gordon Miller inquired about how the new sex offender law has affected the shelters
Bob Steben stated they were able to help 1,664 people and did not turn any one away. It was held for three days.

The Veterans stand down is always held the week end after Labor day

Ann Hern stated there was a Stand Down held in Cedar Rapids the 2nd weekend in Sept and they were able to help 72 veterans and 39 non veterans.

IX New Business

Date of next meeting is Friday, November 20, 2009 at 10:00 A.M.

Jeff Gronstal made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Gordon Miller