

Iowa Council on Homelessness
Meeting Minutes
January 16, 2009

Voting Members Present

Allen Axeen-HACAP	Ben Brustkern-Cedar Valley Friends of the Family Program
Ann Davidson-YWCA Fort Dodge	Rebecca Falck-SEIDA Community
Dr. Susan Dawson-Allen Collage	Jeff Gronstal-Dept. of Public Health
Kelli Foltz-Dept of Veteran Affairs	Douglas Keast-Dept. of Workforce Devel
Ann Hearn-Linn County	Patrick Nestvedt- Catholic Charities
Gordon Miller-Dept of Public Safety	Tom Schmit-Comm. of Family Resources
Donna Phillips-IA Attorney Gen. Office	Nicki Stajcar-Dept. of Elder Affairs
Steffani Simbric-IA State University	James Walker- Keys to Awareness
Bob Steben-Dept. of Veteran Affairs	Darlene Brickman- Dept of Economic Dev.
Donna Eggleston-Dept. of Education	
Tina Hochwender- League of Cities	

Voting Members Absent

Jennifer Manders-Project Concern	Bill Brand-Dept. of Human Rights
Anne Brown-Dept. of Corrections	Jean Brown-Central Iowa Shelter & Serv
Bob Brownell- ISAC	Christina M. Canganelli-Shelter House
Cheryl Connot Perez-City of Sioux City	Lori Elam-Scott Co. Comm. Services
Diane Foss-Dept of Economic Devel.	Melissa Fulton-Consumer Action Agency
Mario Hayslett-Criminal Justice Ministries	Karen Hyatt- DHS
Janice Loving- Consumer	Joe O'Hern-Iowa Finance Authority
Reginald Schmitt-Iowa League of Cities	Nancy Schulze-Heartland Family Services
Robert Uhl-Consumer	Harry Waller-MOHM's Place
Eric Wilson-American Trust & Savings	Mike Wood-Mental Heath Asso

Others Present

Roberta Lynski- Youth & Child Services	Ruby McGraw- Domestic Services Burlington
Jennifer Tibits- Catherine McCulley Ct	Janelle Staff-Mature Action Corp.
Carrie Grunwald-YSS	Dennis Ball- Youth Shelter Care
Sister Charla-Domestic Violence Prog.	Dawn Haphab- Co Chair COC
David Hicks-	Julie Eberbach- IA.Inst.for Comm Alli
David Eberbach-IA.Inst.for Comm.Allis	Irene Mitchell-- IA.Inst.for Comm Alli
Tom Redon-Dept of Edu Headstart	Melissa Knowles- Primary Health Care
Matt Mckibbet- Catholic Charities	Barbra Pitts-YWCA Des Moines
Becky Flores-Dept of Human Services	

Iowa Finance Authority Staff

Lyle Schwery-Homeless Programs Coordinator Deb Nichols-Administrative Assistant

Call to Order & Introductions

Vice-Chairman Miller called the January 16, 2009 meeting of the Iowa Council on Homelessness to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions were made by those present at the host and remote ICN sites and by Conference call.

A quorum was established.

Lyle Schwery gave an over view of ICN Etiquette

Approvals

January 16, 2009 Agenda

Vice-Chairman Miller introduced the agenda for the January 16, 2009 meeting.

Motion: On a motion by Jeff Gronstal, second by Donna Phillips, the council unanimously approved the January 16, 2009 Agenda.

January 16, 2009 Minuets

Vice-Chairman Miller introduced the Minuets of November 21, 2008 meeting.

Motion: On motion by Jeff Gronstal, second by Donna Phillips, the Council unanimously approved the November 21, 2008 minuets.

Executive Committee Report

Lyle Schwery stated that Executive Committee met on January 2, 2009. The Executive Committee has agreed that the ICN meetings have been shorten to 1&1/2 hours to cut down on the cost.

Also the Administrative rules have been approved by the IFA Board and passed on.

Matt White with ABT Associates gave an overview of what they do to assist with our AHAR program. The project was requested by HUD to get a better understanding of where the homeless is getting started and to see where the need may be needed the most. Motion by Al Axeen, for approval of getting this information out to the whole council body. Second by Jeff Gronstall.

Nominating Report

James Walker stated the there will be elections for voting memberships or filling memberships and still waiting on Governor's recommendations. Terms are expiring and there will be a meeting set in February to address this issue.

Continuum of Care

Susan Dawson reports that they are working on the process for the application procedures.

Lyle states that the collection of information is going to be different and they are still working on how they are going to collect the data in the future.

Scoring will be out in about two weeks.

Policy & Planning

Doug Keast states there will be Co- Chairs for the policy & planning Committee. The committee is planning another Strategic Planning meeting in a few months. They will be working a comprehensive plan for Iowa in regards to homeless for the next year.

The committee is also looking for more members to attend these meetings.

Public Awareness

Nicki Stajcar states that the Legislative breakfast was a great hit . And it seemed that the location helped with being more visible to the public. She recommends that the committee does this again next year.

Research and Analysis

Allen Axeen reminded everyone of the Point in Time Training on January 21, 2009.

Report will be done on January 28, 2009.

Meeting will be set for next month to finalize everything.

HMIS Report

David Eberbach reported that state wide homelessness is down by 66% nationwide.

Had a slide show presentation showing how the report was compiled.

Head Start Reauthorization Grant Presentation

Tom Rendon gave a slide presentation of Head Start's Role in the Homelessness issue.

Presentation and handouts were forwarded via e-mail to council members.

Homeless Coordinator

Lyle Schwary reported that there was 126 HAP applications received and that they are currently out to the reviewer's. Funding recommendations will be made sometime in March.

There is less funding this year verses last year.

Some ICN sites will be discontinued for use as no one has been at these sites. And different ones may be added.

Old Business

No old business

New Business

No new business

Adjourn

Next meeting will be March 20, 2009.

Vice-Chairman Miller called the meeting to an end. Jeff Gronstall 2nd the motion