



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 5, 2026
Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM
Location: **Virtual option listed below:**
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85968097899?pwd=0Waw55dELVYw1Xr8W8sD8CEXJs48iJ.1>
Meeting ID: 859 6809 7899 Passcode: 693156

Present: Todd Kisner, Adam Smith, Emily Schwartz, Laura Ortiz, Sarah Parker-Scanlan, Heather Beaufil, Angie Walker, Kurt Pazdra, David Seigel, Casey Bachochin, Sarah White, Shannon Kopp, Ericka Potter, Jennifer Yochem, Tynisha Clegg, Doug Johnson, Angela Wood-Zuzevich

Agenda Items:

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Call to order – 3:03 pm
- II. Review of Mission Statement
- III. Guest(s)/Public Participation
- IV. February Meeting Minutes Approval
 - a. Any corrections or additions
 - i. 1st - Casey; 2nd – Tynisha; unanimously approved
- V. Old Business
 - a. 100 Day Challenge – Shelter Diversion Project
 - i. Kicked off on Monday, first meeting with be next Wednesday
 - ii. Let Angie know if you’re interested in joining
 - iii. Added more stakeholders, different than the last challenge, looking at programs and how to divert individuals from the homeless system
 - iv. Goal is 60 families targeted populations are 51+ and families with teenagers
 - b. Monthly Agency Presentations
 - i. March – IRIS Presentation/Demonstration by Robert Jones (Rosecrance)
 - ii. April – looking for suggestions
 1. Angie suggested Live4Loli
- VI. New Business
 - a. Northwest Illinois Deflection Initiative (See attached documents)
 - i. Primarily we receive 98% of our referrals from Law Enforcement
 - ii. Discuss how we can possibly use you as a housing resource for our clients
- VII. Reports
 - a. Chair / Vice Chair
 - i. Letter of Support
 1. Veteran’s Path to Hope
 2. Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans
 3. Goodwill Industries of Northern Illinois (Denial)



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- ii. NIHC Policy Draft
 - b. Treasurer
 - i. Current Balance - \$3,917.61
 - 1. Withdrawals - \$0/ Deposits - \$450
 - ii. Update on Membership Applications received to date – 10
 - c. HMIS Lead Agency
 - i. PIT data has been checked with all agencies and ready to submit
 - d. Collaborative Applicant
 - i. Coming up with MOUs
 - ii. State ESG is moving to 3-year
 - e. Current shelter capacity
 - i. Hope Haven – men’s – 3; women’s - full
 - ii. Rockford Rescue Mission – at capacity in men’s; women’s - 4
 - iii. Remedies – 1 opening
 - iv. Safe Passage – at capacity
 - v. Youth Services Network – openings in boys, girls and transitional for boys and girls
 - vi. DeKalb Youth Homeless Shelter – male – 3; 4 female
 - vii. Comprehensive Community Solutions
 - viii. DeKalb Warming Center – 10 – 15 people a night; closes on 3/15/26
 - ix. Overnight Café (Closed March 2)
 - x. Current Unsheltered Count
- VIII. Committee Updates – Since Full Membership Meeting
 - a. Case Conferencing Committees
 - b. Built for Zero
 - c. Membership, Ed & Public Relations
 - d. JEDI
 - e. Day/Night Warming Centers (Adhoc) – No longer meeting as the Café is closed for the season
 - f. Where’s the Funds? (WTF) (Adhoc)
- IX. Public Health Update
 - a. Meningococcal Disease in the Homeless Update
 - i. Rockford Rescue Mission Outreach
- X. Agency Updates/Announcements
 - a. YSN has been notified that some of their programs are going to be taken over by DCFS by July 1.
 - b. Received email regarding advocacy date for a proposed budget cut for CoC funding
- XI. Adjournment –
 - a. 1st – David; 2nd – Jennifer; unanimously approved