



Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, February 5, 2026

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Location: **In-Person Meeting Location:**

Winnebago County Health Department
555 North Court, Room 115, Rockford, IL 61103

Virtual option below:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86503317054?pwd=82rBEyjJhkvPJ6u6HAkaGP0GiHEDN4.1>

Meeting ID: 865 0331 7054

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Present: Todd Kisner, Adam Smith, Emily Schwartz, Mike Hedrick, Laura Ortiz, Alberto Carrion, Sarah Parker-Scanlan, Angie Walker, Kurt Pazdra, David Seigel, Casey Bachochin, Sarah White, Shannon Kopp, Ericka Potter, Jennifer Yochem, Tynisha Clegg

Agenda Items:

- I. Welcome and Introductions
 - a. Call to order – 3:01 pm
- II. Review of Mission Statement
- III. Guest(s)/Public Participation
- IV. January Meeting Minutes Approval
 - a. Any corrections or additions
 - b. 1st - Sarah; 2nd – Albert; unanimously approved
- V. Old Business
 - a. FY24-FY25 NOFO Request
 - i. Submitted 2/02/2026
 - ii. THANK YOU Angie!
- VI. New Business
 - a. FY26 HUD Budget
 - i. All funding should be for renewing programs, drop from 90 – 60.
 - b. 100 Day Challenge – Shelter Diversion
 - i. Met yesterday, how to get homeless connected through SPOE and agencies
 - ii. Focusing on Families with Children and Seniors
 - iii. Looking at ways for opportunities for shelter diversion; goal dates 2/24-25
 - c. Monthly Agency Presentations
 - i. Family Services Agency – February
 1. Youth Homeless Shelter
 - a. Officially opened last wee
 - ii. Suggestions for March, etc.
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2. The Workforce Connection – Emily will reach out
3. Angie working on Public Aide
- d. Illinois Homeless Mortality and Morbidity Report 2017-2023
 - i. Like to full report in public health update
 - ii. Adam states they can conduct a deeper dive with vital records; HMIS can match with vial records for cause of death

VII. Reports

- a. Chair / Vice Chair
- b. Treasurer
 - i. Current Balance - \$3,467.61
 1. Deposit - \$250 /Expenditures - \$0
 - ii. Update on membership applications received to date
- c. HMIS Lead Agency
 - i. HUD system performance measures will be starting in March
 - ii. Joyce is working on data clean up from the PIT, there were 21 unsheltered over the three counties
- d. Collaborative Applicant
 - i. State ESG sent out a link for the Caper report and is due 2/13
 - ii. Extensions for the ESG are going out
 - iii. NOFO was submitted along with the letters of interests
 - iv. Sending out risk assessments/contracts
 - v. Sub recipient contracts are done and will be sent out as well
- e. Current shelter capacity
 - i. Hope Haven – at capacity and working off waitlist (30 men, 10 single women, 3 mothers, and 8 children)
 - ii. Rockford Rescue Mission – Men’s at capacity; Women’s – 3 open beds
 - iii. Remedies
 - iv. Safe Passage (Full – 21 adults/3 kids)
 - v. Youth Services Network – Boys – full; space in girls
 - vi. DeKalb Warming Center – 12 – 14 per night
 - vii. Overnight Café – 67 last night
 - viii. Current Unsheltered Count



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2/5/2026	Total	Unsheltered	Shelter	Unknown/ other
Veterans	3	1	0	2
Chronically homeless	3	3	0	0
Youth (16-24)	16	5	11	0
Families w/children	30	5	25	0
Single adult(s)	198	88	110	0
Total	250	102	146	2

VIII. Committee Updates – Since Full Membership Meeting

- a. Case Conferencing Workgroups
 - i. Stated we were going to be more intentional and currently not making progress or getting the detailed information needed
- b. Built for Zero
- c. Membership, Ed & Public Relations
- d. JEDI
 - i. Built report to compare snapshot of possible services changes due to the orders, have not altered who is receiving services
- e. Day/Night Warming Centers (Adhoc)
- f. Where’s the Funds? (Adhoc)

IX. Public Health Update

- a. New Report Highlights Disproportionate Health Risks Faced by Illinois’ Homeless Population
- b. https://dph.illinois.gov/resource-center/news/2026/january/release-20260130.html?utm_source=IPHAM+Newsletter&utm_campaign=74730b077f-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_20240730_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_2a4acb4f45-74730b077f-79099336

X. Agency Updates/Announcements

- a. DeKalb’s Community Action assisted 3 out-of-town individuals with transportation to get them to a safe place and sheltered.

XI. Adjournment – 3:39 pm

- a. 1st - Mike; 2nd – Sarah; unanimously approved