

Minutes from the 1/27/2017 ICH Iowa Council of Homelessness Public Awareness Meeting

9:30 AM

Attendees: Charla Schafer, Paige Boyer, Tim Wilson, Karen Hyatt, Diogenes Ayala and David Binner

The meeting was a follow up to the earlier meeting that was held Monday January 9, 2017, so that we could better coordinate activities prior to the February meeting. David Binner moderated the discussion and used the 1/9/2017 agenda as the basis of discussion

- First was a follow up on Points in Time Count – Muscatine successfully held their first points in time count and the Muscatine newspaper took pictures and provided comments from the event for the paper. The weather on the day was mild so street counts would be severely limited. Charla indicated that she would check back with the newspaper to see if we could get pictures for our Day on the Hill. Diogenes indicated that he participated in the Polk County Point in Time Count and on his shift or shifts the street counts were soft as well.
- Discussion of Meeting in Atlantic – Overall comments was that Tim Wilson was on site as well as Francis and a representative from Congressman Young's office, there were folks that were involved in discussions on the possible application(s)
- Day on The Hill Discussion –
 - (i) Pastries were ordered (7) dozen donuts, (2) dozen muffins and (2) dozen bagels, and coffee service from Hy-Vee in Johnston. There was some discussion on better targeting the refreshments for the senators and representatives and possibly segregating refreshments for the Pages
 - (ii) Paige will be working on the tombstone to add pictures so that we can get it out to the Representatives and Senators
 - (iii) Made inquiries at the Governor's office to have Kim Reynolds speak afterward with a short question and answer period – Kim's schedule only is being planned a month in advance due to the transition – checked in to a backup of House Majority Leader however he has other obligations – will check in with two other folks to serve as back up
 - (iv) Expanding the base of participants – discussion as to having better coverage from Dubuque, Davenport, maybe Sioux Center, overnight stays with council members was discussed or arranging hotel rooms, discussion that folks would be in for the COC meeting after the bi-monthly, maybe include vendors that help with Homelessness like the owner of Rock power Pizza
 - (v) Extending invitations to homelessness constituencies was also discussed ... CISS, YESS, Iowa Youth and Shelter Services, etc.
 - (vi) Also reaching out to individuals that have overcome homelessness experiences – Muscatine had a special event that host a speaker that had overcome homelessness issues
 - (vii) Discussion on working with the Eberbach' on the PowerPoint, new pictures and impact on points in time counts.... Maybe new Department of Education Homeless data too
 - (viii) Follow up discussion on who from Public Awareness will be attending – it might be difficult for Paige and Charla... discussion of overnight accommodation was also a topic
- Old Business, New Business and adjournment