

WACOSA Program Committee Agenda

Monday, August 7, 2023 @ 5:00pm – 6:00pm at Granite City.

In attendance: Nancy, Lynn, Jeanne, Joe, Mollie, and Jennifer total length of meeting 5:00-7:15

Agenda:

General program updates:

North, South, Annex, Whitney, Sauk Centre, 1st Avenue, ThriftWorks, DocuShred

- Client intakes: within the next couple of months, 20 new clients for Waite Park programs. Lots of discussion on the waitlist and how to get people off the list and started at WACOSA. Questions on licensing numbers for each program, staffing ratios, hiring staff, etc.
- Cow Tipping Press: poetry writing collaboration with library, cow tipping press and WACOSA. 2nd book reading on 7/29. Will send out Amazon book link to committee members. Will also send out link from St Cloud Live article.
- Advocacy class at Whitney: Bev Kaeler and DJ.
- APH fundraiser on 8/2/23 406,000 raise through APH, John and Nancy Bartlett and APH vendors. Yearlong fundraiser with distributions throughout the year.
- Sick and Safe time for clients who are working, 14c phase out. Discussion about how this paid time is not in budget and is not financially responsible to pay a client that is a 20% worker S&S time. Discussion on 14c and what not having that certificate will mean for clients. Nancy and Lynn coming up with systematic changes on who can work and who should not work based on performance rates, etc.
- Jennifer asked about adult Autism program. She has a client in her company that is on waitlist, but needs more education skills, then employment training. Nancy and Lynn will discuss with Lori, our autism resource specialist.
- Discussion on WACOSA Go program. New program that will be community based. Van will pick people up at home and will bring them to do different activities in the community and will bring them home after. Target audience are clients not yet back from COVID (mostly for personal reasons). Will start within the next couple of months.

KPI Recommendations

- Number of clients served monthly – 517 as of 8/3/23
- Client funding utilization rate – average utilization rate is 92%
- Employment Exploration Services (EES) – 3
- Employment Development Services (EDS) – 1
- Employment Support Services (ESS) – individual: 84
Group: 110

Vulnerable Adult/Abuse Prevention Review

- 1 incident, client left Whitney at transition time. Was found a block away but staff person.

2023 meeting dates: Mondays from 5-6pm, February 13, April 24 (Zoom), August 7 (in person, at Granite City on patio!), and November 13 (will be a virtual meeting via Zoom), 2023 via Zoom unless the committee decides otherwise.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR WACOSA – YOU ARE APPRECIATED!