

Vision 2020: Ending Poverty in Waushara County
Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2017

Mission: "To engage and mobilize individuals, families and organizations in efforts to build a community of opportunity."
Awareness – Education – Action

Present: Jan Novak, DHS; Jill Wilbert, CAP Services -Domestic Abuse Outreach; Mary LaBlanc, DHS, Patrick Nehring, UW-Extension; Zina Soltis, UW-Extension; Corey Jungwirth, Family Health/LaClinica; Tracy Basl, DHS; Rev. Rafael Cubilette, Grace United Methodist Church; Auttum Powell, DHS, Kelsey Chappa, Forward Services Corp.; MaryAnn Schilling, UW-Extension; Marge Sholar, DHS Board and guest speaker, Father Joe Mattern.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.**
2. **Meeting Secretary** – Jill will take notes for today's meeting.
3. **Approval of Agenda and Minutes** – Jill made a motion to approve the agenda and the minutes, seconded by Mary. Motion carried.
4. **Father Joe's Presentation** – WISDOM/Esther Chapter President.

In 1934, during the Depression era, Dorothy Day, a pacifist, served the poor. Since this time, Dorothy started WISDOM. WISDOM is a statewide network of faith-based communities working for equity and compassion in the public arena. There are 11 affiliate groups, Esther, in the Fox Valley is the closest one for Waushara County. There is a center in Omro called CASA Esther, which is a ministry for Latinos. They have three purposes. 1. Form housing for hospitality. 2. Farming Communes and 3. Roundtable discussion on issues. Esther's goals include: Traditional Jobs, public transportation, immigration reform, and ending childhood poverty. Their main focus right now is immigration reform and not much is being done for childhood poverty. Unfortunately, there are no services for Waushara County until a church becomes involved. All religions are welcome to join.

Jan shared Vision 2020's initiatives and goals with Father Joe so he is more familiar with what we all do.

5. **Workgroup Reports -**
Food Connections –

Patrick said that the community gardens are being used but the garden in Redgranite is not being utilized as it could be. The Hancock Research Center's emphasis is potatoes and now they are delivering potatoes to the local food pantries. The ADRC had a food drive and it went very well. The website has a map of produce stands in WI. Patrick is looking for groups to host a community food challenge.

Back Pack Nutrition -

Jan said they are done for the year and 21,000 items were given out. The Packer Backer campaign has started.

Resource Awareness –

The pocket resource guides are here and being distributed. If you take some, please record how many you have taken. The Help for Hard Times publication is now on most local school district's websites.

6. Poverty Risk Calculator (www.confrontingpoverty.org)

If you go to the website and put in your information, it will tell you, your risk of poverty. There is a study guide for this which will help in how they got this information and the factors that were impacted. It is very interesting.

7. Upcoming meetings

Monday, October 16th from 10:30 until 12 Noon will be our next meeting. Agenda items will include are Food share food security with Tracy at DHS – Economic Support.

8. Member Updates -

Zina is involved in a committee that involves intercultural understanding, which meets on a regular basis. They are talking about having a Latino simulation.

Jan shared that the Back to School Bash is scheduled for August 12, 2017. It costs \$2.00 per backpack and proof of residency is required.

TheDACare CHAT Team meeting is on July 24th. They are looking at C.N.A. training and the barriers people have for doing this kind of work. There is a huge shortage of C.N.A.'s in our area.

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