



The Housing Action Coalition of Waukesha County

Seasonal Updates

NEWSLETTER: SUMMER 2021

Community Engagement



Students from Carroll University joined HAC's Executive Director, Jackie Smith, and Coordinated Entry Lead, Jennifer Kropiwiec, for Street Outreach on Tuesday, April 15th. The students came together to provide basic needs for those experiencing homelessness in our community. They put together 65 survival kits collectively and distributed them along the river in the city of Waukesha.

Community engagement like this is especially important to the population we serve. This alleviates any misconceptions revolved around homelessness, educates individuals on our efforts to effect change and sustainability in our community and humanizes the population we serve. Thank you, Carroll University Students and staff, for generously donating your time and energy to build these essential survival kits. HAC and Carroll will maintain their partnership for future projects.



HAC HIGHLIGHTS

- Meet our first ever Executive Director, Jackie Smith. Jackie has been with HAC since 2019. She was recently promoted to her new position in 2020.



Jackie Smith

- We would like to give a warm welcome to the new Board President, Joe Pieper! Joe is an alderman for district 4 and recently took on the role of Board President in January 2021.

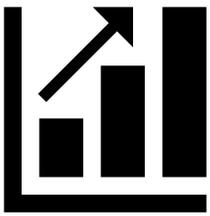


Joe Pieper

- Lastly, we would like to introduce our newest board member, Amber Duddy. Amber will be acting as our Service Provider Appointee. Amber is the Executive Director of the Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin.



Amber Duddy



Homelessness Data

January 2021

Point in Time (PIT) is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that Continuums of Care (CoC) conduct an annual count of people experiencing homelessness. Waukesha County’s police department, political officials, CoC staff and volunteers perform PIT twice a year, usually in January and July and runs from 11:00 P.M. to 4:00 A.M. Those participating on PIT nights will gather counts all over Waukesha county either in the city of Waukesha, or in rural areas such as Oconomowoc, Brookfield, Muskego, etc. Our next PIT Count will be July 28th, 2021. To volunteer for the upcoming PIT count, please contact Jackie Smith at cocwaukesha@gmail.com or call (262)-336-0413.



POINT IN TIME COUNT



*Counts have not been approved by HUD and could be subject to change.

On behalf of the Housing Action Coalition, we would like to thank everyone who participates in the PIT Counts. Whether you are a volunteer or a staff member of the coalition, we appreciate you dedicating your time to this effort.

“The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well.” – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Agency Awareness

Want to learn more about the agencies that participate within our coalition and in Waukesha County? Here we will highlight one agency every newsletter to promote awareness and share agency's successes.



Community Action Coalition for South Central Wisconsin (CACSCW) has been an instrumental agency to Waukesha County. This agency has numerous programs that have helped people since 1966 (originally in Dane County) and started to serve South Central Wisconsin including Waukesha County in 1996. Throughout the years, CACSCW took focus on helping others in ways that would be impactful and beneficial to the community. They have created programs for economic security, food security and housing security. One of the programs that CACSCW started is the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act that provides supportive services to young adults, especially those aging out of foster care. Another program is the Food Security Network that continues to provide access to free nutritious food to over 120 pantries and feeding sites. CACSCW also provides Supportive Services for Veteran Families which helps low-income veterans and their families with financial assistance and case management to obtain or maintain permanent housing. That is just a glimpse of some of the amazing things CACSCW provides throughout South-Central Wisconsin, but now we all faced a new challenge: a world-wide pandemic. CACSCW took to action in ensuring that those affected by COVID would have immediate support by a counselor through their Project Recovery. Read on to learn more about this program and how it helps our community!

CACSCW implemented **Project Recovery** which provides free crisis counseling during the COVID pandemic. Counseling is confidential, available to the public and offered in English and Spanish. Teams are up and running throughout Wisconsin. CACSCW provides the Waukesha program, and counselors there have been connecting with hundreds of community members and organizations to offer support since summer of 2020. Project Recovery CACSCW operates a hotline 7 days a week from 7 AM - 11 PM with counselors standing by to provide immediate support - 608-237-1255. The public may also reach Project Recovery throughout the state (and country) through United Way's helpline by dialing 2-1-1. Projectrecoverywi.org or follow many programs on our lively Social Media via <https://www.facebook.com/projectrecoverywi.org>

Counselors offer mental health support and connection with resources to help with unique needs during the COVID crisis. Counselors have been helping community members in Waukesha trouble shoot many different areas of concern, including finding financial resources such as rental assistance, connecting with food resources, etc. Counselors are also providing group education on techniques for coping with crises as well as activities which promote resilience, etc.

Please reach out to CACSCW or a Project Recovery Counselor today for more information or support.

*Project Recovery operates in times of crisis and is directed and funded by FEMA that is operated in partnership with the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and statewide Community Action Agencies.

If you would like to learn more about CACSCW, please visit their website at: <https://www.cacscw.org/>



Does this smiling face look familiar? Last year, Amber Duddy became the Executive Director of CACSCW. Amber has a solution driven focus while promoting growth within the agency. Amber has proven to be a vital asset to CAC's leadership and to Waukesha County.



Meet our Board of Directors!



Joe Pieper*
Board President



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**Immediate Past
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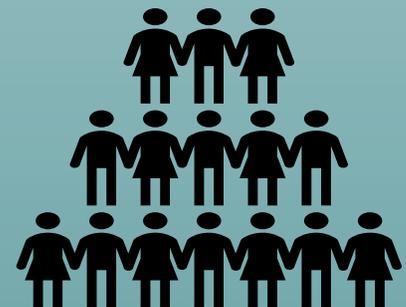
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Waukesha County Circuit Court

Corey Montiho
Phillips & Gemignani, LLC

David Simmons
Interfaith Representative

Amber Duddy
Provider Appointee

Diane Scoville
Healthcare Provider Representative



**Those pictured make up the Executive Committee.*

Community Events, Information & Highlights



NAMI of Southeast Wisconsin offers virtual and in person QPR training. QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) educates community members about myths of suicide and how to get a person at risk of suicide the help they need. This training will provide participants with three valuable steps needed to help prevent suicide.

Interested in taking this training course? Please visit www.namisoutheastwi.org/community-education/qpr/

Upcoming training dates are listed on the website. You will need to register in order to participate in this free training.

NAMI Southeast Wisconsin is an active participant and leader in the Waukesha County Suicide Prevention Initiative which helps coordinate QPR training across Waukesha County.



Waukesha County Community PCR Rapid Testing

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY
Call today for an appointment:
(262) 544-6777



Testing Dates
12 PM - 3 PM
April 13th and 27th
May 11th and 25th
June 8th and 22th



Make an appointment today
Call us at: (262) 544-6777
237 Wisconsin Avenue Suite 200
Waukesha, WI 53186

COVID VACCINATION UPDATE

County Executive Paul Farrow released a newsletter on April 15th discussing COVID vaccinations. Over half of the eligible population is currently vaccinated. Waukesha residents over the age of 18 can now schedule vaccine appointments at the Expo Center Community Vaccination Clinic. You can make an appointment online at www.waukeshacounty.gov/covidvaccine, or you can call Waukesha County Vaccination Hotline at 262-548-7626. If you know a vaccine eligible individual, please share the news on how to obtain a vaccine today.



A VIRTUAL EVENT PRESENTED BY THE AGING & DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER OF WAUKESHA COUNTY:

IDENTITY THEFT: PROTECT AND PREVENT

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, TRADE AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Identity theft continues to be the fastest growing crime in the United States. The more you learn about it, the less vulnerable you are. The Wisconsin Bureau of Consumer Protection will explain the different types of identity theft, how to recognize it and how to prevent it - including information about Fraud Alerts and Security Freezes. Receive tips for safeguarding personal information and how to spot the red flags of a scam.

JUNE 23RD | 10-11AM | VIRTUAL EVENT

TO REGISTER:
CALL THE ADRC AT (262) 548-7848



Training Courses



More courses for Motivational Interviewing and Trauma & Resilience training will be available soon!

Motivation interviewing is split between two Zoom sessions. Each session will be about 4 hours long from 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. The cost for this course will be \$100/per person, or if you are a BOS CoC member you will pay a reduced price of \$75/per person. The date for this training is: July 28th and August 4th, August 13th and August 20th, or August 25th and September 1st.

Trauma & Resilience training will be done in one Zoom meeting and it will last around 4 hours from 8:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. The cost for this training is \$50/per person, or if you are a BOS CoC member you will pay a reduced price of \$40/per person. The dates for this training are July 8th, July 22nd, and July 29th.

Both trainings will be led by Shawn Smith, the Shared Collaborative Founder. If you would like to take either/or both trainings, please contact Carrie Poser for more information, registration and payment options at carrie.poser@wibos.org.

If you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness and need immediate shelter, listed below are agencies in Waukesha County.:

Juno House: 812 N. East Ave. Waukesha, WI 53186

Phone #: 262-549-8722

Population served: Single women & families.

Siena House: 1519 Summit Ave. Waukesha, WI 53188

Phone #: 262-549-8732

Population served: Single men (no sex offenders)

Jeremy House Safe Haven: 1301 E. Moreland Blvd. Waukesha, WI 53186

Phone number: 262-549-8735

Population served: Sex offenders allowed and individuals suffering from a severe and persistent mental illness.

The Salvation Army: 445 Madison St. Waukesha, WI 53186

Phone #: 262-547-7367

Population served: Single Men.

The Women's Center: 505 N. East Ave. Waukesha, WI 53186

Phone #: 262-542-3828

Population served: Those impacted by domestic and sexual violence, child abuse and trafficking.

Coordinated Entry

Many shelters in Waukesha County participate in Coordinated Entry. The Coordinated Entry System helps communities prioritize assistance based on vulnerability and severity of service needs to ensure that people who need assistance the most can receive it in a timely manner.

Want to learn more about HAC? Visit our website at:

<https://www.waukeshacoc.org/>

Be sure to follow us on Facebook and LinkedIn:



<https://www.facebook.com/TheHousingActionCoalition>



<https://www.linkedin.com/company/housing-action-coalition-of-waukesha-county-inc/>