

La Crosse Community Action Planning Process for Emergency Shelter 2022-23



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Partnerships

Groups represented in the development, implementation, and monitoring of the action plan:

- Catholic Charities - Diocese of La Crosse
- City of La Crosse
- City of La Crosse Common Council
- Consumer Advocacy Council
- CouleeCap, Inc.
- Great Rivers United Way
- Gundersen Health System
- Independent Living Resources, Inc.
- Karuna (Outreach Services)
- La Crosse Community Foundation
- La Crosse County
- La Crosse County Housing Authority
- La Crosse Police Department
- Mayo Clinic Health System
- New Horizons Shelter & Outreach Centers
- REACH Services and Resource Center
- Salvation Army of La Crosse County
- Veterans Services – La Crosse County
- Viterbo University
- Wisconsin State Rep. Jill Billings
- YMCA- La Crosse Social Services
- YWCA La Crosse
- Community representatives: Persons with lived experience, persons who are currently experiencing homelessness, local landlords, and local pastors.

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Historical Background

- Econo Lodge and Houska Park last two years
- Hiring of Homeless Services Coordinator – City of La Crosse
- Number of individuals experiencing homelessness rising



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Point In Time Count Data for 2013 - 2022 (Broken Down by Local CoC)

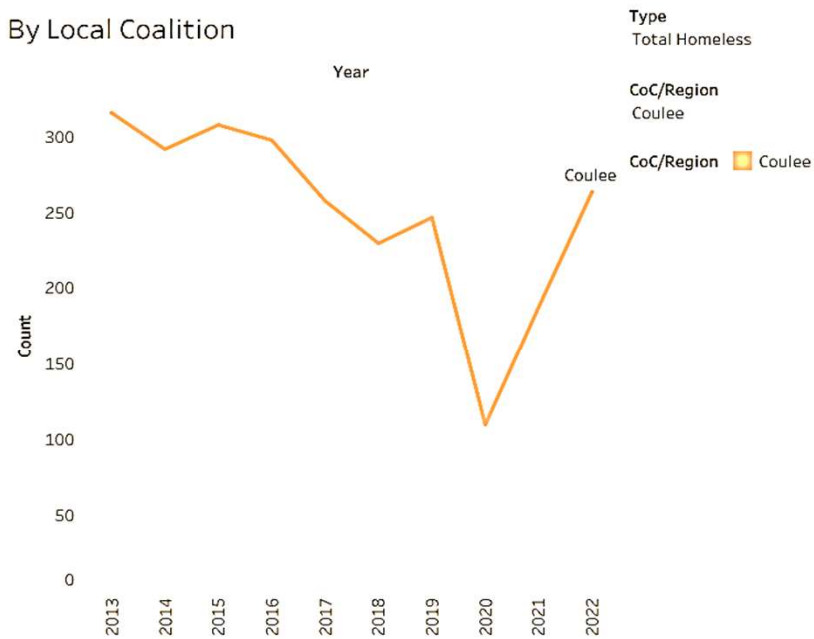
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By Local Coalition



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Purpose of the planning process

To develop an emergency sheltering plan that begins October 31st, 2022 and morphs into a long-term strategy for our community.



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Process

- ☐ July 15th Retreat and Compression Planning
- ☐ Writing Team
- ☐ Action Plan
- ☐ Friday Meetings



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Goals

Goal 1: To Identify and/or expand physical space for unsheltered people to go during the day and night that meets current and anticipated future needs.

Goal 2: To create a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space to hear the unsheltered population's voice and contributions about solutions.

Goal 3: To develop clear, consistent, and widely communicated policies and procedures to ensure effective service delivery and accountability.

Goal 4: Procure all funding needed.



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Communicate with consumers about Houska closing and making plans

Have one plan to raise funds for all needs

Know how many individuals and families have other places to go

Have sheltering plan in place

August

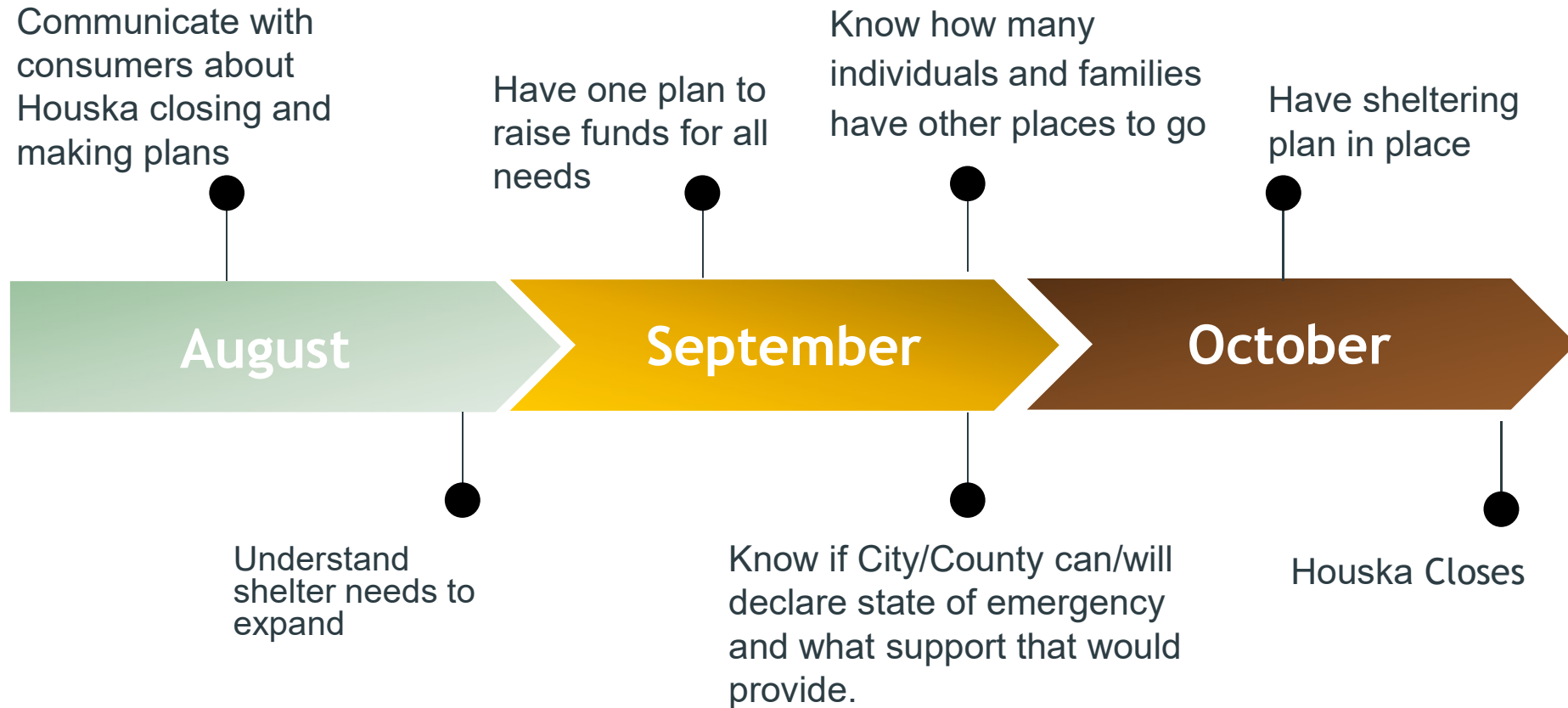
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October

Understand shelter needs to expand

Know if City/County can/will declare state of emergency and what support that would provide.

Houska Closes



Goal 1



Sub Goal 1: Determine the actual amount of additional space needed to shelter families and single adults



Sub Goal 2: Create a plan to address family shelter needs



Sub Goal 3: Create a plan to address single adult needs



Sub Goal 4: Create a plan for providing shelter during the day for anyone choosing to remain unsheltered or for those staying at the Warming Center



Sub Goal 5: Ensure that all shelters have adequate staffing and resources needed to sustain operations throughout the winter



Sub Goal 6: Create an other places to go process and a plan to help individuals move from Houska to Shelter.

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Veteran Services

- 5 eligible veterans in Houska
- 1 veteran family at Econo Lodge
- Housed 2 veterans over the summer

Winter Plan – Veterans Services

- HUD/VASH (Tomah VA)
- Veterans Service Office – Adam Flood
- Wisconsin Department of Veterans Affairs /Veterans Outreach Program (WDAV/VORP)
- Center for Veterans Issues, Inc. (CVI)/Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVP) grant
- Continue to seek landlords who are willing to house eligible veterans

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Goal 2

To create a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space to hear the unsheltered population's voice and contributions about solutions.



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Goal 3

Sub Goal 1: Explore declaring a State of Emergency on Housing and Homelessness

Sub Goal 2: To understand and share the police department's response if someone remains unsheltered in a public space.



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Goal 4

To procure all funding and resources needed



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“Change isn’t an event, it’s a process.”

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