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To: Governor Tony Evers  
Linsay Hale, Chief Clerk, Wisconsin State Senate  
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From: Michael Basford, Director, State of Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness

**VIA EMAIL**

Dear Governor Evers, Senate Chief Clerk Hale, and Assembly Chief Clerk Blazel:

Pursuant to §16.03(2)(c), Wisconsin Statutes, please find attached the annual report for the State of Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness. This report will also be made available online on the Council's website.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require more information.

Thank you,

Michael Basford  
Director  
State of Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness

cc (VIA EMAIL):

Council Members: Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld (Administration), Secretary Jeff Pertl (Children and Families), Secretary Jared Hoy (Corrections), Secretary Kirsten Johnson (Health Services), Secretary James Bond (Veterans Affairs), Secretary Amy Pechacek (Workforce Development), Superintendent Dr. Jill Underly (Public Instruction), Executive Director Elmer Moore (WI Housing and Economic Development Authority), Rafael J. Acevedo, Jr., Teresa Reinders, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Carrie Poser

# State of Wisconsin Interagency Council on Homelessness 2024 Annual Report

Prepared by Michael Basford, Director  
Submitted December 18, 2024

## **Foreword**

As evidenced by the increasing number of adults and families experiencing homelessness in Wisconsin, the state is facing a shortage of affordable housing. Based on data from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), rent for a one-bedroom apartment in Wisconsin has increased by 57 percent since 2013. Governor Evers' 2023-2025 Biennial Budget included critical funding to move the needle on the supply of affordable housing by allocating over \$525 million to the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Association (WHEDA) for programs to bolster housing stock in Wisconsin. Even with this large investment housing stock takes time to build. In the meantime, those without access to affordable housing are falling into homelessness, and stagnant funding for homelessness prevention and housing assistance constrains resource offerings.

In 2024, Wisconsin's homelessness crisis measured concerning growth in homelessness throughout the state. The annual point-in-time (PIT) count in January 2024 recorded 5,037 people in emergency shelters, transitional housing, Safe Havens, or unsheltered – the highest number recorded since 2017. Of those people counted, 779 were experiencing chronic homelessness or homelessness for longer than one year the highest number since 2010. Of the people identified in the January 2023 PIT count, 510 were experiencing unsheltered homelessness, the highest number recorded since 2012.

The Department of Public Instruction reported there were 18,476 students experiencing homelessness that were served by the Education for Homeless Children and Youth program in Wisconsin schools for the 2022-2023 school year. This is the most students served since the 2017-18 school year. 2,286 of the students served were unaccompanied youth, the most since the 2018-19 school year. Of the students served, 471 were experiencing unsheltered homelessness, a 21% increase from the previous school year and the most since students experiencing unsheltered homelessness were counted starting in 2018-19.

Responding to the growing number of homeless individuals and families in Wisconsin has been the focus of the Interagency Council on Homelessness over the last year.

## Interagency Council Meetings

The Interagency Council held four meetings in 2024. Members of the 2024 Interagency Council on Homelessness were:

Lieutenant Governor Sara Rodriguez, Chair

Secretary Kathy Blumenfeld (Administration)

Secretary Emilie Amundson (Children and Families)

Secretary Jared Hoy (Corrections)

Secretary Kirsten Johnson (Health Services)

State Coordinator of Education for Homeless Children and Youth Kristine Nadolski (Public Instruction)

Executive Director Elmer Moore (Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority)

Deputy Secretary Pam McGillivray (Workforce Development)

Assistant Deputy Secretary Joseph Hoey (Veterans Affairs)

Carrie Poser (Wisconsin Balance of State Continuum of Care)

Torrie Kopp Mueller (Dane County Continuum of Care)

Rafael J. Acevedo, Jr. (Milwaukee County Continuum of Care)

Teresa Reinders (Racine County Continuum of Care)

The activities for the Council for the meetings were:

- April 10 was the Council's first in-person meeting with a virtual attendance option since 2020. The meeting was held in La Crosse and was preceded by a public hearing on homelessness featuring La Crosse Mayor Mitch Reynolds. The meeting featured updates from the Continuum of Care Organizations on the Council, a presentation on *Pathways Home: A plan to prevent and end homelessness in the City of La Crosse and La Crosse County* by Brian Sampson (City of La Crosse) and Isaac Hoffman (La Crosse County), a report from Director Basford on the National Alliance to End Homelessness' Spring Conference, and an update on the statewide plan.
- June 26 meeting was held in Green Bay with an option to attend virtually and was preceded with a public hearing on homelessness in Green Bay. The meeting featured updates from the Continuum of Care Organizations on the Council, a presentation on the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness's *19 Strategies for Communities to Address Encampments Humanely and Effectively* by Dr. Joe Savage of USICH, a presentation on Greater Green Bay Blueprint to Prevent and End Homelessness by Lydia Van Thiel, and a presentation on Green Bay Housing and Development updates by Cheryl Reiner-Wigg and Will Peters.
- September 25 meeting was held virtually. The meeting featured updates from the Continuum of Care organizations on the Council, a presentation on the data from the January point-in-time (PIT) count, updates from on Eviction Data Project, and an update on statewide plan progress.
- December 17 meeting was held virtually. The meeting featured a presentation on the Council's Annual Report, approval of meeting calendar for 2025, and a presentation by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) on homelessness in WisDOT managed land.

Eight workgroup sessions were held in 2024 on January 30, February 27, May 28, July 30, August 27, October 29, November 19, and November 26. Sessions focused on:

- Updates from Continuum of Care organizations and state agencies on programs to serve people experiencing homelessness, including efforts to transition people into housing, and updates on programs to assist with housing stability.
- Discussion on homelessness-related community responses to extreme weather conditions and community plans to keep people without housing safe during extreme weather events.
- Presentation on the state of unsheltered homelessness in Wisconsin.
- Presentation and discussion on criminalization of homelessness in the wake of the *Johnson v. Grants Pass, OR* ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court.
- Presentation and discussion on the Section 811 program with DHS staff.
- Presentation on *Dane Forward: A Five-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness*.
- Work on the statewide plan update with presentations from the Runaway and Homeless Youth, Interpersonal Violence, and LGBTQIA+ Issues working groups.

## **The State's Response to Homelessness**

State agencies continue to help people experiencing homelessness and to keep people in housing and out of the homelessness system. Relevant efforts in 2024 include:

### **Administration (DOA)**

- Closed out the direct benefits portion of the Wisconsin Emergency Rental Program. The program distributed over \$269,000,000 in benefits to over 66,000 households. Housing Stability funds through the Program are continuing to be utilized to assist households in maintaining or obtaining permanent housing.
- Closed out the Veteran's Rental Assistance Program. The Program distributed \$2.7 million in direct benefits to 660 households.
- Closed out the ESG-CV Grant Program. In 2024, the Program provided \$3.7 million in shelter renovation funding to 25 shelters across the state. Supported projects included items like new HVAC systems, window/flooring/roof replacements, accessibility upgrades, and shelter expansion. In total, ESG-CV provided over \$32 million of funding to 107 agencies to operate 193 projects. A total of 21,585 clients were served with ESG-CV funds, with projects underway from April 2020 to June 2024. Clients supported by this funding included 5,651 children (under 18), 638 veterans, and 2,266 clients experiencing chronic homelessness.
- Launched the HOME-ARP program mid-year with five supportive services programs funded across the state, including a project for legal services. Two affordable rental housing projects were also funded. One funded project, Portside, is in Algoma and will have 40 units, five of which will be HOME-ARP units reserved for households with incomes of less than 30 percent of county median income. Another funded project, Hope Village, is in Chippewa Falls and will have 10 HOME-ARP units. All units will be reserved for lower income households, and seven will be reserved for individuals experiencing homelessness.

- Announced a new rental assistance and shelter operations program, CDBG-CV Emergency Assistance. An RFP for the program was issued in November. This program will provide over \$4 million for shelter for people experiencing homelessness and supports maintain permanent housing for households at risk of homelessness.
- Continued the Homelessness Case Management Program. In the most recent program year nearly 1,200 individuals were assisted, including over 590 children. One household assisted through the Program was a couple with two children in Southeast Wisconsin. The Case Manager, supported by the Program, was able to help one parent access addiction counseling, the other parent secure full-time employment, and the children consistently attend school. The family has since found permanent housing, and one parent is currently looking to enroll in post-secondary education.
- Continued the Skills Enhancement Grant Program. The Program's current grantee, the City of Madison, subcontracts with Just Dane's Just Bakery initiative. Just Bakery is an educational and vocational training program that works with individuals experiencing significant barriers to employment (e.g. homelessness or being justice involved). For those that are justice involved, the two-year recidivism rate for Just Dane's initiatives, including Just Bakery, ranges from 9-15% compared to the state average of 67%. There are currently five participants, with two individuals celebrating their completion of the 12-week program in November.
- Continued the Critical Assistance (CA) Program that provides homeless prevention assistance to individuals and households at or below 60 percent county median income who are at risk of homelessness and reside in areas that other homeless prevention resources are exhausted or not available. For the 2024 calendar year (as of September 2024) the Program served 341 clients and 162 households.
- Through a contract with the Metropolitan Milwaukee Fair Housing Council, continued to provide fair housing assistance and information statewide. Services include counseling Wisconsin residents on fair housing law, making fair housing complaint intake and investigation available to persons who believe they have experienced discrimination, and conducting fair housing testing. For the 2024 calendar year (as of September 2024), the Program received 179 complaints, served 365 clients, and conducted 13 fair housing tests.
- Continued the State Shelter Subsidy Grant (SSSG) Program that assists individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness by awarding state grants to eligible agencies that provide emergency shelter and supportive services. During the last program year, the program awarded 39 grants to grantees that served 8,814 clients and provided 512,828 nights of shelter.
- Continued the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program that provides security deposits and rental assistance for up to 24 months to individuals and families at or below 60 percent of county median income who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. For the 2024 calendar year (as of October 2024), the Program served 1,869 clients and 728 households.

## **Children and Families (DCF)**

- Wisconsin Domestic Abuse Programs report that the housing crisis in many communities has impacted survivors' ability to find safe housing. From FFY22 to FFY23, the number of nights of shelter provided annually increased from 220,015 to 253,946. In the same span of time, the average length of shelter stay for a family in crisis increased from 39.5 nights to 47.1 nights.

Shelter can be provided in numerous ways. Domestic abuse programs work with survivors to provide the best option available depending on survivor needs and the availability of space and funding. DCF currently funds 44 domestic abuse shelters which provide residential and support services for survivors and their children fleeing violent homes. When shelters are full or the needs of a client warrant it, domestic abuse programs may provide hotel rooms or emergency funding to help a survivor remain safely housed.

- The Domestic Violence Housing First Pilot Project (DVHF) is an evidence based and trauma informed practice that moves domestic abuse survivors into safe, stable, and permanent housing as quickly as possible, reducing or avoiding the need for emergency shelter. Once housed, survivors have access to supportive, holistic advocacy resources to rebuild their lives.

This pilot project started in December 2021 with DCF issuing awards to nine domestic abuse agencies from around the state: Embrace (Ladysmith), Cia Siab (La Crosse), The Family Center (Wisconsin Rapids), Safe Harbor (Sheboygan), Harbor House (Appleton), Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (Madison), The Women's Community (Wausau), Center Against Sexual and Domestic Abuse (Superior), and the Milwaukee Center for Children and Youth (Milwaukee).

- Between initial and second surveys (3 months later):
  - Majority DVHF recipients reported a decrease in exposure to physical violence.
  - Of those who reported violence did not change, 76 percent reported no further physical violence in both surveys.
  - Small proportion of DVHF recipients reported decreased feelings of depression and hopelessness.
  - Of those who reported stable feelings of depression and hopelessness, 72 percent reported feeling sometimes or not at all depressed/hopeless in both surveys.
  - 80 percent of recipients remained in stable housing, further 8 percent moved from unstable to stable housing

## **Corrections (DOC)**

- In FY24, DOC spent \$7.6 million in housing services for clients on community supervision. This includes approximately \$4.8 million in transitional housing, \$1.8 million in supportive housing, \$750,000 in short-term housing, and almost \$300,000 in emergency housing.
- There are approximately 63,000 clients on community supervision.

## **Health Services (DHS)**

- Children's Health Insurance Program Housing Support Initiative  
The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is implementing a health services initiative using Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) funds to cover a set of supportive housing services for families with dependent children 18 years and younger and individuals who are pregnant. To be eligible families must have an income that does not exceed 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Families must also be experiencing homelessness as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The supportive housing services provided under this benefit include housing consultation, transition supports, sustaining supports and relocation supports.
  - Housing Consultation develops a person-centered housing support plan based on family needs.
  - Transition Supports assist families to prepare for and transition to housing.
  - Sustaining Supports are provided once a family is housed to help them achieve and maintain housing stability and achieve the goals identified in the person-centered housing support plan.

- Relocation Supports are \$2,000 in set up expenses to help financially facilitate a family's transition to housing. Funds can be used for security deposits, utility activation, essential household furnishings and health and safety services in the unit.

This initiative is supporting a grant program for homeless assistance providers to deliver the supportive housing services to eligible families. The Department has selected eight agencies throughout the state to deliver the supportive housing services. The start date for this program was 5/1/2023.

- 1915(i) Medicaid State Plan Amendment

Under the direction of 2019 Wisconsin Act 76, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) will be implementing a 1915(i) Medicaid State Plan Amendment to address homelessness through Medicaid. The 1915(i) will provide a set of supportive housing services to Medicaid members who are homeless and have an identified health need. To be eligible to receive the 1915(i) services, a Medicaid member must have either a substance abuse issue or mental health issue, be 18 years or older, be experiencing homelessness as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and require assistance with certain activities of daily living. The supportive housing services provided under this benefit include housing consultation, transition supports, sustaining supports and relocation supports.

- Housing Consultation develops a person-centered housing support plan based on member needs.
- Transition Supports assist members to prepare for and transition to housing.
- Sustaining Supports are provided once a member is housed to help them achieve and maintain housing stability and achieve the goals identified in the person-centered housing support plan.
- Relocation Supports are set-up expenses to help to financially facilitate a member's transition to housing.

Housing services under the 1915(i) will be provided by agencies who are enrolled as Supportive Housing Providers under Wisconsin Medicaid. Supportive Housing Providers will be required to belong to one of the four HUD Continuum of Care Lead Agencies in Wisconsin (Milwaukee, Racine, Dane, Balance of State) or be affiliated with a tribal nation.

## **Public Instruction (DPI)**

- DPI is continuing the contract with the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board to support resource navigators in eight Family Resource Centers through June 2025. The Resource Navigators, through the relationships they have built with school districts, help connect students and families identified by the school district who are experiencing homelessness with housing and other resources in their communities.

## **Veterans Affairs (DVA)**

- In 2024, WDVA and the Bureau of Veterans Health Services worked to reduce veteran homelessness through two distinct but intersecting programs.
  - The mission of the Veterans Housing and Recovery Program (VHRP) is to break the cycle of homelessness and help Veterans transition back into mainstream society. The program is designed to assist homeless Veterans with job training, education, counseling, and rehabilitative services they may need to obtain steady employment, affordable housing, and the skills to sustain a productive lifestyle. To achieve these priorities, there are three Veteran transitional housing facilities which are located in Chippewa Falls, Green Bay, and Union Grove Wisconsin. These facilities partner with federal, state, and local governments, County Veteran Service Offices, and representatives from local communities. This statewide coalition provides outreach to an extensive referral network, which enables the program to provide housing to 105 homeless Veterans. During State Fiscal Year 2024, the VHRPs maintained an



overall occupancy of 66-78 percent full. VHRP has a focus on addressing the root causes of homelessness for residents. This enables residents to seek treatment and healthcare while enrolled within the VHRP, which can lead to extended residency. The average length of stay for VHRP residents in FY 2024 was 208 days.

- The Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (VORP) connects Wisconsin Veterans to community services and provides case management and support with a special focus on treatment and recovery. VORP case managers work with participants to identify issues and barriers that may prevent them from living the life they want and uncovering solutions to achieve their goals. Based on the needs, strengths, and values of each participant, and in collaboration with community service providers, VORP connects participants to a variety of programs and services designed to meet their unique needs until they reach their goals. VORP staff work to provide many support services to Veterans including mental health services, substance use treatment, financial assistance, housing, and utilities assistance, claims and benefits assistance, and employment and education opportunities. During State Fiscal Year 2024, VORP served 2,222 Veterans. These participants came from diverse backgrounds and experiencing diverse hardship including homelessness, substance use disorders, financial challenges, physical and mental health conditions and disabilities, sexual trauma, domestic violence, and justice system involvement. VORP staff activity make referrals based on veteran needs, in FY24, 132 referrals were made for housing.

## **Workforce Development (DWD)**

- Gov. Evers' **Workforce Solutions Initiative**, a \$158 Million investment into solutions to address the state's workforce needs and support innovative pandemic recovery efforts, assisted many people experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity:
  - The **Workforce Innovation Grant program**, designed to help the regions of Wisconsin solve their most pressing workforce challenges by financially supporting collaborative, sustainable and innovative pandemic-recovery plans developed by regional organizations, supported several grantees who projects focused on housing. Among these grantees were Northwood Technical College, who utilized the funding to increase the availability of affordable workforce housing, and United Way of Door County, which used the grant funding to launch an affordable housing initiative for local early childhood educators.
  - The **Worker Advancement Initiative** served Wisconsin residents whose employment was negatively impacted by the pandemic, as well as those who were not attached to or not successful in the labor market prior to the pandemic. When the program concluded in September 2024, it had served more than 4,400 participants statewide, including 240 people who were identified as being unhoused.
  - The **Worker Connection program** aimed to support individuals working to reengage in the workforce post-pandemic. The program, which operated in the Milwaukee and Green Bay areas, matched job seekers with training and work opportunities in sectors with higher wages and demand. As of September 2024, the program served more than 1,000 people in 2024. This total included 146 clients who identified as unhoused when they entered the program.
- In 2024, work on the \$5 million **Support to Communities: Fostering Opioid Recovery through Workforce Development** grant concluded. Through this effort, Wisconsin's workforce development boards worked with individuals and employers to provide career services to individuals affected by substance use disorder issues or those seeking a career in the substance use disorder and recovery field. This program, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, enrolled 836 participants and, in 2024, 82 individuals who were served through the grant identified as being unhoused.
- The Office of **Veteran Employment Services** has developed a relationship with three Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program organizations throughout the state to provide individualized career services and employment referrals for veterans who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness. In 2024, the Veteran Employment Services program assisted more than 90 veterans experiencing homelessness.

## **Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority (WHEDA)**

- The WHEDA Foundation announced that in 2024 there will be \$2 Million awarded for the third year in a row for the Housing Grant Program. This will provide resources for construction/maintenance/repair programs for Emergency/Transitional housing and Permanent Housing programs.
- WHEDA was awarded \$60,000 by HUD to expand housing assistance for veterans.
- Through the Vacancy-to-Vitality, Restore Main Street, and Infrastructure Access loan programs created in 2023, \$7 Million was awarded to projects to create 492 housing units in Madison, Brookfield, Neenah, Whitefish Bay, Clintonville, Milwaukee, Hayward, and Rice Lake.
- Through Low-Income Housing Tax Credit program, projects in Appleton, Washburn, Milwaukee, Dodgeville, Madison, La Crosse, Fitchburg, Lomira, Park Falls, Woodruff, Wausau, Stevens Point, Hudson, Shullsburg, and Oshkosh were awarded nearly \$32.6 Million in federal and state tax credits to create 1,383 low-income affordable units.

## **Welcoming Wisconsin Home**

This year, the Council has been working to complete action items that are still outstanding in the current statewide plan, while drafting an update to the plan. The Council stood up small working groups to dive into issues related to the intersection of homelessness and interpersonal violence, the LGBTQIA+ community, and runaway and homeless youth. The Council expects the new plan will be reviewed and approved by the Council in spring 2025.

## **Evictions in Wisconsin**

The Wisconsin Eviction Data Project, launched in May 2021, continues to be a valuable resource for understanding the trends in eviction filings and judgments in every county of the state. Through this Project, the Council continues to supply Council partners with weekly information about who has had an eviction filed against them so Council partners can provide housing stability services. This helps Wisconsin households keep their housing, stay out of eviction courts, and avoid entering the homelessness system.

With the end of the one-time ARPA funded Wisconsin Emergency Rental Assistance program, the state continues to see increases in eviction filings and judgments. From January 2024 through October 2024, there were 23,318 eviction filings and 2,173 eviction judgments. Note that these are preliminary numbers, which will be updated in 2025 and are expected to increase.

## **Director's Activities**

From Michael Basford, Interagency Council on Homelessness Director:

As highlighted in the 2019 Interagency Council Annual Report, I continued performing the following duties in addition to statutory requirements:

- Establish a relationship with communities and organizations around Wisconsin to understand how homelessness affects every area of Wisconsin, to learn the details of community responses to homelessness, and to provide whatever assistance I can to help these communities fight homelessness;
- Identify areas of policy for focusing state resources; and
- Serve as a conduit between levels of government.

Between December 2023 and the time of this report, I participated in the following meetings and events:

December 14 – Madison: Roundtable for Mayors/City Staff on affordable housing and homelessness with WHEDA CEO Elmer Moore and LISC-Milwaukee Executive Director Theo Lipscomb.

January 18 – Middleton: Presented on homelessness in Wisconsin cities with James O’Keefe of the City of Madison.

January 24 – Kenosha: Annual point-in-time (PIT) count in Kenosha with Lieutenant Governor Rodriguez.

February 8 and 9 – Wausau: Balance of State in-person conference.

March 4 – 6 – San Francisco: National Alliance to End Homelessness’ Spring Conference.

April 30 – Whitewater: Keynote speaker for the PATH/SOAR conference.

May 14 – Madison: State agencies hosted a meeting with HUD Assistant Secretary Dr. Kimberly McClain and HUD Midwest Office and Milwaukee Office staff at the Capitol with Lieutenant Governor Rodriguez, DOA Assistant Deputy Secretary Diana Maas, DVA Benefits Administrator Jeremy Lyon, Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, and leadership from local agencies that serve people experiencing homelessness.

May 16 – Brown Deer: Groundbreaking for Woodale Crossing affordable housing development, to be administered by Jewish Family Services.

May 22 – Green Bay: Presented on the state of unsheltered homelessness in Wisconsin at the WISCAP Conference.

May 29 – Presented to the Wisconsin Non-Driver Advisory Committee on the challenges of people experiencing homelessness without transportation and considerations communities should make accommodating this community.

June 13 – Milwaukee: Site visit of Hillview with Milwaukee County Executive Crowley. The County is renovating the building to start the first county-owned and operated shelter.

July 17-18 - Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development’s “A Home for Everyone” conference. I participated in a plenary panel on homelessness criminalization with Amy Stetzel of the Corporation for Supportive Housing and Eric Tars of the National Homelessness Law Center and giving a presentation on the Council.

July 19 - Madison: Grand Opening of the EverStrong Drop-In Center at OutReach LGBTQ+ Community Center. The center will offer services to help youth experiencing homelessness into housing.

July 24 - Wausau: Point-in-Time count with Lieutenant Governor Rodriguez.

July 25 - Wausau: Site visit to Bridge Street Mission and met with Rev. Craig Vincent to learn about the work the Mission is doing to help people experiencing homelessness in Wausau.

August 6 - Racine: Ribbon-cutting for two affordable houses developed by Racine Revitalization Project.

October 8-10 - Sheboygan: Poverty Matters conference.

October 16 - Waukesha: Meeting with Family Promise of Waukesha County with Lieutenant Governor Rodriguez.

October 17 - Milwaukee: Annual Project Homeless Connect service day at Marquette University campus and also visited Community Advocates and Guest House of Milwaukee.

October 22 - Waukesha: Annual Project Homeless Connect service day at Carroll University.

October 28 - Presented on the state of homelessness in Wisconsin and the Interagency Council for the Area Administration team at DHS.

November 1 - Wausau: Keynote at kickoff event for Homelessness Awareness Month at Community Partners Campus in Wausau.

November 12 – Madison: “Shining a Light on Homelessness in Dane County.”

November 20 - Presented on the upcoming legislative term and potential opportunities with the Badger State Housing Alliance.

December 4 – Green Bay: DOA Tribal Consultation.

December 10 – Appleton: Presented on homelessness criminalization at Wisconsin Public Health Association’s Northeast Wisconsin Regional Meeting.

## **Looking Forward**

In 2025, the Interagency Council on Homelessness looks forward continuing:

- To respond to the needs of the most vulnerable in Wisconsin through the biennial budget and legislative agenda;
- Our progress on action items in Welcoming Wisconsin Home and releasing an updated plan; and
- Onsite visits with our partners throughout Wisconsin.