



## Monthly Pathways Update 08/05/2024

- Pathways Conferencing has been running for its first three months since starting on May 8<sup>th</sup>. This collaborative meeting process allows stakeholders to discuss and coordinate efforts to address the needs of individuals on the Pathways to Housing list. We extend our gratitude to the community partner agencies participating in Pathways Conferencing; they are essential to the Pathways plan. Through greater coordination and collaboration, we can address homelessness in our community. Our community partners include:
  - Catholic Charities
  - City of La Crosse
  - Coulee Collaborative to End Homelessness
  - Couleecap
  - Family and Children's Center
  - Families First
  - Great Rivers HUB
  - Inclusa
  - Independent Living Resources
  - Karuna Housing
  - La Crosse County
  - La Crosse School District
  - My Choice Wisconsin
  - New Horizons
  - St. Clare's Health Mission
  - The Salvation Army
  - Veterans Affairs
  - Vivent Health
  - Western Technical College
  - YMCA
  - YWCA La Crosse  
...and more.
- On June 17<sup>th</sup>, the City of La Crosse launched a request for information to seek partners with innovative ideas for increasing specialized housing capacity. Six responses were received, which will be reviewed in the coming weeks. We appreciate the partners who submitted insightful and comprehensive proposals to help increase housing capacity in our community. The next step in this process is to move forward with a request for proposals. The City of La Crosse will launch the request on Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024.
- Faith Community outreach sessions were held on July 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 22 different organizations in attendance who also have an extended reach to many others. The group expressed a strong desire to come together again to explore collective ways to support our homeless and unsheltered neighbors, specifically around the prevention and caring connections pathways.
- As we enter quarter 3 of our first-year plan, we focus on maximizing our resources. This involves developing clear "service pathways" to secure housing for those facing common barriers. Our initial pathways include public housing, residential AODA treatment, and case management or housing navigation services. These step-by-step documents will ensure that community case managers have an efficient, streamlined, and predictable process for accessing various services.