

Beltrami County Local Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2025.

Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm.

Present: Kellsey, Myron, Jessica, Jim, Dylan, George, Amara, Robin, Dan, John, Katie L. (guest speaker)

Reviewed Minutes from August 8, 2025.

Discussion for this meeting included the following:

Katie Lemae from Sanford Bemidji Housing Program reviewed the services provided to assist individuals locate housing in the Bemidji community. The housing program gives participants the opportunity to learn how to achieve and maintain permanent housing.

Service included are as follows:

- Guide and Support individuals and families through the housing search process.
- Housing case management/service coordination
- Empower those seeking housing to advocate for themselves regarding barriers, challenges and opportunities.
- Facilitate a wide variety of support services
- Assistance is provided in the search for and acquisition of housing. Please note that the Sanford Housing Program does not possess housing units.

Sanford Health collaborates with housing agencies and landlords to secure safe and affordable housing for individuals.

Grants available to access funding for deposits by teaming up with BiCap. Also, funds can be accessed to purchase tents, sleeping pads, sleeping bags, fans and bus passes.

Sanford offers outreach services at the Day Center for homeless. A housing staff is on site at the Day Center Tuesday-Friday 32 hours per week.

Currently there are over 600 individuals on the Section 8 voucher wait list.

Age ranges include only adults typically single adults and those under the age of 65.

Referrals can be initiated through any Sanford Provider.

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Possible presenters for next month:

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.

Minutes completed by Dan Brouse