



## OFFICIAL NOTICE AND AGENDA

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Meeting of the: **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
Date/Time: **Monday, August 19, 2024 @ 5:15 P.M.**  
Location: **City Hall (407 Grant Street) - Council Chambers**  
Members: Lisa Rasmussen (C), Lou Larson (VC), Becky McElhaney, Sarah Watson, Carol Lukens

### AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION / ACTION

- 1 Consider approval or denial of various license applications.
- 2 Tavern Activities Report - July 1 - July 31, 2024.
- 3 Community Outreach Update.

Adjourn

Lisa Rasmussen, Chairperson

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## PHS Date 08/19/2024

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
199046	9010 - Bartender/Operator New	VINCE, HEATHER	141 ADRIAN ST WAUSAU WI 54401		APPLEBEE'S NEIGHBORHOOD GRILL & BAR	06/24/2024	06/30/2025	No		
196721	9020 - Public Transport Driver Renewal	BAKER, KIRK	512 S 3RD AVE APT 21 WAUSAU WI 54401		NORTHWOODS CAB	07/19/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
200398	9026 - Class I	,	318 S 3RD AVE, ROOM 5 WAUSAU WI 54401	2024 LABOR DAY PARADE on 09/02/2024 Organized by NORTH CENTRAL WI LABOR COUNCIL						
200107	9027 - Class II	EICHTEN, ALEX	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403	MINI MARKET FOOD TRUCK RALLY on 09/07/2024 Organized by WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT						
200249	9027 - Class II	MAGUIRE, JODI	P.O. BOX 1486 WAUSAU WI 54402	INTERNATIONA L WISCONSIN GINSENG FESTIVAL on 9/20/24						
200033	9061 - "Class A" Beer & Liquor	KNOX, MICHELLE	W1224 HARVESTORE RD. BRILLION WI 54110		TRUE NORTH #855				Yes	
200273	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	,	1432 OLD HIGHWAY 51 MOSINEE WI 54455		LITTLE BULL FALLS HORSESHE CLUB					
200035	9069 - Temporary "Class B" (Picnic)	EICHTEN, ALEX	316 SCOTT ST WAUSAU WI 54403		WAUSAU RIVER DISTRICT					



## PHS Date 08/19/2024

License ID	License Typ	Name	Address	Details	Business	Begin Dt	End Dt	Police	PHS	Council
200034	9075 - Cigarette	KNOX, MICHELLE	W1224 HARVESTORE RD. BRILLION WI 54110		TRUE NORTH #855					
199511	9080 - Public Transport Driver New	DOSS, CHRISTOPHER	221 2ND ST MILADORE WI 54454		NORTHWOODS TRANSPORT	07/11/2024	06/30/2025	Yes		
<b>Total Licenses</b>										<b>6</b>



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Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk

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TEL: (715) 261-6616  
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TO: Public Health & Safety Committee

FROM: Kody Hart, Deputy City Clerk

RE: Approve or deny various licenses as indicated on the attached summary report of all applications received.

DATE: August 12, 2024

Applications as listed have or will have a background check run by staff and reviewed by the Police Chief or a designee. In accordance with city ordinance, all permits approved are held for debts owed to the city until the debt is paid in full.

#### STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

Approve or deny as indicated on the summary report attached, including those that may be introduced at the meeting. Further summaries on staff recommendations are outlined below.

1. **Denial Recommendations – New Bartender/Operator License: Heather Vince** – This application is recommended for denial due to recent convictions of possession of methamphetamine and charges of drug paraphernalia.
2. **Approval Recommendation – Special Event Class I Permit: 2024 Labor Day Parade** from W. Wausau Avenue to Clark Street along 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 from 3 PM to 6 PM, license applicant North Central WI Labor Council, Randy Radkte.
3. **Approval Recommendation – Special Event Class II Permits: Mini Market Food Truck Rally** at 406 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from Stewart Avenue to Clerk Street on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, license applicant Wausau River District, Alex Eichten; **International Wisconsin Ginseng Festival** at the 400 Block on September 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 10 AM to 5 PM, license applicant Wausau/Central Wisconsin Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, Jodi Maguire.
4. **Approval Recommendation – “Class A” Beer & Liquor License: True North #855** at 4611 Stewart Avenue, license applicant True North Energy, LLC., agent Michelle Knox.
5. **Approval Recommendation – Cigarette License: True North #855** at 4611 Stewart Avenue, license applicant True North Energy, LLC., agent Michelle Knox.
6. **Approval Recommendations – Temporary “Class B” Picnic Licenses – Mini Market Food Truck Rally** at 406 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue and on 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue from Stewart Avenue to Clerk Street on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, license applicant Wausau River District, Alex Eichten; **102<sup>nd</sup> Wisconsin State Horseshoe Tournament** at Marathon Park Arena #1 on August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup> from 8 AM to 10 PM, license applicant Little Bull Falls Horseshoe Club.



# Wausau Police Department

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Date: August 4, 2024

To: Chief Barnes

From: Lt. Peter Fish

Subject: Tavern Report, July 1 – July 31, 2024

## ROUTINE TAVERN INSPECTIONS\*

TAVERN NAME	LOCATION	INSPECTION Y/N	VIOLATION(S)
Pregame Pub	2002 N 6th St	N	N
Bob & Randy's Bar	1515 N 6th St	N	N
Cop Shoppe Pub	701 Washington St	Y	N
Domino Bar	740 Washington St	Y	CLOSED
El Jalapenos	300 N 3rd St	Y	N
Glass Hat	1203 N 3rd St	N	N
Hiawatha Restaurant & Lounge	713 Grant St	N	N
Intermission	325 N 4th St	N	N
Limerick's Public House	121 Scott St	N	N
Loppnow's Bar	1502 N 3rd St	N	N
Malarkey's	412 N 3rd St	Y	N
Oz	320 Washington St	N	N
Polack Inn	1206 N 3rd St	N	N
Timekeeper Distillery	607 Grant St	N	N
Wausau on the Water (WOW)	1300 N River Dr	N	N
Bull Falls Brewery	901 E. Thomas St	N	N
Kin and Kind	2108 Grand Ave	N	N
Chellis St. Pub	265 Chellis St	N	N
Christine's Bar	936 S. 3rd Ave	N	N
Denmar Tavern	601 W Thomas St	N	N
Eagle's Club	1703 S 3rd Ave	N	N
Jim's Corner Pub	1244 S 9th Ave	N	N
The Bar and Grill	1025 S 3rd Ave	N	N
Treu's Tic Toc Club	1201 W Thomas St	N	N
M&R Station	818 S 3rd Ave	Y	N
Days Bowl-A-Dome	1715 Stewart Ave	N	N
Hutch's Bar	4411 Stewart Ave	N	N
Whiskey River Bar & Grill	5512 Stewart Ave	Y	N

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101 Pub	101 N 3rd Ave	Y	N
After Shock Bar and Grill	1418 Lenard St	y	N
Callon Street Pub	209 Callon St	Y	N
Chatterbox Bar	102 S 2nd Ave	N	N
4 Fathers Pub	1724 Merrill Ave	Y	N
Labor Temple	318 S 3rd Ave	Y	N
North End Pub	1002 N 3rd Ave	N	N
Lickity Splitz	1709 Merrill Ave	Y	N
Newch's Eatery	1810 Merrill Ave	Y	N

\*During a routine tavern inspection, officers check for the following:

- Sober, licensed bartender present.
- Presence of underage persons.
- Intoxicated persons being served.
- Entertainment license posted if applicable.

In addition to the listed tasks, officers often conduct walkthroughs of taverns, especially when observing large crowds to establish a visible presence, aiming to discourage criminal activities and to encourage compliance with ordinances related to alcohol licenses.

## CONVENIENCE/GROCERY STORE INSPECTIONS

None.

## RESTAURANT INSPECTIONS

None.

## ALCOHOL COMPLIANCE CHECKS\*

None.

\*Alcohol Compliance Check Procedure: Police officers conduct alcohol compliance checks by deploying with underage volunteer(s) to taverns and other licensed establishments selling or serving alcoholic beverages to ensure compliance with ordinances related to alcohol licenses.

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## ACTIVITY LOG

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### **Cop Shoppe Pub, 701 Washington Street**

- (1) *Event #24086079 07/07/2024, at 01:54 Hours.* MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Officers responded to the report of a male who was bleeding from his mouth and was unresponsive after he banged his head on the bar. The male was transported to Aspirus.
- (2) *Event #24090142 07/15/2024, at 01:27 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of individuals drinking their own liquor in the parking lot, listening to loud music. No enforcement action was documented.
- (3) *Event #24091505 07/18/2024 at 01:30 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of people smoking marijuana in the parking lot. Upon arrival officers determined people were smoking cigarettes and cigars.

### **El Jalapeno's, 300 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**

- (1) *Event #24089750 07/14/2024, at 01:58 Hours.* SERVICE MISCELLANEOUS: Officers made contact with staff and informed them to not use fog machines in the bar as it previously resulted in a false alarm. Staff asked officers to remain on scene until the large bar crowd dispersed.
- (2) Multiple "Unhoused" checks were conducted in the Washington square area during the month of July.

### **Christine's Bar, 936 S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue**

- (1) *Event #24096049 07/27/2024, at 23:41 Hours.* FIGHT: Officers responded to the report of a fight inside the bar. As a result, the victim had laceration which resulted in staples in his head. The male suspect was arrested for substantial battery, resisting and disorderly conduct. The incident was reported by Christine's Bar staff. Officers later returned to the bar the same night for the reports of persons urinating in the street and screaming about the recent fight. Officers were not able to locate anyone urinating but provided a presence until the bar crowd disbursed.



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## Denmar Tavern, 601 W. Thomas Street

- (1) *Event #24092811 07/20/2024, at 23:05 Hours.* CRIMINAL MISCELLANEOUS: Officers responded to the report of a possible minor in the bar. A minor was not located, however, a male wished to report a domestic disturbance. As a result, one adult female who was not on scene was referred to the District Attorney's Office for Domestic Disorderly Conduct.

## M&R Station, 818 S 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

- (3) *Event #24091071 07/16/2024, at 23:28 Hours.* FIGHT: Officers responded to the report of a verbal altercation outside the bar. Both involved persons agreed to leave the bar.
- (4) *Event #24096088 07/28/2024, at 02:37 Hours.* CRASH: Officers responded to the report of a medical emergency where it was reported two people were ran over. Their investigation concluded there was no emergency and no one was ran over. A crash report was completed.

## 101 Pub, 101 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

- (1) *Event #24087709 07/10/2024, at 12:38 Hours.* WELFARE CHECK: Officers responded to a welfare check of a male at the request of bar staff. Upon making contact with the male, Officers determined the male was under the influence of alcohol and suspected methamphetamine. As a result the male was placed on a probation hold.

### DEMERIT POINTS ASSESSED

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No demerit points were assessed in the month of July.

Respectfully submitted,

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## ADDENDUM #1 of 1: CURRENT DEMERIT POINTS

TAVERN NAME	VIOLATION	POINTS ASSESSED	DATE
Loppnow's Bar	Sale/Serve Underage	25	8/09/2023
Wausau On Water	No Licensed Bartender	50	8/19/2023
Denmar Tavern	No Licensed Bartender	50	9/19/2023
El Jalapeno's	No Licensed Bartender	50	9/19/2023
M&R Station	Disorderly Conduct W/Firearm	25	9/20/2023
Cop Shoppe Pub	Sale/Serve Underage	25	5/21/2024
Intermission	Sale/Serve Underage	25	5/21/2024
Labor Temple	Sale/Serve Underage	25	5/21/2024

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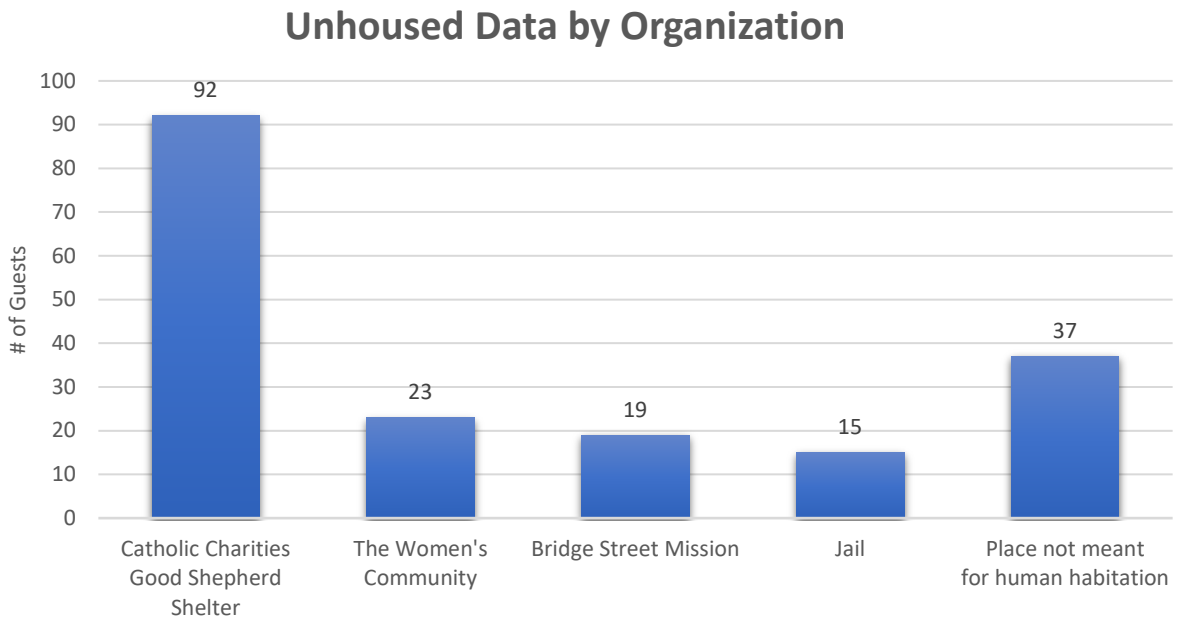
**To:** Public Health and Safety Committee  
**From:** Tracy Rieger, Community Outreach Specialist  
**Date:** July 15, 2024  
**Re:** Community Outreach Update



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### Unhoused Data

The following graph shows the number of unduplicated<sup>1</sup> guests housed by each organization in the previous month.



### Unhoused Data Summary

In July, data suggests there were approximately 186 unhoused individuals identified in Wausau through various partnering agencies. As indicated in the footnote, 186 is not the true number of unhoused. As of today, organizations do not cross-reference names when coming up with their unduplicated count. This means an unhoused individual may be part of more than one organization's count, thereby inflating the true number of unhoused. An example is provided in the footnote. This number also does not include those individuals who are considered "couch surfing".

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<sup>1</sup> The numbers reflected do not eliminate duplicates across organizations. For example, a person who stays at The Good Shepherd Shelter and Marathon County jail in the same month will count as 1 person for each organization.

In the graph above, 80 percent of the unhoused sought or received shelter in the month of July, 20 percent of the unhoused were living outside, or in places not meant for human habitation.

The Women’s Community data includes crime victims who sought shelter because their home was unsafe. This number reflects both single females (12) and their children (11).

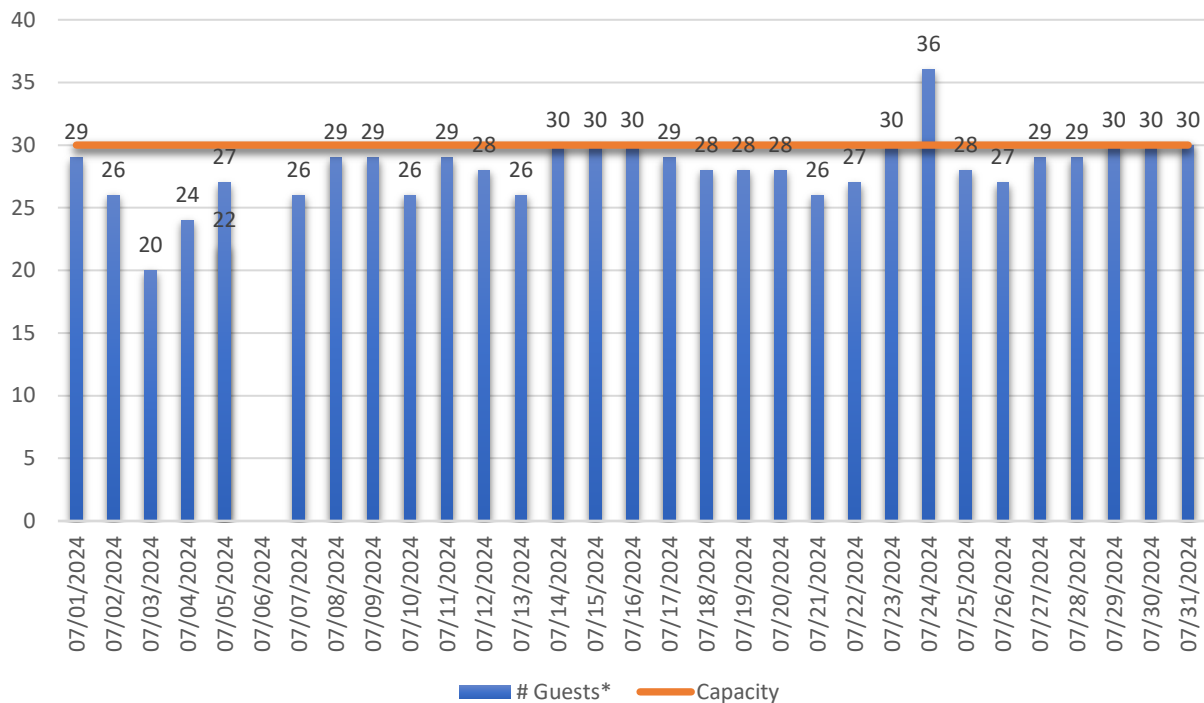
Bridge Street Mission includes individuals who have received shelter after release from jail/prison, drug rehab, or homelessness. In previous reports, the number reported to this committee only reflected a small number of individuals who sought shelter in preparation for being transitioned into the “apartments” on the main level of the building. The number reflected should include all individuals who are housed at Bridge Street Mission, because without this amazing program in our community, 19 (per this month’s census) individuals would likely be unhoused in our community.

The Marathon County Jail includes individuals who identify as “homeless” or “unhoused” at the time of booking.

**Daily Census**

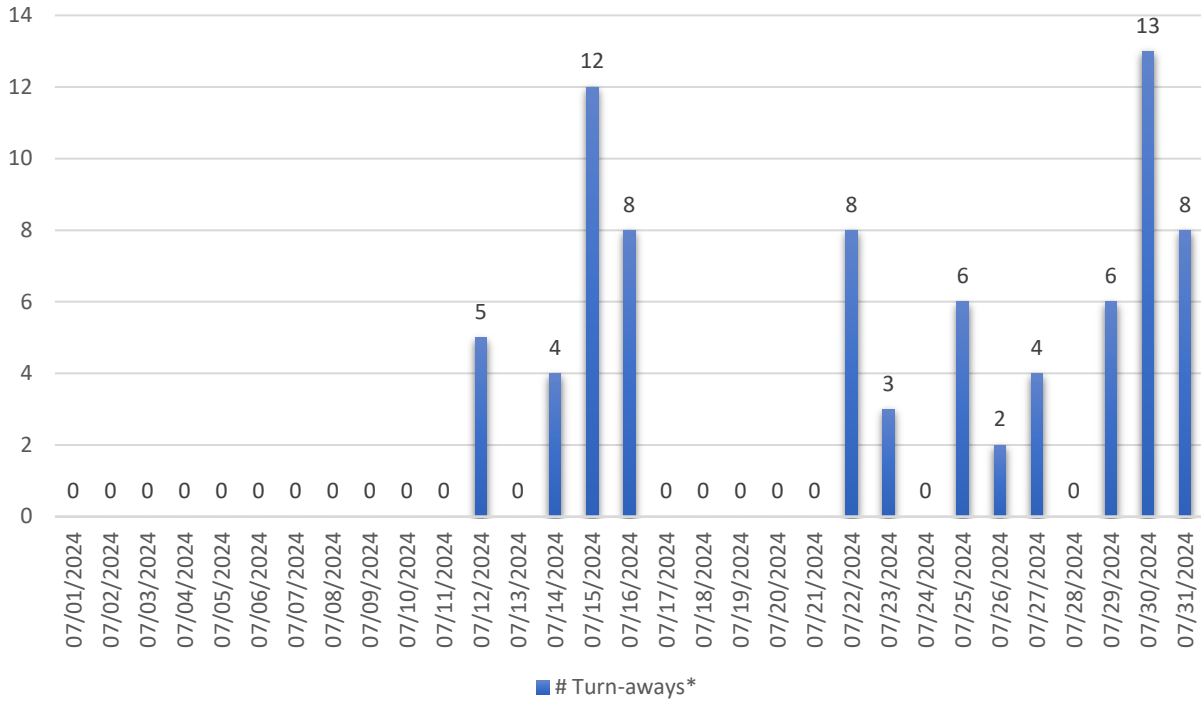
We are working hard to collaborate with our partner organization to get a handle on shelter capacity in Wausau. It’s important to know if we’re meeting or exceeding capacity. The Salvation Army is sheltering families at this time, so current shelter capacity for single adults lies solely on Good Shepherd shelter, formerly known as, the Wausau Warming Center, and their total bed capacity is 30, with the ability to expand to 40 when temperatures fall below 15 degrees or above 90 degrees.

**Good Shepherd Daily Census**

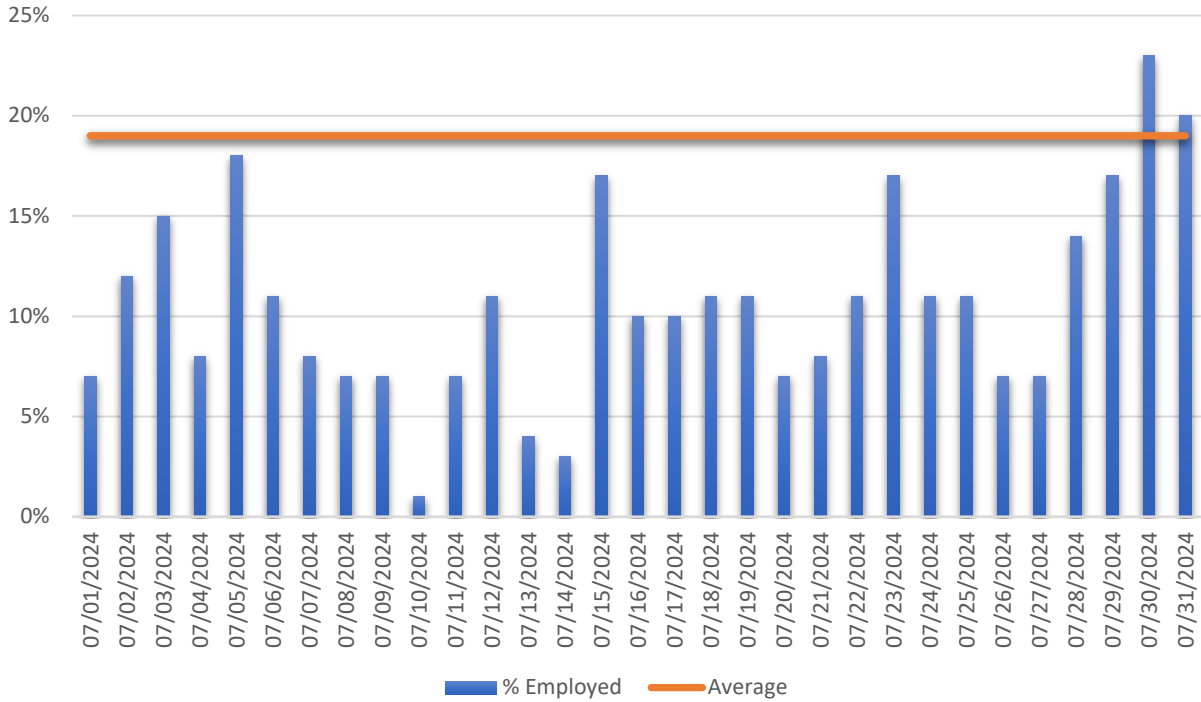


\* 14 guests were identified as “new” (i.e., never served by Good Shepherd in the past).

## Good Shepherd Daily Turn-aways



## Good Shepherd Guest Employment %



## **Daily Census Summary**

On average, capacity was at 93 percent for the month of July. The Good Shepherd Shelter was at or over their capacity a total of 8 days in the month of July.

Continued collaboration exists to ensure that the unhoused population have access to services.

We continue to work with our partner organization to learn how many people are turned away each night. In addition to capacity, individuals are turned away for a variety of other reasons. The “turn-away” statistics for the month of July are as follows: The Good Shepherd Shelter = 79

\*It is important to note that The Good Shepherd Shelter does reserve beds for individuals that are working. When individuals do not show for their bed saves, it results in the shelter not reaching their 30-bed capacity for the night (as shown in the graphed data)

In July the number of individuals needing a bed save due to employment was 14. The range was 1-7 people needing a bed per night, with a 15 percent of guests working the month of July, who were seeking shelter. The median number of people needing a bed/night was 3.

## **Outreach Update**

In July, outreach resulted in 4 individuals receiving housing. 11 individuals met with Outreach Specialist and were given resources and assistance with housing applications, etc.

In addition to assisting with housing, we have also provided additional aid like transportation to medical/psychiatric appointments, bus passes, medication management, collaboration with St. Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, NCCAP, Social Services, Probation/Parole, and CW Solutions (FSET). Assistance was also provided with obtaining identification, setting individuals up with additional services through the ADRC as well as Community Treatment through NCHC. Case/Care Management is a service provided through both resources.

Collaboration with landlords and other non-profit agencies is on-going. Office hours at agencies throughout the city have proven beneficial in reaching the unhoused population.

## **Challenges and Opportunities**

While we celebrate every time an unhoused individual achieves stable housing, the work does not and cannot end there. Generally, the unhoused population is vulnerable. Without someone providing ongoing support, management, intervention, accountability, and aid, the chances of remaining housed wane dramatically. In other words, our work can and will be undone in short order without systems to sustain the work. Thankfully, there are systems in place, but there are also gaps. Where gaps in case management exist, we are filling that void. We recognize, however, that our time and resources are limited in this regard. As a result, we are working to improve our understanding and relationship with existing systems while also exploring solutions that not only bridge the gap to housing, but to the essential supports that will make housing permanent.

## **Success Story**

Multiple barriers exist for those who struggle with homelessness, who are trying to secure housing. Criminal history and eviction histories are primary barriers to finding a landlord who will give them an opportunity to rent from them. These, however, are not the only barriers the unhoused face when trying to secure housing. Many landlords are charging double, sometimes triple security deposits. Earlier this year, the Wausau Community Development Authority opened the section 8 waiting list, prioritizing “homelessness” when specific criteria were met.

On July 19<sup>th</sup>, I accepted an impact grant from the United Way. The amount awarded was \$5,250.00. This grant was awarded to help with security deposits for those unhoused, who were granted a section 8 voucher through our Wausau Community Development Authority. In the month of July, 3 individuals were housed because of this grant. Security deposits totaling \$2,595.00. An additional \$2,290.00 is earmarked for August. Since July 19<sup>th</sup> \$4,885.00 has been spent.