



Funders Committee Agenda

April 6, 2021 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting through Microsoft Office Teams

Attendees: Angela Jones, Sarah Lim, Jalateefa Joe-Meyers, Kelli Taylor, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Linda Vakunta, Jani Koester, Jenna Wuthrich

1. Discussion of the roles and responsibilities of the Funders Committee
 - a. Angie attended the HSC Board meeting and some things came up during the Board meeting about responsibilities of this committee, wasn't aware of some of the things
 - b. Here is what is listed in the by-laws: "Provide a forum for public and private funders of housing and services targeted to homeless and at-risk persons to share information and coordinate activities as possible; use the Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness when setting funding priorities; membership will include HSC Board President. Make recommendations to designate the Collaborative Applicant as a Unified Funding Agency. This gives the Collaborative Applicant additional autonomy and responsibilities."
 - c. Looked at what is written in community plan
 - d. Things that came up in Board meeting:
 - i. ensuring that funds get dispersed throughout the County, funds are often focused in the City
 - ii. advocating for funds throughout the County
 - iii. CoC funds aren't able to serve people who are doubled-up, a lot of times that is what homelessness in rural area looks like
 - iv. Doubled-up family's needs aren't being met, feels as though diversion is a delay of the inevitable, need to do more for families
 - v. How can funders committee make sure gaps get covered?
 - vi. Families are very transient – spending some nights in the car or streets, not really doubled-up, not a very secure situation, move to a different way of asking questions/semantics that we use
 - vii. How to get CE system set up for prevention of literal homelessness for doubled-up?
 - viii. City County Homeless Issues Committee is wanting to hear from rural communities and what the needs are – they will have a listening session in May, will be a good space to get voices heard, they are an advisory committee
 - ix. People feeling they can't get into the system so hard to identify gaps in the system for that population
 - x. People are homeless in other communities and come to Madison to access resources – need to consider where people are coming from

- x. How to get voices of people, who is advocating for those needs
 - xii. There is a housing work group in Sun Prairie, but their voices aren't at the table
 - xiii. CoC Board makes funding decisions on ESG and EHH funds, does go through City process for approval because funds come to City, they have never not approved funds that were going to serve people outside of the City
 - xiv. City as Lead Applicant for EHH funds, was interpreted to be our game and you are playing in it, sometimes there seems to be a narrow view or interpretation of federal guidelines, seems that we put a box around ourselves
 - xv. FEMA is reimbursing communities for 100% of non-congregate shelter funds, confusing that our community is not getting these funds, why are we choosing to not take advantage of these funds, how do we advocate for these funds and who do we advocate to?
2. Presenting at the HSC Membership Meeting – Investment Process
 - a. Some interest in presenting as a panel
 - b. Torrie will look into this further
3. UW Credit Union Funds for Racial Equity
 - a. Guest: Gabe Doyle – Director of Community Impact – Health (United Way)
 - b. UW Credit Union reached out to United Way about injecting funds into BIPOC organizations, operating in Dane County & Milwaukee
 - c. Emergency Fund – up to \$20,000 unrestricted dollars, process closed last Friday
 - d. General Fund – educational barriers – wifi, transportation, financial stability, not focused on outcomes, but rather developing partnerships, up to \$25,000 per year up to two years, if 3 or more org collaboration can apply up to \$100,000 per year up to two years (\$850,000 available)
 - e. Minimal application
 - f. Will get information out to the group, can share with Homeless Services Consortium
 - g. Gabe is willing to talk with people who have questions
 - h. Great opportunity to make funding easy to access and use
4. Participant Survey questions – did not get to this item
 - a. Review samples
 - b. Determine questions
 - c. Share questions with other committee for feedback
5. Next Meeting: May 4th, future meetings will be 90 minutes long

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