

Shelter Provider Committee Meeting Minutes

August 3rd, 2022

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 4th, 2022

Attendees: Torrie Kopp-Mueller (City of Madison), Sarah Lim (City of Madison), Kim Sutter (Porchlight), Rosa Rhoden (Quartz), Terri Johnson (Just Dane), Kim Tesch (Beacon), Aurelius Leslie, Connie Vacho, Fares Fares (Porchlight), Jael Currie (YWCA), Joe Marusarz, Kristina Dux (County), Makayla Carr (CFC), Maureen Quinlan (New Bridge), Merissa Barber-Smith (Road Home/Porchlight), Meshan Adams (City of Madison), Nini, Sarah Elswick-Hustad (ERI), Sarah Riley (County), Tahkaney Becknell, Tara Barica (Salvation Army), Tijana (MachOne), Zach Stephen, Lucie Gabrielle-Jolicoeur (Porchlight)

Wrap-up of April meeting minutes: Temporary/Permanent shelter updates, CWN policy changes,

Temporary & Permanent Shelter Updates

- City engineering department is working to prepare Zeier Rd temporary shelter w/ anticipated move in October
- Architect from Madison selected to work on development plan for Bartillon permanent site
- Shelter operator RFQ in review stage. Anticipated final approval of operator by Common Council will be 9/20/22

Kristina Dux: Hotel programs

- Few people in rooms at Roadway. Total of 58 between two hotels, about 68 individuals.
- Case management has been trying to engage clients in housing search. Equus now focusing on clients who haven't pursued search.
- IQC extended until the end of February. High numbers in July has decreased as of today.
- 250 enrolled in h2h/160 in housing

Covid Updates

- Novavax vaccines now available. 2nd boosters for people under 50 likely in the fall, specific to Omicron variant
- Vaccine clinics continually at men's shelter as well as other locations as new variant develops.
- Encourage unvaccinated folks to get vaccinated and everyone to get booster
- Contact traces ending up as positives at shelter (Salvation Army and Porchlight)

- Many people refusing to wear masks
- Incentives for getting tested
- Testing centers continually scheduled

Shelter trends

- SA had 7 families call in about sleeping outside yesterday
- SA made intake parallel to Men's shelter. Has been functional.
- Higher numbers in a long time
- SA seeking transportation for guests with mobility issues from SA to Beacon
- Union Cab currently used at Men's DIS for guests with mobility issues. Needing to look for other options due to capacity issues
- Searching for transportation options for both shelters
- Beacon is understaffed and is starting program with training from CFC for newer staff. Currently only 8 staff for 7 days a week.
- Fares as new Manager at DIS
- Tour at Zeier road next week for shelter staff. 3rd move.
- Cap at Zeier rd. being 199 may lead to need for more partner agency involvement at shelter
- MachOne establishing weekly presence at shelter. Also understaffed.
- More people accessing shelter instead of staying outside.

Coordinated Entry

- Core program figuring out how to redesign Coordinated Entry and VI-SPDAT
- Question of coming up with completely new prioritization system. Create categories first.
- Permanent supportive housing based on length of time homeless and VI-SPDAT score
- Discussed redesigning Coordinated Entry categorization (See notes from Torrie)

Misc.

- Shelter plans to develop community center rather than just a place to sleep at night
- Discussion of how to provide stability and continual access to support and services at shelter for housed individuals.