



Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2020 – 11:00AM – 1:00PM
Meeting held Virtually with GoToMeeting

Call to Order and Welcome

Attendance: Lane Hanson, Natalie Deibel, Jael, Currie, Maggie Carden, Kim Kennedy, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Brad Hinkfuss, Jonathan Grieser, Liz Duffie, Matt Julian, Melissa Mennig

Guests: Brenda Konkel Mach, Linette Rhodes, Nicole Mia Sandler United Way, Stacia Conneely Legal Action, Anupama Bhalla (CPP), Hannah Fleischmann (CPP), Kathy Kamp (DU Workgroup),

1. Introductions

2. Approval of Minutes from April 17, 2020 -

- a. Liz moves to approve, Kim seconds. Vote called, all approve, none opposed, none abstain

3. Update from Doubled-up Work Group

- a. Awarded \$12,500 to assist with COVID with TRC as the lead applicant (doubled up and not in contact with a case manager). Expenses – not focused on rental assistance due to other groups but will consider. They will be looking first at needs of children, childcare, or household costs. Referrals primarily taken through the school district and will look to outside MMSD as well. Also open to serve unaccompanied youth not working with a case manager.
 - i. Tracking with a Google sheet
 - 1. Committee will review requests and work to not duplicate
 - ii. The group is a sub-recipient. They will request payment through the TRC, but the 12,500 is set aside to them.
 - iii. 17 groups via the TRC, and are communicating as well as setting up a matrix to ensure there is not overlap of services

**4. Overview of the ESG-CV funds (supplemental allocation of ESG funds authorized by the CARES Act)
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- a. Overview – Nationally \$4 billion in ESG funds for the CARE Act
 - i. Distributed by the State of Wisconsin to distribute amongst CoC's and the City of Madison
 - ii. Used for prevent, prepare for and respond to homelessness related to COVID

- iii. Allocated by certain pots, National release will be 1 billion
- b. State of Wisconsin from the first 12.7million for the state of Wisconsin – it could be approved by the end of the week. Planning on the same EHH 2020-2021 funds – and we are estimating 1.5 million to WI
- c. City of Madison estimates to receive 572,541 to City Common Council, they consult with CoC but do not need approval of spending
- d. Grant Period is unknown at this time; likely to through the end of 2020.
- e. Eligible activities: homeless prevention, emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, street outreach, HMIS, Administration
- f. Increased flexibility – minimal decision-making process – allowing time periods to be shortened for, no match qualifications, available to backdate (date not yet released),
- g. Waivers: increasing the homeless an at-risk income eligibility from 30% to 50% area median income.
- h. Housing First: programs should not require treatment or other services
- i. State of WI Allocation Process
 - i. The first allocation funds will be added to the current 2019-2020 EHH Contract
 - 1. We can make an amendment request to extend the funds to the end of the year.
- j. They will release funds in 1-2 weeks and expect a CoC response in 1-2 weeks.
 - i. MKE may do a mini-rfp process
 - ii. Re-housing strategies
 - 1. Planning prevention activities, try not to discharge to the street.
 - 2. Engage property and landowners to scale up housing
 - 3. Consider updating written standards.
 - 4. Identify subsidize models easy to execute
 - 5. Target outreach
 - 6. Identify the inequities and

5. Discussion and approval on the process of allocating the ESG-CV funds within the Dane CoC

- a. City of Madison is the Lead Applicant, and has the following Proposal for the Allocation Process
 - i. Stage 1:
 - 1. Identify and fill the funding gaps of existing programs funded by State ESG.
 - 2. Simple amendment process from budgeted agencies – due May 11th with our review/approval on May 15th meeting
 - 3. Can set a funding cap, as the agencies may request a lot of funds.
 - 4. Current contract extended to September but will ask the agencies to provide requests through December.
 - a. Why and how much – can backdate too
 - ii. Stage 2:
 - 1. Discuss structure and contents of the Request for Proposal including funding priorities and allocation caps
 - 2. Draft RFP by June 15, application materials reflecting hud waivers and hud guidance.

3. Applications to be due in June and then the ranking by July 17th.
 4. Open compensation – if 1st request is not received, agencies can apply for competition in the second.
- b. FEMA funds should cover the hotel. The question we have is shelter space and provision
 - i. City/County – Looking for short-term plan and long-term plan for shelter to maintain social distancing for a prolonged period
 - c. Today's goal is to approve proposal as is for funding of stage 1 process with or without a cap, or change it completely. Initial budget discussions for May 15th.
 - d. Julian motions to approve, Mennig 2nds – wants to have more time of discussion – address spirit in the preventative nature now and in future
 - i. At 1:56 meeting adjourned due to interference in online video conferencing.
 - ii. Brief conference call occurred after meeting to determine we need to repost a public meeting to continue discussion and call a vote.