



## Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

April 22, 2021  
11:00am-1:00pm

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The HSC Board strives to prevent and end homelessness, by advancing Housing as a Human Right. We provide leadership, advocacy, planning, and management of program funding in order to promote accessible and equitable housing and homeless services.

### AGENDA

1. **Attendance:** Brad Hinkfuss, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Arree Macon, Jalateefa JoeMeyers, Brian Benford, Jonathan Grieser, Jael Currie, Lane Hanson, Patrick Duffie, Kim Kennedy, Dana Stokes; **Guests:** Allie Grant (CEYH), Sara Lim (City of Madison), Brenda Konkel (MachOne), Angela Jones (HSC Funders), Sara, Carlee Cantrall, Dominique Christian
2. Call to Order at 11:05 and read expectations
3. Vote to approve Minutes from March 25, 2021 – Brad Hinkfuss
  - Minutes approved
4. Treasurer Report – Lane Hanson
  - Balance = end of March \$2,945.23
  - Includes city administrative funds to pay lived experience members
5. Presentation -- [Youth Action Board](#) – Allie Grant
  - *How does the HSC support the YAB seat's voice on the HSC Board? And how do we provide them training and ensure equity so they can be successful leaders? (JoeMeyers)*
    - The Committee supporting the YAB is aware that youth need to be trained and supported so they can have an effective voice within the HSC and funding decisions
    - This has been a challenge with a new Youth Action Board and supporting adults, we are still determining the structure/process through which youth are on-boarded and promoted to leadership positions
    - Arree Macon holds the current Youth board seat, but he will not fill that role in the future
    - There are concerns about a lack of intentionality in building leadership capacity and skills
    - There are a lot of looming questions about structure and process, but the Board can give their support and endorsement of the YAB (Hinkfuss)
    - Would like to see an embedded coaching process to prepare a YAB member to join the Board (Macon)
6. **Proposal: Approval to reinstate Youth Action Board as official committee of the Homeless Services Consortium.**
  - **1st Vote:** Likes it (8), can live with it (0), uncertain (1), uncomfortable (0) - JoeMeyers uncertain, further discussion
  - *What is the exact structure of the Youth Action Board? Concerned that there isn't a lot of structure or process in place to build youth leadership. Could approve it with the caveat that there is a defined structure in place. (JoeMeyers)*
    - Allie Grant - The goals of the YAB are to provide feedback and participate in decision making on the systems and services that affect youth.
    - Macon - The YAB needs support from the HSC in order to function productively. Not many youth have knowledge about services available, how the larger system works or gaps in the system.
    - Hinkfuss - This is more of a vote of confidence in the YAB.
    - Kennedy - What is the point of prolonging this process? Can we approve the YAB as a committee and work on specific pieces like professional development with the HSC's support?
  - **JoeMeyers changed vote to support the motion, motion carried. The Youth Action Board will be a recognized Committee of the HSC.**

7. Presentation -- [Lived Experience Compensation Policy Revision](#) -- Lane Hanson & Catherine Reiersen
  - The old language requires that the Board Treasurer approve all compensation requests from lived experience members. This would mean that Lane would have to approve everyone's hours so they could be paid. This didn't seem efficient because Lane is not directly overseeing lived experience activities.
  - The proposed compensation language would allow a designated member of the Lived Experience Committee to approve requests for payment from its members. Similarly, YAB support staff could approve youth's requests and hours.
  - Currently, the options for payment for members are (1) direct deposit or (2) paper checks. C4CS is exploring a third option for direct money transfers -- similar to Venmo.
  - *Could Committee income impact members' eligibility for public benefits?* (Duffie)
    - At this point, it does not seem there would be substantial income to impact members' benefits
    - Most members would file a 1099 as a contractor
    - In the future, if members are putting in a lot of hours, C4CS can change this so members are technically their "employees" -- they would then fill out a W-2
8. **Proposal: Approve Lived Experience Compensation Policy as presented.**
  - Like it (8)
  - Live with it (1)
  - Uncertain (1) - Macon, withdrew his vote because he was absent from the discussion.
  - Does not like (0)
  - **Motion carries, the Lived Experience Compensation Policy will be adopted as presented.**
9. Voluntary relinquishment of Tenant Resource Center's CoC Funds
  - Recusal - Gentry Bieker, board member of TRC
  - Agencies can opt to apply for the TRC funds when they apply for EHH funds, this would make the application process more efficient. There are different requirements for this pot of money vs. EHH funds, so Torrie will follow up with agencies who opt to be considered.
  - **Proposal: Approval of Request for Funding Proposals (RFP)**
  - **All like the proposal, the motion carries. There will be a RFP combined process for EHH funding and TRC's relinquished funds.**
10. Requesting volunteers to serve on review committee for EHH and TRC funds – Torrie Kopp Mueller
  - Cannot represent an agency that is applying for these funds
  - Interest - Gentry, Jael, Catherine
  - Other people who participate in the review process are City and County staff, members of the Lived Experience Committee, Torrie, Sarah
11. Written Standards – Updates to Supplemental Written Standards – Torrie Kopp Mueller
  - HUD provides waivers to funding requirements due to COVID, this update to Written Standards would simply address the existence of the waivers.
  - **Proposal: Approval of updates to Supplemental Written Standards as presented.**
  - **All like or can live with it, the motion carries. The Supplemental Written Standards are approved to reflect the HUD waivers.**
  - Additional update -- the Written Standards Committee will hold off on general updates to the Written Standards due to many systems changes right now, unless there are pressing or time-sensitive issues that need to be addressed.
12. American Rescue Act Plan Funds – Advocacy on what the HSC needs
  - With a lot of money flowing into the community and changes happening, the HSC should be taking a stance on how funds are used.
  - The Executive Committee would like to share the decision-making authority with the HSC Board and HSC membership. The Education/Advocacy Committee can plan to have the statement prepared ahead of time and present to the Board for vote.
  - We want to be at the table early on, before the City/County decides how funds will be spent.
  - *What are the Board's stated priorities in the letter? How would the letter address equity?* (Macon)

- The Education/Advocacy Committee drafted a letter that urges a lower % AMI for new builds. We would like to see 30% AMI vs. 50%. This ensures it's truly low-cost housing that's being built.
  - Also would like to extend the original eviction moratorium the State had.
  - Increase hotel funding.
  - JoeMeyers - Advocate for a broader region of services, not just in the City. Address racial disparities and vulnerable populations.
  - Kennedy - Emphasize/prioritize Housing First philosophy in stance.
  - Macon - Support/fund grassroots organizations that are small but making a positive impact.
  - *The City is already prioritizing housing and homelessness in their conversations. What weight will the HSC statement have with the City? I want to make sure we're not asking for something that's already being provided by the City.* (Kennedy)
    - The American Rescue Plan has really vague language about what the funds can be used for. Currently there isn't clarity or consensus about what the City will do with the funds.
13. **Proposal: HSC will advocate at the City, County and State levels for use of the American Rescue Act Plan Funds in preventing and ending all homelessness. HSC Education & Advocacy Committee will draft a letter for Board approval.**
- **All like the proposal, the motion carries. The HSC will adopt the new process for public advocacy.**
14. HSC Board Listening Session – May 18<sup>th</sup> HSC Membership Meeting
- Commitment of Board members to attend -- Jael, Jonathan, Jalateefa, Dana, Gentry, Brian, Catherine, Brad
15. Meeting extended until 1:05 -- Hinkfuss

**Adjourned at 1:05 PM.**

Future Meetings; scheduled from 11AM-1PM	Potential Future Agenda Items
May 27 <sup>th</sup>	Dane County Rep to discuss funding
June 24 <sup>th</sup>	VI-SPDAT & Prioritization (Built for Zero team)
July 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Fundraising Strategies
August 26 <sup>th</sup>	Equity in Funding Discussion
September 23 <sup>rd</sup>	CoC Quarterly Spending Report (CoC Coordinator)
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	Approval of CoC Funding Documents (CoC Coordinator & <a href="#">Core Committee</a> )
November 25 <sup>th</sup>	
December 23 <sup>rd</sup>	

If you have topics you think the HSC Board should discuss, please email them to [hsc@cityofmadison.com](mailto:hsc@cityofmadison.com).