



**Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2020 – 11:00AM - 1:00PM
Meeting held Virtually on Zoom**

Call to Order and Welcome

Attendance: Matt Julian, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Melissa Mennig, Lane Hanson, Natalie Deibel, Liz Duffie, Brad Hinkfuss, Maggie Carden, Jonathan Grieser, Arree Macon, Wanda Smith, Jael Currie, Jani Koester

Guests: Sarah Lim - CDD, Aurelius Leslie – LEC Representative, Rebecca Repaal – Dane County, Heidi Wegleitner – Legal Action, Linda Ketchum – Just Dane, Jalateefa JoeMeyers – Sankofa, Nyjelika Daniel, Brenda Konkel – MACH One, Matt Koz – TRC, Stacia Connely – Legal Action, Robin Sereno – TRC, Andrea Zea, Ed Lynn – Hotel Manager

1. Introductions – Called to order at 11:03

2. Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2020

- a. Duffie moves to approve the minutes. Mennig seconds.
 - i. Vote called. Smith and Koester abstain, the rest approve

3. Treasurer’s Report – Hanson

- a. Updated balance \$1845.06
 - i. Spreadsheet set up to track. Kopp Mueller will do “Thank yous!”

4. Doubled-Up Work Group Update – Koester

- a. A good percent is used in the City of Madison, but dollars spent across the county.
- b. 64 applicants and given 50 awards (some duplicate applicants).
- c. Used for doubled up and those in hotel.
- d. Funding came through the TRC and does not have continued plan to receive and allocate funding

5. Approval of ESG-CV Funding Slate – Review Committee Members

- a. Smith feels the recommendation was changed by Sarah Lim
 - i. Committee make-up: Kopp Mueller, Hinkfuss, Smith, Leslie (not present Becker, Nicole Sandler, and Yolanda)

1. Hinkfuss feels the numbers were a group decision and reflected the compromises from the committee. Leslie confirms the numbers are reflective. Kopp Mueller – 1st half discussed City ESG and State ESG funds.
 2. Smith feels that we should consider funding shelter options equally rather than continuing to fund the current Shelter systems.
- b. Lim reviewed ESG-CV Review Team Recommendations
- i. Started with ranking scores
 1. Reviewed the Karmenta Facility family shelter by TSA – 47 rooms in Karmenta for one year, funded 6 mo vs 1 year of operations. Competing with Sankoka hotel room possibly with 30 rooms.
 2. Porchlight and TSA were funded 6 mo or less.
 3. Prevention not funded due to discussions around allocations with exception for Briarpatch
 - a. Briarpatch Young Adult Rent Assistance Project recommended as typical services do not serve 18-25, as often doubled up
 4. Catholic Charities recommended increase in rapid rehousing funds for folks with the hotels.
 5. Funded partial or fully of all rapid rehousing proposals, limited shelters authorizations to 6 mo or less of their expanded operating costs, prevention minimally funded
 6. Funds split, 47% to shelter, 5% to prevention, 40% rapid rehousing, 9% street outreach
 - ii. Hinkfuss moves that the HSC Board approves the recommended slate per the Review Committee; Julian seconds the motion. Opened for discussion
 1. Jalateefa JoeMeyers CEO from Sankofa Educational Leadership United. Wanted to present emergency shelter proposal – they have been working with clients that are unable to access TSA. Feels we are funding what’s in place and not new. Reports they feel they were able to provide a better price point per family, the staff is more reflective, and offering a new option. Says they would participate in Coordinated Entry, but also would like CE services to be reformed.
 - a. Ed Lynn – reported that initially the hotel owners recommended closing, however they instead tried to reach out and serve homeless individuals.
 - b. Rebecca Repaal – has multiple families working with Sankofa and recommends them.
 2. Macon says we need to better hold folks accountable by utilizing a coaching model to provide feedback and support.
 - a. Lim reports that they have regular metrics that are reviewed
 3. We approve CoC funds, not City funds.
 - a. Hanson is prepared to make the recommendation that we fund Sankofa’s Family shelter program.
 - b. Clarification that we can move recommendations in City allocation, but only ultimately approve Dane CoC.

4. Mennig Motion to extend meeting 1:30– Natalie 2nds – motion passes unanimously
 5. Wegleitner – reports it is confusing legal landscape with a state moratorium and a partial federal moratorium, new CDA order and makes it seem that it alleviates the need for prevention; there is nothing automatic about the order. Many folks do not know about the accuracy of these orders and also landlords are continuing to follow through with them.
 6. Koz reports our community feels like we are in a sinking ship and we are trying to fund a bigger bucket vs plugging the holes – prevention is key for plugging the holes. He is not advocating for a specific amount for TRC, rather just strongly echoes that we fund prevention more. The board should add additional recommendations to City/County give GPR dollars.
 - a. Connely – echoes above comments and inquires about 2nd release of funding.
 - b. Sereno – strongly encourages we invest in legal services.
 7. Konkel’s comments read – concerns related to shelter for singles, alders wanting folks out of parks, and legal services.
 8. Lim – first round of funding and second round of funding. It is not known how much funding would be allocated in a 2nd round. The state has said they are leaning towards funding CoC the same amounts (possibly 1.8 million). Hopeful they will let us know next month. Must be spend down both allocations by April 30, 2022, except shelters. 2nd allocation could be a new RFP, or they can review current RFP’s offered.
 9. Smith does not see that prevention has been particularly helpful in these situations, and feels the money needs to go directly to people to pay for housing.
 10. Hinkfuss – states we should not redo the slate without first informing the agency’s applying. Macon is hoping we move to a coaching model vs auditing folks.
- iii. Motion tabled to next special board meeting. Hanson and Smith opposed, None abstain, the rest in favor.

6. Approval of Written Standards: Introduction, Program Standards, List of Acronyms & Glossary, Websites for Additional Information, Prevention Services

- a. Tabled until next regularly scheduled board meeting

Motion to adjourn at 1:30

Next Meetings scheduled 11AM-1PM

Special Board Meeting to discuss allocation recommendations to be determined.

October 16th

November 20th

December 18th