

# Shelter Provider Committee Meeting Minutes

June 1st, 2022

**Next Meeting:** August 3rd 2022

**Attendees:** Torrie Kopp-Mueller, Meshan Adams, Lisa Hemauer, Preston Patterson, Avenash Pernakil, Bridget Rogers, Casey Yanta, John Adams, Mike Moody, Fares Fares, Michelle Zuelke, Jani Koester, Kim Sutter, Kim Tesch, Kristina Dux, Lucia Ledesma, Rosa Rhoden, Sarah Lim, Sarah Riley, Tara Barica, Linette Rhodes, Lucie-Gabrielle Jolicoeur

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

## **Temporary/Permanent Shelter Updates from Linette Rhodes:**

- Common Council authorized purchase of 2002 Zeier Rd. as temporary men's shelter as well as 1902 Bartillon Dr from City's Landbanking fund (funds not allocated for shelter). Current shelter set to become Public Market with construction beginning end of 2022.
- Funds from City of Madison and Dane Co. have been authorized for up to \$9 million
- In April Bartillon site was made official as planned site for permanent shelter. Developing project management plans within City of Madison Public Projects. Working with City Engineering and Architectural Design Services
- Request for Proposal for Operator of shelter to come
- Working on Zeier Rd. to develop temporary shelter. Floor plan presented. Porchlight management has been advising development and planning of new temporary building
- Beginning construction on Zeir Rd. this month, goal is to move in by October 2022.
- Beacon shuttle will still be available from Zeier Road. Metro will keep city bus stop right outside of shelter.
- 1902 Bartillon will be the permanent spot for shelter. Purchased in Oct 2021. Working with Architectural team currently, will begin solidifying design after team is established by August. By mid 2023 designs will be approved through all city processes. Anticipate construction to take all of 2024. Permanent shelter planned to be available first quarter of 2025
- Capital funds secured as of May 2022: \$12,000,000. Will be requesting more. Expecting this to be a \$20-23 million project.
- Will be posting RFQ by June 15th for 1902 Bartillon Dr. Operator and establish Operator by September.
- Community engagement planned for development of permanent shelter. City will be present at HSC meetings, providing updates via email, hosting listening sessions/focus groups and consulting external communities/shelters. How a purpose-built shelter should be planned and

functioned. Input from: people with lived experience, community organization stakeholders, and neighborhoods.

- Sending survey out this week (tentatively)
- Project Contacts: Jon Evans and Linette Rhodes

### **Kristina Dux: Housing Access & Affordability**

- Hotel program will be closed by the end of the month. No proposal to extend services.
- Equess will be provider for H2H. Staff from Catholic Charities and Equess is working on housing searches with individuals at hotel program.
- Need to plan meetings with Porchlight and Beacon staff about individuals returning from VPH program back to shelters.
- MRC was extended to Sept. 30th
- Focus approved for Rapid Rehousing funds. City trying to put together funds to help people who are at the shelter.
- Equess may extend services for ~two months to continue case management with individuals. Equess support staff and City Focus group will connect with shelter providers Tentatively.
- Meeting scheduled for June 7th at 2:00 pm.
- Outreach team will help shelter staff with intakes on July 1st. Will have excessive amount of intakes to complete.
- Hotel program considering staggering transition for individuals from hotel to shelter.
- City is finalizing storage units for guests staying at hotel.
- Beacon discussing how to create more space for individuals returning to services from hotel. Beacon already nears capacity daily. Need Fire marshall and Public Health to evaluate capacity.

### **Plavior program at DIS**

- Computer courses provided for guests. Macbooks borrowed from UW. Once program is completed individuals will be connected with global, remote employment opportunities for \$25/hr. 2 courses Tues/Wed/Fri at shelter.
- Will begin hosting courses at The Beacon as well

### **Miscellaneous**

- Masking has become difficult to enforce at shelters as mandate is lifted in other spaces
- Beacon working with the space that they have to continue distancing

- Salvation Army also seeing uptick in cases/symptoms. Family shelter struggles more with masking. Women's shelter not having much issue with masking.
- If someone has medical documentation that states they need the accommodation of not wearing a mask, they can wear a face shield. Must honor medical accommodations.
- Family shelter seeing uptick in calls. Active number at 30 families. Total waitlist ~50. 8/50 reported to be unsheltered/outside. These individuals were connected to Urban Triage or FSSF.
- Meshan will be running surveys. Would like shelter providers to brainstorm questions for surveys and send to madams@cityofmadison.com
- Neighborhood response is often negative. Ask people with lived experience what they want to see from the neighborhood. Idea of integrating shelter into community instead of perpetual separation from shelter and neighborhoods. Keep client perspectives at focal point.