



Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

March 25, 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:** Torrie Kopp Mueller, Catherine Reiersen, Brian Bedford, Gentry Bieker, Patrick Duffie, Brad Hinkfuss, Jonathan Grieser, Jael Currie, Jalateefa JoeMeyers, Dana Stokes; **Guests:** Linette Rhodes (City of Madison), Melissa Herriges, Sarah Lim (City of Madison), Gary Halverson, Matt Koz (Tenant Resource Center), Robin Sereno (Tenant Resource Center), Ibrahim (CAC), Angela Jones (United Way & HSC Funders Committee), Tara Barica (TSA), Brenda Konkel (MachOne Health), Kelli Taylor, Angie Alcorta (CAC), Queen Turner, Wanda Smith
2. Call to order at 11:06 and read expectations
3. Community Building – Jael Currie
  - Today's lesson in ease:
    - Connect - My attempts to connect with others are like an iceberg. The tip of the iceberg represents what I say. The foundation of the iceberg, the case that holds the tip above the surface of the ocean, is how I feel when I say what I say. I now choose to be aware of this emotional undercurrent and therefore infuse my words with positive intent.*
    - Growing - I trust that the zone of comfort is seldom the territory of fulfillment. I am now in the process of becoming the butterfly I was metaphorically meant to be. During this period of growth and perhaps discomfort, I acknowledge and accept the ways that I am growing.*
    - Synchronicity - Synchronicity occurs whenever circumstances unfold in a way to beautifully compliment one another; creating an end result that perhaps exceeds one's expectations. I now declare that I am open to receiving the assistance of synchronicity.*
4. Vote to approve Minutes from March 3, 2021 – Brad Hinkfuss
  - Minutes approved by the Board
5. Treasurer Report – Lane Hanson
  - Current balance is \$875.96
6. Presentation -- [State EHH Funding Overview](#) -- Sarah Lim
7. Presentation – [City of Madison Lead Agency Responsibilities](#) – Linette Rhodes
  - *What about the new ESG-CV funds from the CARES Act, just released by the Board?* (Hinkfuss)
    - A monitoring schedule to be developed, this is a new funding stream
    - Currently EHH monitoring is done by the City -- audit 3rd week invoice of

client files.

- *What are the prospects for future funding for housing and homelessness services? (Hinkfuss)*
    - City is currently analyzing the American Rescue Plan, some funding could be brought to the City for different projects
    - Purchase/rehab of non-congregate housing (could be ~\$5 million)
    - More rental assistance (similar to CORE)
    - Not likely to be an increase of typical ESG funds, instead there are different pots of money available
  - *What is the nature of Torrie's position with the Board? (Hinkfuss)*
    - Linette Rhodes and Sarah Lim manage EHH funds and contract management
    - Law changes in 2009 meant that the City (as lead agency) could qualify for additional funding/projects and planning \$\$ -- this money was originally used to hire consultants to assess community needs, etc.
    - Other CoCs had hired a "CoC Coordinator" that could take on some of the CoC management responsibilities
    - Torrie is an employee of the City, 5% of her time is spent coordinating with the City on their reporting
    - She acts as a liaison between the CoC Board/agencies and the City
  - *If the City is the lead agency for funding, how do you make sure that the entire County is being served? (JoeMeyers)*
    - Dane County, City, United Way come together on the Funders Committee to collaborate
    - Some funds (ESG funds) cannot go outside the city limits so this must be coordinated by the City
    - Casey Becker has the same role as Linette Rhodes but for Dane County, they collaborate to share monitoring responsibilities
    - Currently the city and county are working to streamline process for agencies who get City AND County funding
    - **The Executive Committee will organize for a County representative to attend the next Board meeting, present about their relationship to the CoC, and answer questions.**
  - *How does the City ensure that these funds are being distributed equitably throughout the county, especially to address racial disparities? (JoeMeyers)*
    - The City uses a Equity Racial Equity & Social Justice Initiative FastTrack Toolkit ([link to the website and toolkit](#))
    - Toolkit is used by City officials to explore the unintended consequences of a policy decision and their impact on communities of color
    - Toolkit was developed by the City's Civil Rights Division, Equity Coordinator in coordination with other groups
  - *Do the folks who sit on these equity committees reflect the populations they serve? (JoeMeyers)*
    - This is hard to answer because the makeup of these committees is always changing
8. **Proposal: Designate the City of Madison as the recipient and lead applicant agency for EHH funding.**
- **1st Vote:** Likes it (4), can live with it (3), uncertain (1), uncomfortable (0) - JoeMeyers uncertain, further discussion
  - *What is the alternative to having the City as lead agency for funding? Could Dane County be the lead agency? (JoeMeyers)*

- County is not interested in being a lead agency, does not receive ESG funding
  - *What is the timeline to determine if the City will be the lead agency?* (JoeMeyers)
    - Very short time timeline to decide -- April 3
  - *Still unclear about how the County and City have different roles, yet collaborate on this. Can someone from the County come and present and respond to questions?* (Reierson)
    - The Executive Committee committed to inviting a County rep to present and answer questions from the Board at April's meeting.
  - **JoeMeyers could live with this, motion carried. City of Madison will be the lead applicant agency for EHH funding.**

9. **Proposal: Approve EHH application process and forms. Choose between two options:**

- **(1) Full funding process** -- use previous years' application materials but the Lived Experience Committee would be a part of the review process this time; allows new agencies to come in if we do a full funding process. Timeline would be a 2-week turnaround.
- **(2) Automatic renewal** -- agencies who were already previously funded would automatically get re-approved. This would be the easiest route but it wouldn't give opportunity for new agencies to apply and it wouldn't allow input from the Lived Experience Committee.
- JoeMeyers and Reierson proposed a full funding process so that Lived Experience Members would have a voice in funding decisions this round.
- Robin Sereno (guest) had some concerns about the considerable time commitment (40+ hours) dedicated to reviewing grant proposals in a short period of time. Previously coordinated the Youth Action Board, whose members were active in the YHDP application process. Some members felt they were being set up for failure because it was a very complex, intensive process and they didn't feel adequately trained/prepped.
- Assurance from Sarah Lim that Lived Experience members would be paid for their time and receive orientation about decision criteria for proposals.
- There is a match requirement for ESG funding -- if you receive \$10,000 for example you'd have to come up with \$10,000 from another source
- This is slightly different with COVID-related efforts -- Sarah will get a clarification about this
- Average allocation is \$34,000, with the exception of \$100,000 for prevention
- Full funding process (vote)
  - Like it (1)
  - Live with it (6)
  - Uncertain/Uncomfortable (0)
  - **Motion carries, the EHH application process will be a full application process, allowing for new submissions for the funding and a review of proposals by the Lived Experience Committee.**

10. Voluntary relinquishment of Tenant Resource Center's CoC Funds

- **Proposal: Approval of funding application, timeline and review committee.**
- *Could the application process be incorporated into the ESG-CV process?* (Hanson)
  - Uncertainty about how this funding differs from the typical ESG-CV funding, there are different requirements. (Sereno, TRC)

11. Written Standards – Updates to Street Outreach, Diversion, Recordkeeping & Emergency Transfer Plan sections of Written Standards – Action Item –Torrie Kopp Mueller

- **Proposal: Approve updates made to Street Outreach, Diversion, Recordkeeping & Emergency Transfer Plan Written Standards as presented.**

**12. Move to extend meeting until 1:30 PM -- Reierson**

- Like or live with it (5)
- Uncertain/Uncomfortable (2)
- Gentry Bieker and Jonathon Grieser left at 1:00 due to schedule conflict. Board continued with enough members for quorum.

**13. Other Guest Comments:** *Wanda Smith asked, Why are folks only able to respond to Torrie?*

- The chat settings were set this way to avoid two “simultaneous” board meetings with side conversations
- Torrie will disable the chat altogether in future Board meetings

**Adjourned at 1:15 PM. Joe Meyers left the meeting due to tech issues, did not have a quorum. Items 10 and 11 were tabled for the next meeting April 22nd.**

**Future Meetings:**

All Meetings are scheduled from 11AM-1PM

April 22<sup>nd</sup>

May 27<sup>th</sup>

June 24<sup>th</sup>

July 22<sup>nd</sup>

August 26<sup>th</sup>

September 23<sup>rd</sup>

October 28<sup>th</sup>

November 25<sup>th</sup>

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