

Committee Meeting 07/13/2022 11:00am-12:00pm

Present: Karen Andro, Octavia Bogan, Jaime Crespo, Rachel Ellis, Nicholas Fatsis, Marilyn Feil, Samantha Green-Milon, Kristi Goldade, Michelle Hemp, Isaac Hoffman, Lucie-Gabrielle Jolicoeur, Andrea Johnson, Matt Julian, Jani Koester, Marjorie Lewis, Michael Moody, Jessica Oswald, Johneisha Prescott, Rosa Rhoden, Tijana Sagorac-Gruchiach, Koleena Schmidt, Shannon Stevens, Chara Taylor, Nancy Vue, Ulysses Williams

- I. Intros (in the chat)
- II. Report on “Messages to Fight Criminalization” Training by Housing Not Handcuffs
 - A. How can we educate community members about the root causes of homelessness and motivate them to address the systems failures that cause homelessness?
 - B. How can we prevent governments from treating homelessness as if it is a crime?
 - C. Links
 1. [Housing Not Handcuffs: Ending the Criminalization of Homelessness in U.S. Cities - 2019 Report](#)
 2. [Effective Messaging Techniques \(presented by Marisol Bello\)](#)
 3. [Housing Narrative Lab Messaging Research](#)
 4. [Six Ideas for Talking About Housing Not Handcuffs](#)
 5. [Cited for Being in Plain Sight: How California Polices Being Black, Brown, and Unhoused in Public](#)
- III. Report on HUD Resources for Individuals Re-entering the Community after Incarceration (?) - Delayed until August
- IV. Engaging with the County Board and City Council - who can commit to attending?
 - A. City - Housing Strategy - 7/28, 5:00 PM
 1. Would this be a valuable committee where we could advocate for affordable housing for individuals below 50% AMI?
 2. Agenda is not posted yet
 3. Check back [here](#) to watch for the agenda to be posted. Click on the agenda, then copy and paste the Zoom link from the agenda into a new browser window. This will take you to the registration page.
 - B. County - Health and Human Needs Committee - 7/14, 5:30 PM
 1. Voting on the extension of the Vulnerable Persons Hotel and on increasing funding to Family Support and Resource Center
 2. Register at this [link](#)
 - C. County - Criminal Justice Council - 7/28, 12:15 PM
 1. Agenda is not posted yet - CJC Calendar of Events [Meetings and Events \(countyofdane.com\)](#)
 - i. Subcommittees:
 1. CJC Behavioral Health 7/15 at 12pm
 2. CJC Racial Disparities 7/26 12:15pm

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 - i. Matt Julian can attend, Rachel Ellis will try

V. Update from Linette Rhodes of City of Madison

- A. Every department has been asked to cut 1% from their budget.
- B. Priorities in the budget are
 1. Moving the Men's shelter to Zeier Road - \$2.4 million to operate
 2. Stimulus money was used to fund Dairy Drive and those funds are ending in Fall of 2022 - focus is to try to support unsheltered response
- C. Best time to intervene is before Mayor releases her budget, and from October 17-18 discussions of Operating Budget
- D. Linette will provide our group a summary in advance to coordinate advocacy efforts

VI. Community Education during Homeless Awareness Month (November)

- A. Doubled-up Workgroup events
 1. Sending you the Zoom link for the July 26 , 9:30 a.m., meeting to write the proclamation that we want Gov. Evers to sign to observe November as Homelessness Awareness month.
 2. Join Zoom Meeting
<https://countyofdane.zoom.us/j/97868349978>
 3. Website with info about the requirements for a proclamation:
<https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Newsroom/Proclamations.aspx>

Other events:

1. Community Conversations on Doubled up Homelessness - Services
Wed Aug 3, 2022 12 pm – 1:30 pm virtual

+August Newsletter: Just a reminder that if anyone has thoughts/suggestions for the August newsletter, or wants to submit something, please do! Looking for any "in the news" features, a lived experience submission, volunteer/get involved opportunities, upcoming events....open to whatever other ideas you might have. Email Lisa Hemauer (hemauer@countyofdane.com), or Bridget Rogers (rogers.bridget@countyofdane.com)

B. How else can we build public awareness and support for systemic solutions?

1. Marilyn and Jani will work on some ideas about organizing some local events/activities and bring them to the next meeting. Who else wants and can help?
 1. Write up some ideas
 2. Discuss how to gather some momentum and support from local agencies and providers
 3. Build on other ideas for expanding November awareness and events

4. Marilyn and Jani will update and share current events and times already put into motion for November
2. Who will commit to reviewing the Messages to Fight Criminalization materials and bringing ideas of possible events to the next meeting?

VII. Transitional Housing Program

A. Overview of 6/29 meeting

B. Follow-up on tasks assigned at the last meeting

1. Marjorie emailed Linda Ketchum to solicit additional input because of her extensive experience with working with formerly incarcerated individuals and with creating a successful project proposal - Healing House
2. Marjorie emailed [Heidi Weigleitner](#) for suggestions about how to craft a proposal to the County - Heidi could not attend, but she is very interested in supporting solutions that focus on housing and treatment rather than more money for the jail, which is something that is being proposed. Heidi prefers permanent supportive housing projects but not against a THP. She feels urgency and would like to push the County to devote resources to a project like this in 2022. She feels that there are a number of new board members who feel the same, and that there is the political will on the board now to push this, it's just a matter of finding the resources. Not against a study but not sure it's needed. Heidi's suggestion was that we need to start by researching what the project would cost.
3. Michael Moody reached out to Colleen Bernhardt-Clark, Dane County staff, who provided some resources and is interested in helping - she is on vacation until the end of July, though
4. Michelle Hemp, Michael Moody, Matt Julian - potential partnership with Meriter
5. Brenda - when does MACH-One anticipate their 6-month report on the supervised encampment at Dairy Drive will be ready?

C. Questions for our next subgroup - please sign up for questions so that we can make significant progress on creating a proposal at our next workgroup meeting.

1. Rosa Rhoden raised the question about whether this project would be a duplication of services - how would it be different than Tellurian THP or other treatment programs?
2. Do we want this to be a study? If so, how can we find a partner to make this project a study? Long-term prospective study?
3. Are there any similar programs in the United States that we can utilize as a model?
4. What's our timeline?
5. What would the estimated cost of the project be? How can we figure this out?
6. What terms should we be using for the individuals that we are trying to serve? "High utilizers"?
7. What are the legal ramifications of choosing certain terms, such as Temporary Housing Program or treatment program. How will the terms we use impact the length of time we can serve participants, whether the participants can remain on the Permanent Supportive Housing Queue, and what our options are for exiting someone who is endangering the safety of others or who will not or cannot engage in the program?
8. If it is a temporary housing program, what is the proposed length of stay? How can we minimize the chance that participants return to homelessness at the end of their stay?

9. What are the selection criteria for participating in the program? If Coordinated Entry is involved, how can we ensure that we are effectively reaching our target population since many people who experience frequent jail stays are not on the Coordinated Entry list. How can we partner with the jail and hospitals to get individuals who are experiencing homelessness connected with Coordinated Entry?
10. Are we buying an existing structure and renovating it? Are we building from scratch? What about a Tiny Home model? A collection of group homes?
11. If we can't create a full proposal this year, is there something we can propose in this year's County or City budgets that could lay the groundwork for a successful project proposal?
12. How can the project be low-barrier enough to help our intended target population, while providing enough structure that participants stabilize? Often individuals who need treatment and services the most are the ones whose behaviors create safety or nuisance concerns. They often get kicked out of shelter, housing programs, etc. How can we retain and support these individuals while maintaining a safe and therapeutic environment.
13. How can we incentivize participants to participate in the study and engage in treatment and services?