



## Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

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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.

### MINUTES

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Introductions
- Board members in attendance: Gentry Bieker, Catherine Reiersen, Michelle Hemp, Patrick Duffie, Patti La Cross, Brenda Konkel, Sara Allee-Jatta, Robin Sereno, Arree Macon
- Board members not in attendance: Joel Girard, Rachel Litchman, Shanita Lawrence
- Staff: Torrie Kopp Mueller
- Guests: Kristina Dux, Jenna Jacobson, Pam Anderson
- **Vote to approve Minutes from December 9, 2021** – Catherine Reiersen
  - Minutes approved
- **Vote – election of Board officers – President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary**
  - Following were nominated for positions
    - Brenda Konkel – President
    - Robin Sereno – Vice President
    - Gentry Bieker – Treasurer
    - Michelle Hemp – Secretary
  - All people were unanimously elected to the positions
- Update on vacant board seats and next steps – Torrie Kopp Mueller
  - Andrew McKinney was in an elected Lived Experience Seat and has resigned from the Board. He is currently running for Dane County Board and is not able to give as much time to the HSC.
  - Georgia Allen was in an appointed Lived Experience Seat and has resigned due to taking on a new position as Executive Director with The Road Home.
  - Next Steps: Georgia will communicate with the Lived Experience Committee about a new appointee. Torrie will work with the executive committee on soliciting nominations for the Board to vote on to fill the elected seat.
- Written Standards – updates to Supplemental Written Standards based on HUD memo issued 12/30/21 – Torrie Kopp Mueller
  - **Proposal – Approve updates to Supplemental Written Standards as presented.**
  - Supplemental Written Standards were developed in response to waivers on HUD regulations during the pandemic. Had anticipated all waivers to expire on 12/31/21, but HUD issued a memo on 12/30/21 extending some of the waivers. The changes on this document are to update the expiration dates and take out any times that no longer have waivers in place.
  - Proposal was liked by all.
- Higher Education Access and Success for Homeless and Foster Youth Act of 2022 – Catherine Reiersen
  - ~~Proposal – HSC signs on to support Higher Education Access and Success for Homeless and Foster Youth Act of 2022~~
  - School House Connection is an advocacy organization for students experiencing homelessness, they reached out to organizations asking them to sign on to endorse Higher Education Access & Success for Homeless and Foster Youth Act of 2022.
    - Higher education to create plan for housing between terms
    - Designate liaisons to assist youth in accessing services

- Collect data
  - Prioritize these youth for work study positions
  - Create ombudsman position
  - And other items
- Fostering Success in Higher Education
  - \$150 million a year to expand initiatives to assist homeless and foster youth
- Both bills are created to increase access and graduation rates for foster and homeless youth
- **Amended Proposal: Endorse Higher Education Access and Success for Homeless and Foster Youth Act and Fostering Success in Higher Education**
  - Proposal was liked by all
- Torrie will complete form
- Update on Community Action Coalition – Rapid Rehousing Program – Torrie Kopp Mueller
  - **Proposal – HSC signs letter of support for CAC to change target population from people experiencing chronic homelessness to following community’s written standards.**
  - This item was tabled and Torrie needs to gather more information from Community Action Coalition. She has a meeting scheduled with them next week to talk more about their program and next steps. Torrie will keep the Board informed on next steps.
- Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) – Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between HSC & agencies – Torrie Kopp Mueller
  - **Proposal – Approve signature on EHV MOUs.**
  - For EHV, The Road Home, DAIS, Sankofa ELU and Urban Triage agreed to provide services to people getting vouchers who are currently experiencing homelessness. They are not receiving additional funds from the CoC or the Public Housing Authorities to provide this service. The previous Board suggested having an MOU in place between the CoC and the agencies to ensure everyone is on the same page with expectations. Torrie has finalized MOUs with The Road Home and DAIS, but still working with Urban Triage and Sankofa ELU. Today, looking for approval for The Road Home and DAIS. Will bring Urban Triage and Sankofa ELU to future meetings.
  - Proposal was liked by all.

Adjourn

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