

Committee Meeting 02/08/2023 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Present: Marjorie Lewis, Matt Julian, Chara Taylor, Torrie Kopp-Mueller, Ali Hellenbrand,
Alicia Spry, Allison Davidson, Amanda Sedlacek, Aurelius Leslie, Butch Andreas, Charnice Anderson, Diamond Martin, Jeff LeMessurier, Johneisha Prescott, Kyle VonRuden, Pattie La Cross, Rose Manjon, Kye Fields, Takisha Jordan, Priscilla Lentini Seton, Taylor Rozman, Michelle Hemp, Pam Anderson, Marilyn Feil

I. Updates

- A. [2023 Advocacy Agenda](#) approved by the Board of Directors
 - 1. Prioritization
 - 2. Next steps - Matt
 - B. Presentation to City County Homeless Issues Committee (CCHIC) 2/6/23
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- II. 2023 Advocacy Opportunities
 - A. [Proposed changes to zoning code](#) - definition of Family
 - 1. Public meeting dates - [2/13 Plan Commission](#), [2/23 Housing Strategy Committee](#), [2/28 Common Council](#)
 - 2. City of Madison residents can call or email their alder - find out who your alder is and their contact info [here](#)
 - B. Criminal Justice Council
 - 1. Three subcommittees - Pre-trial, Racial Disparities, Behavioral Health
 - 2. [Nominations](#) due Feb 17, 2023
 - 3. They are looking for individuals with behavioral health expertise
 - 4. They are looking for individuals especially those with diverse backgrounds with lived experience of incarceration or who have been impacted by the criminal justice system (such as having a family member incarcerated)
 - C. Community Plan to End Homelessness
 - 1. developed throughout this year, finished by December 2023
 - D. 2023 State Budget
 - 1. 2023 is a year for new budget to be written (written every 2 years)
 - 2. Feb 15th Governor's budget address, written budget proposal will be released
 - 3. Budget covers policies as well as money
 - 4. People can reach out to representatives to advocate for what they support
 - 5. April Advocacy day-Torrie will get us more information
 - 6. What does WI pay for for homelessness and homeless prevention? -very little compared to neighboring states, there is lots of work to be done
 - 7. Try to coordinate with COC for advocacy

8. Making specific requests with data/ evidence demonstrating the need is helpful
9. Dane County legislatures tend to want to support homeless services more than outlying Counties
10. Efforts for larger cities in Wisconsin to coordinate efforts would be helpful
11. State's plan to end homelessness (not approved yet):

a. LL/tenant laws

1. Remove fees for vital records docs for homeless folks
2. Section 8/vouchers be considered legal income for the purpose of obtaining housing only (not counted toward foodshare etc)? -Unsure
3. Increase shelter funding
4. Prevention program vets
5. Diversion programming
6. Housing navigation
7. LL grants-to bring up to code, for affordable units
8. Housing tax credit
9. Increase homeless prevention funding
10. Increase skills enhancement funding
11. Double homelessness case management program funding
12. Increase housing assistance funding (HAP)

E. House Representative Mark Pocan

1. Torrie met with his staff-would like to know our needs for homeless services
2. They offered to give tips on how to advocate at the federal level-they are invited to this meeting

F. Dane County Budget

1. County staff will present information about the budget process and how to engage in advocacy in the April meeting

G. City of Madison Budget

1. City staff will present information about the budget process and how to engage in advocacy at the March meeting

III. Committee Procedures

A. Committee chair and other roles

1. The HSC offers committees no official guidance for procedures of how to organize our committees-we can make up our own rules; currently we have none
2. Note-taking rotation - talk about at next meeting

B. Work groups

1. Work on what our education work will look like

2. It would be helpful to form work groups to make more progress on the advocacy and education work of the committee. Will people attend?
3. Think about whether we will start some work groups and how we will structure them so that we can discuss in

IV. Tasks to complete by next meeting

- A. Kyle will contact Octavia regarding Community Justice Council nomination
- B. Matt will contact Francesca about giving a 15 minute presentation to the general membership of the Homeless Services Consortium about the 2023 Education and Advocacy Agenda
- C. Think about how you think the committee leadership should be structured - what roles should we have, how often should we rotate them? Any other procedures that you would like to see?
- D. Think about whether you are willing to participate in a work group, and if so, what project would you like to work on