

HSC Meeting April 19, 2021

1:00

Minutes

Committee Updates:

Nominating and Governance—reviewing code of conduct.

Committee to End Youth Homelessness—reviewing current community coordinated entry system and how it impacts unaccompanied youth, 18-24 individuals and families.

Written Standards—general review of written standards and updating of language. We have decided to put general updates on hold until system changes happen.

Doubled Up Group—heard from Balance of State to talk about how they work with doubled up families within the coordinated entry system.

Board of Directors—city staff reviewed city relationship with CoC. Presentation available.

Core Committee—talking about CoC funding process. Also talking about COVID funding and opportunities to continue some programs developed using these funds.

Funder's Committee—completing survey to understand the gap in services, currently focused on clients perspective. Is also reviewing the role and function of the funder's committee conversation.

Shelter Provider's Update—Reviewed safety measure in place at shelter and Beacon and changes that have been made and the impact on those served. Most clients were grateful for additional measures.

Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness—summary of work with current plan, and looking forward to doing updated plan. Trying to figure out next steps.

Education and Advocacy—no report

Lived Experience—welcomed three new members and trying to find meeting time that works for all. Would like 2 more members so that there will be 9.

City County Homelessness Committee—listening session coming up.

Training put on by Org Code—Takeaways from that training were provided. Including:

- All staff members of an organization that work with the homeless population need to understand and make decisions that are aligned with the mission and vision of the organization.

- Teams are more effective than work groups. Work groups are project driven. Teams have a shared vision, are committed to a common purpose, and share responsibility in decision making.
- Collaboration is so important.
- Turn motivation into action and attach a meaning to it. Determine what are you going to focus on, the changes you want realized, the map to get you there, what will keep you going.
- Teams should be high performing; there are a series of characteristics that ensure that they are performing at a high level. An Example: Each member should feel that the work of preventing homelessness is their career or a higher calling. They do not see this as a steppingstone.
- You must focus on reaching your fullest potential if the team is going to reach their fullest.
- You are not alone are you awesome to take on the challenges in this line of work, and not everyone is able to work in this field. The foundations that drive us to accomplish our mission is loyalty, sanity, care and fairness of others.
- We should never lose sight of the privilege to serve.
- It is important that members of management provide thorough training, help their staff to understand the importance of the mission and vision and retrain employees with they are having difficulty. If a staff member is unwilling to allow their work to be driven by the mission and vision, and/or they are underperforming, they must be let go.
- It is important to have continuous education to help our clients.
- It is important to listen to people with lived experience and people of color.
- We do not have to always rely on statistics.
- We should celebrate success

Men's Purpose-Built Shelter Update:

Jim O'Keefe provided the update. City is seeking approval of the purchase of a facility (202 Zeier Road) to serve as a purpose-built shelter. The Council took up the topic earlier, but the decision was deferred until May 4th. Half of the new council will be new, so information and comments will need to be presented again.

There seems to be general agreement on the need for a new dignified space to serve men, but there are continued questions related to (1) How a shelter at this location will impact nearby businesses (including child care center)? (2) Is there a better location for the shelter (closer to downtown, city staff have been asked to look at this). (3) What types of services will be provided and who will pay the costs.

Encouraging people to provide comments again at this meeting to provide information to new alders. City staff will be looking at another site, but there is not a clear alternative available with timing that works. Approval of the purchase is only the beginning of the process.

Question responses:

- There is a day care center planned about 4/10 mile away at the old Menard's site.
- Purchase includes the land and building—there is space for expansion at this location.
- Other site is across the street from Demetral Field. It is a bigger site than they want.

- Public market plans timing is uncertain; tentatively planning October 2021 start of construction. But this depends on getting some additional funding from the federal grant—so and October start date may slip.
- Having discussions about the types of services that will be available at the site after seeing other models that work across the country. Would like to have a more full-service shelter.

Funder's Committee Presentation:

Funder's committee is an open committee, and is an opportunity for funders to coordinate funding priorities. Total of \$9.9 million invested by the funders doing 2020, not including COVID specific funding.

HUD CoC (Torrie)

\$4 million comes from the federal government. Used for permanent housing, rapid rehousing, HMIS, coordinated entry process. HUD releases the application for the funding, generally spring or summer, but not consistent. These funds have local and national competition for funding. It takes about 3 months to put the application together and submit. Expecting some changes in priorities with the change in administration.

United Way (Angela)

Investment process just started. Funds are available in the general areas of Education, Income and Health. This year is an open investment process, which means that anyone can apply. Applications due on May 15th. New platform to submit applications this year. They want to make decisions using a racial equity lens. Want to get at root causes of disparities in the community. Strategies for each areas were provided in the power point presentation, which will be made available.

Dane County (Katie)

Funding process—annual RFP process for service providers—RPF's due May 14th this year. Vary in scope and service type. All types of services are included under the Human Services area. Application is on-line and is straightforward. Evaluation committee scores each proposal and decisions are made using this information. Funds are awarded based on this scoring process. County budget is not finalized until late in the year, so funding is not certain until budget is approved late in the year, but you are giving provisional information about award prior to budget deliberations.

City of Madison (Sarah and Linette)

The city provides general revenue funding and also serves as the lead agency for state EHH funds. The city provides about \$2 million in housing assistance funding from general revenue.

City funds a variety of programs in broad areas of tenant support, prevention, crisis response, permanent housing. GPR does not require match, but many other types of funding available through the city (coming from the federal government) require match. Also required participation in HMIS. Applications are every 4 years (2021 is one of the years, for 2020-2025). CDBG committee reviews applications and make recommendations to the Common Council. RFP will be released in August 2021.

EHH comes from the State. It includes ESG, HPP and HAP programs. Funds are allocated to local CoCs. City is lead applicant. ESG require compliance with performance measure, coordinated entry, and HMIS. Funding announced in early May for funds in July.