

CORE Committee Minutes

Thursday, August 4, 2022 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

1. Introductions (make sure attendance is taken)

2. Announcements/Walk on items

Meshan provided updates on men's shelter development:

- Zeier Rd temporary men's shelter site prep is going well. Possible move in early October.
- Resolution to approve selection of Dimension IV, Madison-based architectural and engineering company was approved at the Common Council on 8/2.
- Community engagement for shelter design/services was push back and kick off will begin once contract is set with architectural firm.
- The shelter operator RFQ is in the review stage. The City will be introducing a resolution to approve a provider on 9/6, which will go to the City County Homeless Issues Committee and CDBG Committee, with the expected approval date of 9/20. The selected provider will work with the City, County and architect engineering firm on community engagement to design a new shelter.

3. Any updates on [action items](#)

Sarah will send out a new Doodle to schedule a meeting to discuss outreach centralization.

4. HUD NOFO (Notice of Funding Opportunity) Updates

- Torrie provided updates on Unsheltered homelessness NOFO. Torrie's been organizing various meetings to explore potential leverage (healthcare and housing) that is required for the application.
- Torrie provided updates on the regular HUD CoC NOFO. It was just announced this week with the due date of September 30. It's the shortest timeline from HUD, which will make it very challenging. Local applications will be due August 31. The HUD hasn't released the application yet. Not too different from previous year NOFO, but some new questions. There will be CoC bonus funds and DV bonus funds will be available, so there will be some opportunities for new projects. DV bonus-RRH, joint TH/RRH, CE; Bonus funds – PSH, RRH, joint TH/RRH, CE. Applicants must be nonprofit, housing authorities, government entity, and tribal government. Forprofit cannot apply. Torrie will be doing a training, but materials must be approved by the HSC board first and the timeline is very tight.

5. Follow-up on Courtney's lead for assistance with prioritization project

- Courtney arranged a meeting to discuss CE with a professor from UW School Social Work and Torrie.

6. Review prioritization brainstorm list with new categories

- Brenda, Torrie and Kristina worked on reviewing the brainstorm list and creating subcategories. You can find the list [HERE](#). Sub-categories are: Homelessness categories, safety, family, money, medical, barriers, age, funding related/costs to community, specific populations.
- Angie suggested reviewing the list when the funder's committee meets to work on the unmet needs assessment.

7. Update of Lived Experience Committee on prioritization list & engagement methods

- LEC will have another meeting sometime next week.

8. Review of characteristics of people who died while experiencing homelessness

VI-SPDAT, current assessment tool Dane CoC is using, is supposed to help us identify who's most likely to die on the street (vulnerability). Torrie has been keeping track of people who passed way while experiencing homelessness for longest night service so decided to look at the available data from HMIS of people who passed away in 2021 and 2022.

Dominant characteristics:

- Average as 47 years old
- Majority white (61%), non-Hispanic
- Majority male (76%)
- Self-identified disability – 76% mental health condition, 63% substance use condition
- Most experienced homelessness more than 1 year

Questions/Discussions

- Most were connected to Coordinated Entry. Most had VI-SPDAT done. But some were not on HMIS at all. Information on VI-SPDAT scores for people who passed away would be helpful to consider.
- There is increasing number of people dying from overdose and fentanyl poisoning. In many cases, their death certificate will say heart condition, so it's hard to find out how many are actually dying from overdoses.
- Percentages should be considered in proportion to general population.
- Information on the last time people touched the system and utilized service would be helpful.
- A pattern we are seeing - People go to detox or jail, when they get out, they pass away from overdose.
- In HMIS, when someone passes away, the information is not displayed centrally except for specific program enrollment exit destination. A way to figure out to report people passing away would be helpful. → ICA informed that there is a system change that's being worked on.
- We would want to look at more data on general Dane county population cause of death (including overdoses) and their demographics. Meshan and Sarah will work on gathering some more data.

- Whether we prioritize the population who are dying while homeless through Coordinated Entry, more people with substance use issues are becoming homeless, and we need to find ways to connect them to housing. It's becoming a very important issue and unmet needs.

9. System Performance Measures Presentation

Torrie presented on the system performance measures and answered questions.

10. Identify action steps, responsible party and timeline – be sure to keep this realistic!

- Torrie and Courtney will follow up with UW Madison.
- Torrie will look at some additional data points asked above for people who passed away in 2021-22.
- Meshan and Sarah will work on some additional data on causes of death in general Dane County population.
- LEC will have additional meetings to discuss CE prioritization – identify the most important factors out of the brainstorm list.
- If a shorter list can be made, Patrick could help gathering data.

11. Next Meeting: Thursday, September 1, 2022 1:00 pm- 3:00 pm

We will work on HUD NOFO at the next meeting.