Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

August 19, 2022
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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.

AGENDA

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Introductions

Board Members in attendance: Michelle Hemp, Patrick Duffie, Courtney Spears, Rachel Litchman, Brenda Konkel, Catherine Reierson, Sara Allee-Jatta, Arree Macon, Chara Taylor

Board Members not in attendance: Shanita Lawrence, Joel Girard, Patricia La Cross, Robin Sereno

Staff: Torrie Kopp Mueller

Guests: Marjorie Lewis, Michael Moody, John Adams, Darcie Bradley, Sarah Lim, Kristina Dux, Kim Sutter, Alicia

- Vote to approve Minutes from May 20, 2022 and August 10, 2022 – Brenda Konkel
  - May 20, 2022 – Executive Team will look into a recreation due to them not being available
  - August 10, 2022 – Approved

- Treasurer’s Report
  - Election of Treasurer in September
  - C4CS update issue is LEC members just attended a conference using ESG-CV funds one item on the trip that cannot be charged to those funds due to the way it was processed, would like to know if this item ($167.00) could be paid through other HSC funds, request for this to be placed on next month’s board agenda

- Updates City, County, United Way

  City:
  - Men’s temporary shelter on Zeier Rd prep going well, an architect is now on board for the permanent shelter, City will be introducing the shelter operator, state EHH funding (period started July 1, 2022) actual amount received at this time it appears that we got $890.00 more, not sure if this is correct waiting for confirmation
  - YHDP procurement has been released calling it this instead of the RFP they are having agencies submit letters of intent
  - FOCUS is working on hotel program tenant-based housing starting 9/1/22

  County:
  - IQC numbers were high during the spike, then they went down and then there was an exposure at shelter and numbers went up, IQC will also take Monkeypox, IQC has been extended to 2/2023
  - VPH/H2H – 61 guests in 52 rooms, VPH ending 9/30/22, 12 will be moving into housing in the next 30 days, they are hopeful for another 10, prior to the 9/30/22 date, EQUUS will continue to provide support, LSS population is mostly housed, and they continue to provide support, monies need to be spent mid-2024, this program has housed over 200 people, June 30, 2023 some participants will be making it to their 2 years – some of these participants would have gotten connected to vouchers for continued housing
  - Melissa Menning is still onboarding, her focus will be on shelter and outreach programs as well as staff the CCHIC
CORE funding has requested more money ($6 million) waiting to hear back
Catalyst of Change awarded the contract with the county pending approval by the County Board

8/18/22
County budget will be submitted at the end of the month with request for no new spending

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2022 COVID update:

United Way – no updates

- **Transitional Housing Presentation & Discussion – Education & Advocacy Committee – Marjorie Lewis – co-chair**
  - Action Item – Determine next steps
    - There is concern for a mental health and substance abuse gap in the system that include frequent incarceration and high utilization of emergency services. There has been discussion around designing a project as a solution in a sub workgroup of the Education and Advocacy Committee the term transitional housing was used in talking about this idea, to clarify this the idea was a stability focused program not being served with the housing first model, causing a gap in services, the idea was to have a program that would get folks ready to enter some of these current programs and hence the misuse of the term “transitional housing” there has been a connection to another group Restoring Roots
    - *Where in the system is the time/support for designing programs/projects to apply as solutions?* Committees will look at ideas as opposed to designing programs. Next question is: Are we not allowed to talk about the gaps? Trying to figure out a path, advised that during the funding processing the board will take applications for program designs, agencies are here to say this is a thing for something to do this (fill a gap/need), typically the HSC relies on agencies to bring programs to the board, the committees should have a yearly plan that is consist with the bylaws and our written standards. Examples: who do we think we should prioritize? Where are the gaps in the system? The CORE committee is currently looking at this. Another example, in the past the doubled-up workgroup got together went to City/County presented and then to Common Counsel and went to their respected resources to make a resolution to get that added to the CDG budget. Of course, there is currently no room for new projects. CAREs money and ARPA monies will be going away, leaving larger holes in the budget, County budget is asking for status quo budget – no increases and City asked to decrease by 1%
    - What data has been collected of who is falling through this gap? How many people are we talking about? This will be essential for presenting and making this gap/need a priority, for presenting to someone like the Community plan Committee. This is our process.
    - Is there an action item or proposal at this time? Action step? Yes, action step is clarifying the role of Education and Advocacy Committee, what lanes they should be in, give clear guidelines, this will be written by Brenda, and she will bring this to next Education and Advocacy Committee meeting which is the 2nd Wednesday of the month 9/14/22.

- **Update on State EHH Monitoring Compliance – Sarah Lim**
  - Action Item – Determine CoC Board Response to Monitoring Report

- A memo has been prepared summarizing monitoring results. See attached. Memo will go out after today.
• No concerns about programs with no findings or concerns and also no concerns about programs that had findings or concerns that have been resolved.

• There is concern about findings or concerns found during monitoring that are unresolved.
  
  o Is there something going on that is hindering the program from being able to resolve the finding/concern? The staff is no longer being funded through EHH or ESG-CV monies and they have closed their program. There is a separate investigation from a complaint that was filed with the State that was related to ESG-CV funds for conflict of interest, still waiting to hear back from this, one staff member is a landlord, a lease was signed and 3 months later this landlord was hired, this information should have been shared with the city, and then there should have been a request for an exception to the city attorney and then to HUD, this was not done, now the City would like an acknowledgment and that the program will comply going forward.
  
  o No effect on program participants
  
  o If not resolved program will not be able to enter into contract with the city or state, this does not impact their ability to apply for future CoC funds, but if approved for funds they would not be able to enter into a contract with the City to receive funds.

Proposal: Accept the report and HSC will not approve agency applications that have unresolved findings/concerns. If you have an outstanding unresolved finding/concern 60 days from the final monitoring resolve due date, then applications will not be approved.

Likes: 7
Live with: 0
Uncertain: 0
Uncomfortable: 0

Proposal is approved.

Should this include CoC with the same restrictions? There should be a policy written, this will be worked on by Sarah and brought to the next meeting.

Adjourn

Upcoming Agenda Items – Provide Education & Advocacy Committee with ability to act on advocacy items, Board Mentors.

Future Board Meetings, All meetings are 10AM-Noon

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