



**Education and Advocacy Committee**

Wednesday, Feb 12, 2024

Room 11:00am – 12:00pm

Meeting held virtually on Zoom

**Feb 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Facilitator:** Kayla Every

**Agenda & Notetaker:**

**Attendance:** Put attendance on form

**Zoom Meeting Host:** HSC Zoom Account

<p><b>Follow Ups</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">HSC EA Advocacy Platform 080724.pdf</a></li> <li>● Took a moment to review the platform.</li> <li>● May make sense to discuss current advocacy opportunities as there is so much happening at the federal level.</li> <li>● National coalitions are providing a lot of information about advocacy.</li> </ul>
<p><b>HSC EA Advocacy Platform 2025</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">HSC EA Advocacy Platform 080724.pdf</a></li> <li>● <b>Review and Discuss any updates from topics for 2025 Platform</b></li> <li>● Beacon Advocacy Efforts –             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation, HSC Board approved endorsement for advocacy support for The Beacon at February board meeting</li> </ul> </li> <li>● 1915i             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Presentation by Torrie given to HSC Board for interest</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Federal Funding Advocacy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Housing Not Handcuffs</a> - Regarding confirmation of Scott Turner as Secretary for HUD             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Has been confirmed, prioritize advocacy efforts mass organizing call (February 20th) at 2ET for next week</li> <li>○ Registration Link:</li> <li>○ <a href="https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tzmvk8WyQV26gdzmX8LqVw#/registration">https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_tzmvk8WyQV26gdzmX8LqVw#/registration</a></li> <li>○ Patti and Kayla will try to attend the webinar. Will email group if there are things to act on quickly.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <a href="#">CSH</a> - Regarding Medicaid Funding - Take Action on February 6th             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ This is still relevant.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● <a href="#">National Low Income Housing Coalition</a> - Regarding passage of a final fiscal year 2025 spending bill, ensuring homeless and housing programs receive funding             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Also, still relevant.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Torrie heard on a webinar that Food Share funding is also at risk</li> <li>● Is there anything in our statement that addresses immigrants and housing issues? It seems this is becoming more of an issue. Some people are losing work permits.</li> <li>● LaSup meetings can be a great resource to connect with providers about these issues.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9-11AM at Catholic Multicultural Center</li> <li>● Resources: <a href="https://www.micentro.org/community-resources">https://www.micentro.org/community-resources</a></li> <li>● Fabiola Hamdan presented at the Summit. She may have updated information to share. Patti can ask about coming to share info.</li> <li>● <a href="https://www.endhomelessness.org">EndHomelessness.org</a> NAEH Virtual advocacy options, share <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Advocate for FY24 CoC funding to get under grant agreement</li> <li>○ Advocate for the 2 year NOFO process to stay in place</li> <li>○ Equal Access Rule is not currently being enforced, but is still the law. Are there ways that we can continue to support people with shelter if we are told we can't serve them?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Funding for Men's Shelter. Is any of that Federal and is it at-risk? - Torrie can ask about this.</li> </ul> <p><b>Advocacy Sharing &amp; Statement Planning</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Sharing with local organizations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Important to share information with community orgs about how homeless services and HMIS does not share sensitive information</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Walk on Items</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">24-05 Hearing Order.pdf</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The HSC wrote a support letter to increase Bar fees for attorneys to provide an increase in funding to legal aid organizations.</li> <li>○ <b>The Supreme Court will hold a public hearing on March 13<sup>th</sup> regarding this action.</b></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Community Plan Committee</b> Updates from year one goals, ways E&amp;A can plug in</p>	<p><a href="#">2024 Community Plan Presentation.pptx</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Updates from CPC:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ none</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Nov Homeless Awareness Updates</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Updates from Nov. Planning Team:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Last Meeting–</b></li> <li>○ Those of us who worked on the Homeless Summit were wondering if this work should be in this committee. It could bring more voices to the group. There hasn't been an official connection with HSC for the homeless awareness. Need to figure out if there will be another summit or something different to raise awareness. It does make sense for this group to provide support. It can be a sub-group of this group as there is a lot of planning work to be done. It will be helpful to have the HSC as an "owner" for this work.</li> <li>○ In support of this group taking on some of this, but conscious of time in current meetings. Would likely need to extend our meetings in order to account for this work? Would it make sense to have a separate meeting on a different week.....the 4th Wednesday of the month? Might make sense to get a formal approval from the Board on this to ensure they want to take on this responsibility going forward. This will help with financial support (place to send donations, make payments, etc). Also</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>will be helpful to have an official group that creates the event. Claire is happy to lead a work group, but wants an entity that it falls under.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Action Items–</b></li> <li>○ Claire is happy to bring this to the Board to present and make an ask about this becoming a formal HSC event (which then includes fiscal sponsor support and committee work)</li> <li>○ Will set up a time to meet and see who can attend.</li> </ul>
<b>Follow Ups</b>	<p>Review Advocacy opportunities above! Meeting Invitation for Feb 26</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>** Special NHA Meeting – Feb 26th from 11AM - 12 PM</b></p> <p><b>March 12th from 11AM - 12 PM</b></p> <p><b>Agenda Items for next meeting:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Nov Homeless Awareness &amp;EA Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Planning proposal request of HSC Board to formalize ownership and funding support, Lived Experience Speakers and funding</li> <li>○ Outline event planning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>