



Homeless Services Consortium Membership Meeting

Tuesday January 19, 2021

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Via Zoom

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- **Core Committee** – Senator Melissa Agard scheduled to attend the 1/21/21 Core meeting, in collaboration with the Education & Advocacy Committee
- **HSC Board of Directors** – First board meeting of 2021 will take place 1/28/21 with new elected board members. Meetings will be held the 4th Thursday of the month, 11am-1pm.
- **Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness Oversight Committee** – Working towards revamping our community plan which is now 5 years old. Looking at examples from other communities to guide/assist.
- **Doubled Up Work Group** – Will continue meeting on the same schedule as 2020 (3rd Tuesday of the month, 2:30-3:30pm). Continuing the work to increase awareness and advocacy for the doubled up population. Currently working on putting together a survey for the Lived Experience Committee.
- **Funders Committee** – Group is almost finished analyzing gaps analysis and also reaching out to program participants about gaps they identify.
- **PIT Count Committee** – PIT count will take place 1/27/21 with HUD recommendations in place. Existing and experienced outreach workers are the only members who will participate to reduce risk for COVID spread. Group working on finalized survey form and how to best serve/gather data under the circumstances.
- **Lived Experience Committee** – Reviewing applications from individuals interested in participating.
- **City County Homeless Issues Committee** – Continuing to advocate for the approval of existing and/or new encampment sites. Car camping is now a growing occurrence and something the city is aware of. If any members have suggestions about car camping advocacy ideas/proposals please get in touch with co-chairs Linda Ketcham (linda@justdane.org) and Kathy Kamp (kstarrkamp@gmail.com)
- **Governance and Nominating Committee** – Liz Duffie and Matt Julian are the new committee co-chairs. Currently analyzing election results from 2021 board elections.



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2 **Civic Engagement & Capitalizing On Our Momentum:** *Jael Currie and Brian Benford facilitated a conversation about 2021 visioning in regards to local government and policies/actions the membership would like to see this year in terms of homeless services & recovering from the pandemic/affordable housing creation/legislative advocacy. Both Brian and Jael serve on the HSC Board of Directors and are also current candidates for Madison's City Council. Brian is the Alder-elect for District 6 in April, Jael is a candidate heading to a 2/16/21 primary*

- Having more affordable housing, so many residents are paying significantly more than 30% of their income towards rent/living expenses; rent increases occur without limits; fair market rates are not realistic and/or sustainable (in terms of affordability)
- HSC and its members must continue making commitments to creative solutions for shelter and housing; ie: hotels during COVID pandemic, Tiny Home Village, approved encampments, etc)
- We need actual housing/property, just \$/funding isn't enough to get and keep individuals and families housed
- Lifting bus fares for low-income residents would be crucial; MTM is not a reliable option
- We need to focus on youth empowerment; there is a severe lack of positive, productive outlets and financial resources for youth programming and services
- The City of Madison could be more collaborative and transparent with the membership, be a leader in advocating for legislative changes (ie: more flexible screening criteria for tenants seeking housing)
- We need to align our budget with our values; do we have shared values as a membership?
- Racism was recently declared a public health crisis, when do we make actionable steps toward this commitment and holding folx accountable who are upholding racist systems and policies?
- Our mental health system has a lot of deficits, we need a mental health ambulance
- We need to make homeownership more equitable, especially Black homeownership (rates are among worst in country)
- Non school age children experiencing homelessness are an often forgotten population; access to childcare and other early childhood initiatives are especially difficult for these children and their families
- Building inspection needs reform(s) to be more flexible to diversifying housing
- The HSC and its membership should be intentional about terms/language around homelessness and how we use it; the ways homelessness is discussed in networks outside the HSC is disappointing



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