Education and Advocacy Minutes March 2019

Date: 3/20/19

Time: 9am-11am

Location: 890 W. Wingra Ave.

Madison, WI 53715

Attendees: Jenna Schmitt, Brenda Konkel, Casey Yanta, Jani Koester

1. Welcome and updates
   1. Housing First Coalition and the 4 CoCs are meeting with legislators next week to share an ask
   2. County staff will recommend to incorporate Heidi’s language into the Affordable Housing RFP, will still need to go to the committee, but looking positive
2. Discussion of Questionnaires for candidates and the answers we have already received. Where else would we like to share these answers?
   1. Mayoral candidates were given until Thursday 3/21 to respond
   2. Torrie will send answers to HSC listserv, post on the website, and on Facebook
   3. Lack of responses feels like there is a lack of community will, how can the HSC engage with them outside of the election?
      1. Educate alders on what we would like to see in our community
      2. Make an effort after the elections to engage with folks
3. Make decisions on what to prioritize in the common advocacy agenda and make a plan to finalize it and submit it to the Board.
   1. Prioritize items for the Board
      1. Eviction prevention services/dollars
      2. Emergency Shelter
      3. Affordable housing
      4. Housing navigation
      5. Transportation
      6. Co-location of mental health services
      7. Mental Health First Aid Training
   2. Torrie will revamp the document for submission to the Board, will also send the Board the survey to show where we came up with these items
4. Discuss Transportation advocacy
   1. Early Childhood Homeless Workgroup
      1. Had someone from Madison Metro come and talk about services for people with low-income
      2. Looking to put together an advocacy letter to Madison Metro and is wondering if the HSC would sign in on it
      3. Would need to go to the City’s Transportation Committee for policy changes
      4. Jani will have the group send the letter to the Education and Advocacy Committee for approval
5. Engagement with Equal Opportunities Commission
   1. Invite Danielle Dieringer and Caitlin Badsing to a meeting to learn more about what they are working on