



Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

March 3, 2021

11:00am-1:00pm

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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, Welcome and Common Expectations
 - Reminder of new standing rules
 - Listen carefully
 - Trusting and brave enough to speak truths
 - Prioritize the needs of the HSC over self interest
 - Disagree with ideas, but never attack or disparage individuals
- Introductions
 - In attendance: Brian Benford, Catherine Reiersen, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Patrick Duffie, Sarah Lim, Jael Currie, Lane Hanson, Brad Hinkfuss, Kim Kennedy, Jonathan Grieser, Arree Macon, Jalateefa JoeMeyers, Gentry Bieker, Dana Stokes
 - Guests: Karla Thennes (Porchlight), Robin Sereno (Tenant Resource Center), Melissa Sorensen (Salvation Army), Brenda Konkell (MACH OneHealth), Irene Schiable (MACH OneHealth), Maria Tran (MACH OneHealth), Jessica Sims (PATH/Tellurian), Derek Moran, Mattie Reese
- Adjustments to the agenda
 - Divide funding discussion into 2 categories: HSC administrative funding and agency programmatic funding
- Vote to approve Minutes from February 25, 2021 – Brad Hinkfuss
 - Benford moved to approve, unanimous approval
- Recusals:
 - Jael Currie - programmatic funding
 - Jalateefa JoeMeyers - programmatic funding
 - Patrick Duffie - programmatic funding
 - Gentry Bieker - programmatic funding
 - Arree Macon - administrative funding
- State ESG-CV funding request review & approval – Sarah Lim (spreadsheet)
 - The board will review agency requests for funding, create and approve a funding allocation plan during the meeting.
- Administrative funds (action item)
 - Anyone receiving direct funds from decision needs to recuse themselves, per City Attorney's office

- Hinkfuss move to approve minimum acceptable amount for administrative funding, motion approved
- These funds would go towards payment of lived experience members and the Youth Action Board
- \$33,000 leftover for other agencies for their administrative funds -- Sarah Lim will divide up
- **Programmatic funds (action item)**
 - Anyone representing an agency that could be funded needed to recuse themselves, per City Attorney's office
 - Criteria considered:
 - (1) Prioritize agencies who did not get other funding from county/city/state (Hansen)
 - (2) Prioritize certain request types to target critical needs, which services are most critical at this time (i.e. emergency shelter and rapid rehousing) (Kennedy)
 - (3) Fund all projects at 49% of their request (Grieser) -- this was ruled out
 - (4) Consider that some agencies may get more public funding but agencies have a larger private fundraising network (Grieser); However, you could also argue that some agencies serve more people and therefore need more funding (public/private) to operate (Kennedy)
 - (5) Go through the list of proposals and allow guest input for each one (Hinkfuss); Discomfort with each Board member speaking to their own experiences with the agency because it invites bias (Hansen)
 - The Board went through the list of proposals, opened floor for discussion and questions to agency representatives
 - TRC reported that their funds were to be used specifically for eviction court representation for undocumented immigrants; this is a gap in the system because Legal Action WI is unable to represent folks who are undocumented
 - Porchlight reported that they were in need of funding due to an expansion of their programming; they are now able to serve more people at the 1st street shelter but that requires higher cleaning expenses, security, etc.
 - Sankofa reported that they were funded at 30% of their requested amount the last cycle, they are focusing their efforts on moving folks into housing
 - MACH OneHealth reported that they had partial funding for a social worker, but needed to fully fund the position using ESG funding
 - Other guests raised concerns about the need for rapid rehousing, more support to transition people out of shelter and into permanent housing
 - ** At 12:50, motion to extend the meeting to 1:30 (Hinkfuss), motion carried so meeting was extended
 - Around 1:00, guest comment period was closed, board would discuss and call on agency representatives directly if they had questions
 - Proposal 1 (Benford)
 - Fully fund some agencies
 - This was quickly ruled out because fewer agencies would be able to receive funds
 - Proposal 2 (Kennedy)
 - Prioritize rapid rehousing and shelter services because they targeted the most vulnerable populations
 - Porchlight and YWCA have also received other funding from city/state/county so they were not a prioritization
 - Proposal 3 (Benford)
 - All rapid rehousing and family shelter services funded at their minimum acceptable amount
 - \$47,665 given to Legal Action WI for eviction defense funding
 - Tenant Resource Center and Urban Triage not funded due to other funding to them
 - Porchlight was give partial funding (\$158,242) below their requested minimum, the reasoning was that they had other streams of funding as well
 - Voting came down to Proposal 2 and Proposal 3
 - Macon was unable to stay for the final vote, 7 voting board members present
 - Proposal 2 - 3 liked it (Kennedy, Hinkfuss, Grieser), 4 could live with it (Hansen, Reiersen, Benford, Stokes)

- Proposal 3 - 4 liked it (Hansen, Reiersen, Benford, Stokes), 3 could live with it (Kennedy, Hinkfuss, Grieser)
- In the end, Proposal 3 carried
- Sarah Lim will calculate administrative funds for each agency who was granted funding, send out final proposal

Adjourn - Meeting adjourned at 1:30

Future Meetings:

All Meetings are scheduled from 11AM-1PM

March 25th

April 22nd

May 27th

June 24th

July 22nd

August 26th

September 23rd

October 28th

November 25th

December 23rd