



**Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**May 15, 2020 – 11:00AM - 1:00PM**  
**Meeting held Virtually with GoToMeeting**

**Call to Order and Welcome**

**Attendance:** Torrie Kopp Mueller, Natalie Deibel, Matt Julian, Jonathan Grieser, Liz Duffie, Melissa Mennig, Maggie Carden, Jani Koester, Jael Currie, Wanda Smith, Brad Hinkfuss, Dana Stokes, Arree Macon

**Guests:** Brenda Konkel of MACH One Health, Amy of WPP, Yasmine of TSA, Angela Jones of United Way, Sarah Lim of CDD, Robin Sereno of TRC,

**1. Introductions**

**2. Approval of Minutes from April 29, 2020 and May 5, 2020 (Stokes)**

- a. Deibel moves to approve both minutes; Koester second; discussion opened.
  - i. Vote called – all approved; none opposed or abstain

**3. Update on Doubled-up Work Group and United Way Funds (Koester)**

- a. Received 12,500 from the United Way – open to County and Madison school liaisons. 25 applications so far: 11 have come from county areas, and 14 from Madison area. Processed 16 of them and awarded nearly \$3200 already. Applications received daily – must be homeless, doubled up (self-paying, not hotel shelter program), or streets/shelter. They are helping folks stay in place – they have also diverted to other available resources (i.e. utility payments). Time is donated – no personnel costs – all money is for recipients. Referrals must come through school social worker.

**4. Dana Stokes, Board President, reports she will step down from her executive leadership position as President, and will remain on the Board in her elected member capacity.**

**5. Approval of EHH Funding Slate (Lim)**

- a. Lim reviewed the allocation recommendation from the review committee and reasoning behind the scoring.
  - i. Question related to Road Home funding and clarifying program.
  - ii. Question asked about Briarpatch Shelter not being fund – low census, new funding request

- iii. Inquired into the details of TSA programs – shelter vs RRH.
- b. Deibel moves to approve; Koester 2nds. Discussion opened
  - i. Shelter for the storm funds are for case mgmt.
- c. Vote Called – Mennig, Duffie, Currie (applying agencies) abstain; the remaining members for for; none opposed.

## **6. Discussion & Approval of COVID-19 Funding Priorities & Advocacy (Kopp Mueller)**

- a. Reviewed written standards changes and funding priorities for Prevent Homelessness, Support Persons & Families Experiencing Homelessness, End Homelessness, Advocate and Collaborate with local, state, and national
- b. Koester motions to approve priorities and advocacy agenda as presented; Mennig seconds.
  - i. Koester would like to prioritize families in shelter for long periods of time – families in shelter for extended period of time that do not fit into the chronic homelessness definition.
  - ii. Currie – was there discussion to fund peer support specialist – discussed in housing navigation but was not listed in Support Persons & Families Experiencing Homelessness. This was added
  - iii. Koester – would like to see more funding prioritized to doubled up families – just the current small changes that have been opened to doubled up families has been tremendously effective. Would like to add “Funding should be considered for all HUD categories of homelessness, as applicable.”
    - 1. Duffie notes that we are already not meeting the need of our limited scope of category 1.
    - 2. Hinkfuss suggest we limit the priority points to set us up to succeed.
    - 3. Currie offers perspective from United Way eviction prevention clinic
    - 4. Carden – Core has thoroughly reviewed and suggested if needed to be concise the Board make a workgroup.
  - iv. Smith, Hinkfuss, Duffie agree to meet and to pare down.
- c. Motion withdrawn the motion to approve the motion of the funding priorities and advocacy agenda as stated as earlier. Mennig approves a new motion to sub-committee of the board take this agenda to fewer priorities to give to Sarah Lim for the ESGCV RFP. Hinkfuss seconds.
- d. Vote called – All approve, none opposed or abstain. (small group Duffie, Hinkfuss, Smith, Koester or Mennig – Sarah Lim can help facilitate).

## **7. Approval of ESG-CV Funding Slate, Stage 1 (Lim)**

- a. Reviewed Roll out stages – no current release dates provided from State. Lim is thinking about 1.5 million may be available.
  - i. Stage 1 - amendment request from existing agencies – need and amount. Lim provided option A, B, C, and D scenarios. The board is able to review E. With through Sept and Dec scenario.
  - ii. Motion to approve ESG-CV Stage 1 Option A by Mennig; Julian 2nds.
    - 1. Discussion – reviewed September through December. Vote called All approved with exception of Duffie, Jael abstain.

iii. Stage 2

**8. Discussion of ESG-CV Request for Proposal (RFP) – (Lim)**

- a. Funding priorities already reviewed and small group can review.

**9. Approval of Supplemental Written Standards – (Kopp Mueller)**

- a. Kopp Mueller reviewed the document that addresses the ability to change processes due to direction from HUD resources.
- b. Motion to approve Mennig, Julian 2nds
  - i. Vote called with edits – Vote called – all in favor, none opposed or abstain (Grieser, Stokes)