

Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting



May 27, 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

- **Attendance:** Hinkfuss, Brad; JoeMeyers, Jalateefa; Kennedy, Kim; Hanson, Lane; Duffie, Patrick; Kopp Mueller, Torrie; Bieker, Gentry; Reiersen, Catherine; Currie, Jael; Benford, Brian; Stokes, Dana; Macon, Arree
- **Guests:** Eisch, Mara (guest); Bah, Musa (guest); Maria (guest); Taylor, Kelli (guest); Becker, Casey (guest, presenter); Wegleitner, Heidi (guest), Jones, Angela (guest); Rogers, Bridget (guest); Smith, Wanda (guest); Tatus, Kristel (guest); Fields, Marlo (guest); Rucinski, Kristin (guest); Herriges, Melissa (guest); Ramirez, Benji (guest); Turner, Queen (guest); Marin, Julia (guest); Sereno, Robin (guest)
- **Presenters:** Becker, Casey (Dane County); Rhodes, Linette (City of Madison); Duffie, Liz (Nominating & Governance)
- Call to Order at 11:03 AM
- **Vote to approve Minutes from April 22, 2021** – Brad Hinkfuss
 - All like it, motion passes
- Treasurer Report – Lane Hanson
 - End of March balance \$2095.43
 - Includes City ESG funding for Lived Experience Seats
 - Working with C4CS on best way to do reporting system
- [Information & Update from Governance & Nominating Committee regarding Election Process](#) -- Liz Duffie
 - HSC Board election currently held in December, term starts in January; this is a short turnaround
 - Governance & Nominating Committee is considering the following timeline:
 - August - Announce upcoming election at Membership Mtg
 - September - Accepting Nominations, due at end of Sep
 - October - Vote
 - November - Attend Board meeting as a guest
 - December - Orientation activities
 - This new timeline needs to be approved by the Board in order to change the bylaws
 - Reach out to Liz Duffie lduffie@porchlightinc.org or Matt Julian matt.julian@unitypoint.org if you want to give feedback
- [Advocacy Letter for Dane County & City of Madison re: American Rescue Plan Act of 2021](#) -- Lane Hanson
 - E&A committee drafted for the Board in regards to ARP funds for the City/County
 - Duffie & Hinkfuss commented on some wording of the letter, but ultimately agreed with the spirit or intention of the letter
 - JoeMeyers/Duffie -- the 3rd paragraph about specific data could be misleading, because we know that they're an underrepresentation and HMIS was also down for a few months
 - JoeMeyers -- took issue with Priority #4, there is already rental assistance money assigned to our community
 - Robin Sereno (guest, TRC) -- there is a need for flexible eviction prevention funds that do not require as many hoops to access
 - JoeMeyers -- this priority should be removed from the letter because it's already an existing funding source

- Sereno -- request that JoeMeyers recuse herself from the letter-writing process as an agency who could potentially receive funds
 - JoeMeyers -- as a Board member she should be able to participate
 - Benford -- we should move forward with sending the letter even if we don't agree on all the details
 - o Hinkfuss -- HSC Board should approve the letter by June 15 because of other timelines with the budget and the eviction moratorium ending
 - o Action
 - Original Proposal: Approve advocacy letter to Dane County & City of Madison as presented. -- this did not have consensus
 - Alternative Proposal: Approve advocacy letter with the shared understanding that a small group of Board members would work on its finalization separately (Hinkfuss, Hanson, JoeMeyers, Reiersen).
 - Like it - Hinkfuss/Hanson/Currie/Stokes/Macon/Kennedy/Benford
 - Live with it - Reiersen/JoeMeyers/Bieker
 - Uncomfortable - 0
 - Does not like - 0
 - **The new motion carries. The Board approves the Advocacy Letter with the understanding that a small subgroup of Board members (Hinkfuss, Hanson, JoeMeyers, Reiersen) will finalize the letter, with specific attention to Paragraph 3 and Priority #4.**
- Presentation – [Dane County Division of Housing Access & Affordability Introduction & Hotels to Housing](#) – Casey Becker
 - o The Housing Access & Affordability Division (HAA) was created from the 2020 County Budget. Its focus is housing homeless services outside of the City of Madison.
 - o Casey handles County shelter contracts.
 - o Most of the HAA budget (55%) is grant money, which is allocated to an agency through an RFP to develop affordable housing units.
 - o The County received \$56.3 million additional funding for its COVID Response
 - Rental assistance, RFP for an agency to administer these funds
 - Hotel shelter in the county
 - Hotels to Housing
 - o Email Casey Becker with further questions becker.casey@countyofdane.com
 - o Currie -- Will County staff be attending HSC committee meetings?
 - Yes, HAA staff will become more involved in Core Committee, Built for Zero, Funders Committee, Shelter Providers Committee, and the Community Plan to End Homelessness
 - o Hinkfuss -- What is the process prioritizing different populations for Hotels to Housing?
 - County hotel program was targeted first, but wanted to widen the focus to unsheltered individuals and those in shelter as well
 - H2H is essentially a rapid rehousing program, with less parameters for entry
 - o Reiersen -- How is the County addressing underserved homeless populations such as doubled-up and self-paying individuals?
 - The Hotels to Housing is not targeted towards these populations
 - However, the County has heard from others that doubled-up and self-paying populations should be another focus of the County
 - The HSC Board Advocacy Letter is a good way to bring attention to that issue, the County takes the HSC's priorities into account when looking at its budget
- Presentation – Encampment at Reindahl Park – Linette Rhodes
 - o During COVID, the City worked to find additional shelter space and hotel space for homeless individuals
 - o Some unsheltered people did not want to go into hotels or shelter system -- safety concerns, did not meet requirements for shelter

- o In May 2020, the City put an emergency order into the effect that allowed for Temporary Permissible Encampments (TPEs)
- o There are criteria for these TPEs - location, behavioral policy, restrooms, food
- o Reindahl Park was an approved TPE
- o Complaints from MPD, residents, so the encampment was shut down, people were ordered to leave
- o TPE Order was extended by the Madison Common Council, Reindahl Park allowed to remain a TPE
- o The City is looking to create TPEs not related to the emergency order
- o Need to find a space that's permanent and can accommodate people long-term and in different weather
- o The plan to allow non-COVID TPEs is moving through different committees right now -- Parks Commission June 9, Equal Opportunities June 17, Zoning June 24, Public Health July 7, Final approval July 12
- o Reierson -- How has the City engaged with those living at Reindahl?
 - Sarah Lim and other city staff have gone and spoken with people at the encampment
 - Outreach workers have also been in communication with city staff about the needs they see
 - From conversations with people at Reindahl park, some individuals are asking for living structures (similar to tiny homes with Occupy Madison)
- Move to extend meeting until 1:30
 - o Motion carries. Meeting extended to 1:30.
- Discussion – Debrief from Membership Meeting Listening Session
 - o Bring in elected officials
 - o How can we bring in people who are not accessing services?
- Discussion – Regular listening sessions between HSC Board and HSC Membership and people experiencing homelessness
 - o The Executive Committee will talk about a schedule and format for regular listening sessions
 - o Giving more space and entry points for people to be heard
 - o Outreach to people, instead of expecting folks to come to us
 - o Listening sessions could be a first step in getting more voice from providers and the community

Adjourn at 1:07

Future Meetings; scheduled from 11AM-1PM	Potential Future Agenda Items
June 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● VI-SPDAT & Prioritization (Built for Zero team) ● Fundraising Strategies ● Equity in Funding Discussion ● CoC Quarterly Spending Report (CoC Coordinator) ● Approval of CoC Funding Documents (CoC Coordinator & Core Committee) ● Set Community Funding Priorities
July 22 nd	
August 26 th	
September 23 rd	
October 28 th	
November 23 rd (1-3PM)	
December 9 th	

If you have topics you think the HSC Board should discuss, please email them to hsc@cityofmadison.com.