



Homeless Services Consortium Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 12:00pm – 1:30pm United Way of
Dane County 2059 Atwood Ave Madison, WI 53704

MINUTES

1. **Introductions** – pronouns, name, agency connected to, specific role in community
2. **Point in Time (PIT) Count**
 - Overview of PIT Count, 1/22/20 Wednesday into overnight
 - 575 found individuals found last year experiencing homelessness
 - PIT Count is volunteer oriented, and Sarah Lim asked those who were still interested in volunteering to sign up or inquire about more information. The link will be sent out through HSC email
 - Count starting at 9pm this year (due to shelter curfew change)
3. **Youth Count Training 2020**
 - Presentation by Allison and Sarah; please see attached slides for more detailed information
 - Overall emphasis was to explain what the Youth Count is, how you can partner with them, and instruction on how to administer the survey.
 - 1 in 10 youth experience homelessness
 - 42% 18-24 in Dane County on PIT night
 - 2019 Youth Count – first survey targeting youth experiencing homelessness or at risk NOT currently in HMIS, 190 surveys completed, data summary of findings
 - HMIS Youth right now literal homeless – 37 single adults, 20 HOH family
 - 2020 Youth Count – identify 12-24 all household types, administer survey by HSC partner agencies
 - Coordinating with PIT night, youth count form will be used

Who should be counted?

All household types, unsheltered, emergency shelter, lacking fixed regular nighttime residence (doubled up), in hotels/motels, runaway youth (cover all federal definitions of youth experiencing homelessness), and those already in HMIS

How can you help?

If you have contact with youth, you can help administer the survey. Survey will be emailed out to HSC with instructions on how to complete.

4. WisCares Presentation - Dave, Levi

Presentation will be included in HSC email

- Full veterinary services for individuals experiencing low income/homelessness; UW affiliate teaching clinic
- Primarily walk-ins, on bus line south side
- DO NOT OFFER EMERGENCY CARE
- Boarding Program – often at capacity and can rarely can same day service. 90 day foster or 15 day kennel for those experiencing homelessness, hospitalized, AODA Tx, incarceration, etc.
- 60 pets in 2019, 90% unification rate
- Pet Care pantry and Human Care pantry
- Lot of referrals from DC Humane Society, referral form on site <https://wiscares.wisc.edu/>

WisCares is finding that they are often the first stop after an individual or family is evicted and would like more collaboration with other service providers for appropriate referrals.

5. Board and Committee Updates

HSC Board

- Thank you to outgoing members
- Presentation from Dean Loomis – next month at HSC
- Compensation policy for those with lived experience who serve on Board
- Seasoned members to serve as mentors to new
- New mission for board adopted to differentiate board from consortium's work and provide definition
- Committee discussion – board aims to provide more guidance to committees

Community Plan Committee – needs chair, meeting Feb. 9th

End Youth Homelessness Committee

- YHDP – new application, strengthen application and review other communities' applications that were successful in receiving funding
- Youth Count re-emphasis

Homeless Issues Committee

- Impact of F35 jets, sent letter to legislature about impact it has on children's health and property values
- Action related to Housing not Handcuffs

- Discussing what other legislative issues we want to tackle this year

CORE Committee

- Planning for 2020, schedule to review written standards, please come if feel you have input

Funder's Committee

- Gaps analysis for our system
- Looking at other communities and thinking about what we want for our community

6. Future Planning

HSC Chair, Jael, facilitated a discussion about what the membership would like to see included in 2020 (ie: do folks like UWDC as a venue, if networking was included in meetings what would that look like, any topics/trainings requested that could be accommodated within 75-80 mins, etc)

Feedback seemed to center around a want for more networking opportunities and the need for more cross-training to make all members more multifunctional

Feedbacks/Suggestions? Contact Jael if prefer to speak individually.