

HSC Membership Meeting 3.19.24

Meeting Started at 1:07 pm - hybrid

Started with introductions of names and organizations

Jessica - ED from Solace Friends

New adult family home - have licensing inspection on April 8 and after that they hope to accept residents

Located on Monona Dr by Buckeye Rd

Offered complete choice in healthcare providers - can choose which hospice, working with 4

Serving homeless and housing insecure and have a terminal illness and are enrolled in hospice

- A resident needs to be enrolled with hospice to live there - this is a condition of admission
- The other condition is being housing insecure - no housing doubled up, in danger of losing housing or can't care for themselves - kept broad on purpose

Model of care = hospice is providing the medical plan of care, the home is staffed with caregivers, have over 100 volunteers already, 25 will go through training to be hands on caregivers (creating their trainings)

1 paid around the clock staff plus a volunteer

Can get referred in a couple different ways - medical system, case managers for homeless individuals, can work through the referral together

Will do an assessment and talk through what they can provide

Expect individuals to have substance abuse disorders and mental health challenges

Exclusions - danger to self and others (staff, volunteers, other residents); if they require skilled nursing level of care, TB, 1:1 attention, 300 lbs or more (due to staffing and transfers with larger person) that might increase, people that needs housing for family members

Can have visitors 8am - 10pm, overnight once a month if needed, can increase as they enter active dying stage

Pets on case by case basis, can smoke outside and moderate amount of alcohol

There is no cost to live at Solace home, can live regardless of availability to pay

No time limit - will see if they end up needing to

Some people may improve

Waiting list is first come first served - if someone gets acutely ill or completely loses house they would be bumped up

Serves Dane County (priority), someone from another county could have an opportunity if a bed is available

Expect people to want to leave - will then connect with other providers to support them

Torrie and Aaron - 211 referrals and first time homelessness

Coming from the data work group

Food is historically the most requested resource,

Now (over last 3 months) it is rental assistance (housing)

Goes down around holidays and tax return time but then goes up and stays higher

211 can make predictive change

End of DANE Core shoes increase/record highs

Rent referrals - TRC, DIGS, Wayforward, Forward Service Corp, Veterans Service Office

Why is that happening?

Average rent increased 28% since 2010

First time homeless - haven't had it in the last 24 year (or not entered in HMIS)

Rent referrals and first time homeless are related

Committee Updates:

Governance and nominating committee

Talked about use of AI, drafting an interim proposal on AI use

Committee to End Youth Homelessness - meeting again

Written Standards - going to be working on case management section of written standards (right now it is very short and general)

HSC Board of Directors - presented 5 year plan to prevent and end homelessness (will present to community)

yhdp chose briarpatch, reimagine presented (workgroup of CORE)

Doubled Up Committee - suspend use of auto pilots

Language Access survey, how to respond to it and provide resources on it, looking at community plan

Shelter providers - didn't meet in March

Outreach - special HUD funding to address unsheltered homelessness - plan developed to apply for funds, received the funds, plan needs to be reviewed and work on implementing it, evaluate - outreach committee is doing this - reviewing quarterly

90 days - unenroll someone from street outreach - made an auto exit in HMIS

Core Committee - reimagining coordinated entry - phase 1 (2022) - reviewing data and system, finishing up phase two - making recommendations based on analysis

Education and Advocacy - none

Community Plan - Torrie sent out the completed plan - 5 year plan, will be presenting it

City County homeless issues committee - had a presentation about the community plan

Youth Action Board - went to DC for youth homelessness summit, met with lawmakers, other yhdp

Lived Experience - none