

Core Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 25, 2020, 1pm

Attending: Patrick Duffie, Maggie Carden, Matt Julian, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Tyler Schueffner, Justin Burton, Loreen Gage, Melissa Mennig, Katie Spaeth, Lauren Orlofsky, Brenda Konkol, Sarah Anderson, Kayalyn Broy, Dominique Christian, Casey Yanta, Lorena Johnson, Sarah Lim

1. Introductions
2. Assign Notetaker - Sarah Lim
3. Voice of People with Lived Experience

The committee discussed how to bring the voice of the people with lived experience into HSC in a genuine way. HSC needs to have the voice of those who are affected by the decision on the table.

In order to bring the voice of people experiencing homelessness on the table, HSC needs to go to people with lived experience instead of expecting them to come to HSC. We also need to clarify what HSC is and what it stands for and should be able to explain to people who are new to HSC.

The committee discussed how we can make the HSC meetings more accessible to the community. Ideas included Facebook live meetings, a buddy system to support new attendees for meeting, visiting strategic community locations to receive feedback, not to offer solutions initially but to listen and learn, carving out specific time in the agenda, not use acronyms, posting meeting agendas on facebook as well as on the HSC website, and using different meeting locations for in-person meeting that are more inviting.

The committee also discussed the idea of starting a lived experience voice committee: with board member presentation, with compensation, not tokenized but incorporated in the decision making process in a meaningful way (e.g. all decisions go through this committee before going to the board), the committee should also decide what they want to work on, should be well supported from staff and/or mentors for professional development-It's important that people gain experience and opportunities to make professional connections and not feel like they are being exploited. Sarah will check if we could use ESG-CV admin funds for stipends and other expenses.

Next Core committee meeting is scheduled on July 16. The committee decided to use this meeting to have the focused conversation regarding starting a committee made up of people with lived experience. The current committee members will meet 1-1:30pm in case there are things that needed to be discussed prior, but open up the meeting from 1:30-3pm for this discussion. The committee will give a very brief overview of the HSC and what our intentions are and invite attendees to share their thoughts on how to support and provide space for people with lived experience. Attending committee members committed to connecting with people they thought might be interested in being part of this conversation as someone with lived experience of homelessness.

Collaborative outreach meeting is an informal group that meets to discuss community struggles, resources, information, and networking. It is organized by Tyler Schueffner (Briarpatch) and the next meeting is on July 2nd, 12:30-1:30pm at Penn Park. Core Committee members are invited.

Next Meeting: July 16th, 1-3pm