

CORE Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 17, 2020 1:00 pm- 2:30 pm

Attendance: Torrie Kopp Mueller, Loreen Gage, Patrick Duffie, Brenda Konkel, Kim Sutter, Maggie Carden, Katie Spaeth, Sarah Lim, Melissa Mennig, Casey Yanta, Molly, Sarah Anderson, Sara Allee-Jatta, Lorena Johnson, Andrea Gaines

1. Introductions

2. Select note taker- Sarah Lim

3. Agenda items

a. Break out groups-Successes that you/your agencies had this year

b. Share out of successes

Committee members shared successes they had this year including: Homeless services COVID-19 responses, stronger coordination of services, work to engage people with lived experience, urgency for purpose-built shelter shared by the community, Occupy Madison tiner homes, more attention on racial equity issues, many new homeless services projects coming on board, supportive neighborhood meetings for Porchlight and Salvation Army temporary shelters, and more diverse representation.

c. Sara Allee-Jatta, HSO Co-Coordinator and Case Manager-HRJ program and outpatient AODA services

Loreen shared some positive engagement Housing Initiatives clients had with Sankofa's Homeless Restorative Justice (HRJ) Program. Sara Allee-Jatta shared information about the program. The program works with individuals experiencing current or recent homelessness who have City of Madison municipal tickets that are more than 12 months old. By participating in the program, people can reduce or eliminate the fines. During the pandemic, volunteer hours have been limited so the program is using more treatment, service engagement hours. Sara will send out a program brochure to HSC.

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Sara is a licensed Substance Use Counselor and started a new AODA outpatient clinic, Kabba Recovery Services. The clinic is Medicaid certified and plans on providing Suboxone, opioid medication assisted treatment.

d. Torrie- Discussion about committee restructure that was initiated a few years ago.

- Currently there are 9 HSC committees. Pre-committee consolidation, there were 13 committees.
- Data and performance review need more attention. Even when we had separate committees prior to Core Committee consolidation (Data Committee and Performance Review Committee), using data, evaluating performance to drive system changes have not been the focus of those committees.
- What makes a committee or a workgroups: should outreach or Built for Zero be committees?
- Performance review can be overwhelming to do it annually. If we do it more often.

- It would be helpful to create and post materials (e.g. recorded zoom meeting on HSC website) regarding HUD rules, performance measures and other topics for people and agencies new to the homeless services system.
- Core committee spends a lot of time on written standards. It is an important function but take time away from other tasks and can hinder new member engagement with the Core Committee. The Committee decided separating out the written standards tasks from the regular Core Committee meetings. The written standards group will meet quarterly, unless there are urgent requests for standard review by agencies. The Core committee will focus more on important activities that haven't been done – data review, performance improvement, coordinated entry evaluation, racial equity, etc. Since we are not creating a new committee, just separating out a tasks and changing the schedule, the committee agreed that the change did not need to go through the board approval process at this point. We will inform the HSC board and membership about the changes and encourage new people to join the meetings.
- Education & Advocacy Committee may have too much to do. The committee has been mostly focusing on legislative issues and has not been able to work on education or mainstream resources agenda. Brenda and Melissa will bring up this topic to the Education and Advocacy Committee to have a similar conversation there. Torrie will reach out to the chair, Lane, as well.

e. Sarah L. - ESG-CV (Emergency Solutions Grant COVID-19) funds

The State will release an ESG-CV RFP soon for special projects and prevention projects, which will be due in January. Additionally, there will be funds allocated to Dane CoC based on the state's updated funding formula and we will learn how much will be available for Dane CoC by the end of January.

f. Walk-in Items:

Education Advocacy Committee scheduled meetings with state representatives, which will happen Jan-March.

4. Action Items : None

5. Next Meeting: Thursday, January 7th, 2020 1:00 pm- 2:30 pm