



Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

March 18, 2022
10:00 AM - Noon

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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

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Introductions
 - Board members in attendance: Gentry Bieker, Michelle Hemp, Sara Allee-Jatta, Brenda Konkel, Patrick Duffie – ICA, Robin Sereno, Courtney Spears, Patti La Cross, Catherine Reiersen, Rachel Litchman, Shanita Lawrence, Chara Taylor, Arree Macon,
 - Board members not in attendance: Joel Girard
 - Staff: Torrie Kopp Mueller
 - Guests: Joe, Kristina Dux, Kim Sutter, Jenna Jacobsen, Portia, Sarah Lim, Galaxy S21 + 5G
- **Vote to approve [Minutes from February 18, 2022](#)**—Brenda Konkel - spelling corrections (The Road Home and Taylor)
 - Minutes approved
- Treasurer’s Report – Gentry Bieker
 - Has not received any balances or statements at this time, meeting later this afternoon with C4CS
- Conflict of Interest – Nominating & Governance Committee Members
 - **Proposal: Approve the Conflict-of-Interest Policy & Statement as presented**
 - 3 different proposals, will address each one at a time
 - Propose that we remove current language and replace in “c”

Relational Conflicts -- A person has a Relational Conflict if they or their family* has any of the following relationships with an entity with which the HSC has a *current* transaction or arrangement, or is *considering* or *negotiating* a transaction or arrangement:

- a. Had an ownership or investment interest or a compensation arrangement within the last year,
- b. Serves as a board member or served as a board member within the last year,
- c. Currently receives ~~Receives~~ services as a program participant ~~or received services within the last year,~~ or
- d. Has or had another relationship that the Board Member believes may interfere with objective decision-making.

- Proposal vote: 6 approved, 1 can live with the proposal, 0 uncertain or has questions, 0 uncomfortable
- Proposal to change language in “c”

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- b. Serves as a board member or served as a board member within the last year,
- c. Currently receives ~~Receives services~~ or **currently denied services due to eligibility** as a program participant ~~or received services within the last year, or~~
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This does not work with the newly proposed language:

- eligibility due to funding, would this be considered discrimination if it would based on identity
- not related to funding eligibility
- were denied services in the last year for reasons ~~other than~~ related to funding eligibility
- this is a historical piece
- it is not a one off, emotional testimonial that can sway decisions, ethics vs lawyer (legal)
- HUDs regulation on COI – more of financial interests, this relational piece, bias removal
- conflict of language

Remove the next agenda item and then can we wrap up this in the next 10 mins, “b” not addressed, plan to have a smaller group work on this and will communicate this with Nominating Governance Workgroup (Catherine to lead), why is this even important people who were in power were giving themselves funding, to level the playing field, what is best for our community, have info to Torrie by the 1st, encourage you to think about the difference from a board member to a staff member, if you have strong feelings, any objections

- Presentation & Discussion of Proposed HSC Street Outreach Committee – Brenda Konkel & Sara Allee-Jatta
 - **Proposal: Approve addition of HSC Street Outreach Committee**
 - Defer to next meeting, proposal is not written at this time
 - Proposal approved unanimously
- Advocacy Opportunity: [Helping Foster & Homeless Youth Achieve Act](#) AND [Fostering Postsecondary Success for Foster & Homeless Youth Act](#) – Torrie Kopp Mueller
 - **Proposal: HSC supports the above legislation.**
 - Helping Foster & Homeless Youth Achieve Act is getting rid of application fee
 - Fostering Postsecondary Success for Foster & Homeless Youth Act – providing services to this population
 - Proposal approved
- YHDP Memorandum of Understanding between the CoC, Briarpatch (YHDP Lead Agency), and Youth Action Board – Torrie Kopp Mueller
 - **Proposal: Approve HSC signature on the YHDP MOU**
 - Briarpatch is the lead agency, need a MOU, this is a working document
- Discussion on Collaborative Applicant for CoC Funding Competition – Torrie Kopp Mueller
 - **Proposal: Approve City of Madison to serve as Collaborative Applicant**
 - Collaborative Applicant for CoC Funds – currently City of Madison serves in this role, vote on whether you would like the City to continue in this role
 - Are there any other entities that would like this role?
 - If the board wanted someone else the board should look
 - County has been asked and they always decline
 - The history is with the city, Torrie is appreciated – Torrie MOU between City and CoC – this should be updated, would this be appropriate for the executive committee
 - Proposal approved unanimously.
- Increased involvement of City, County, United Way – Brenda Konkel
 - **Proposal: Add non-voting seats for City of Madison, Dane County and United Way**
 - without impacting quorum >> this would require a bylaw change and need to be sent to the membership

- What would the purpose of having the seat be, besides attendance?
- Have we spoken to the entities? Are they interested? historical example needing to find matching funds, housing access is new to the County this is a reasonable ask, help get what we just did onto board meeting
- **Proposal: Include standing agenda item for updates from City of Madison, Dane County and United Way**
 - regarding funding processes, upcoming legislation, new or important changes to programs funded by those entities
 - send an invitation: Is there guidance the board would like from those groups? Yes, updates on homeless services, example when does the outreach RMP come out, announcement of the men’s shelter, ordinances that impact us, funding processes, upcoming legislation or new or important changes to programs funded by those entities -medical, hear monthly updates on men’s shelter and COVID updates, shelter utilizations, update requests will change, an ask will be done at each board meeting
- Discussion on format for future meetings – in person or virtual?
 - **Proposal: Set format for future meetings.**
 - Deferred - out of time

Adjourn

Upcoming Agenda Items – Provide Education & Advocacy Committee with ability to act on advocacy items, Board Mentors

Future Board Meetings, All meetings are 10AM-Noon

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| April 15 th | September 16 th |
| May 20 th | October 21 st |
| June 17 th | November 18 th |
| July 15 th | December 16 th |
| August 19 th | |

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