

Funders Committee – 1/7/2020

1. Introductions
2. Review of assignments related to the gaps analysis research:

Committee members summarized major take-aways from the various reports they reviewed and briefly discussed local gaps analysis.

Idea: Break down responses by who is responding. Providers report this as a need, program participants report this as a need, etc.

Idea: Approach that is centered on individuals participating in programming as much as possible.

Idea: Include narrative to help expand the data and key takeaways to help the reader digest the information.

Idea: How might we engage Public Health Madison-Dane County to gather data they've already collected and ask for their help with our efforts to analysis.

The committee will talk more at the February meeting about how to proceed with the gaps analysis.

3. Planning Funders Committee meetings for the year ahead. Discussion was cut short and will be continued.

February – Discuss next steps for the gaps analysis, finish committee planning for 2020 meetings.

March – Review updated funding analysis.

July – Update on City of Madison Community Development Division 2021 Budget Request

August – Update on Dane County Department of Human Services 2021 Budget Request

October – Update on City County Executive 2021 Budgets

December – Final update on approved City of Madison and Dane County 2021 Budgets



HSC Funders Committee

February 4, 2020 at 10:30

United Way

Minutes

Attendees: Casey Becker, Jani Koester, Dana Stokes, Nicole Sandler, Angie Jones, Sarah Lim, Torrie Kopp Mueller

1. Torrie will take notes.

2. Gaps Analysis Follow up (decide on methodology and budget for our analysis) – Google Doc
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1XHeaf8V2c8wvczZQQk0CmTmVuSgt7t9o?usp=sharing>

Angie created a matrix to compare the various reports that were looked at.

Action Item: folks should add in the strategies that communities are developing to meet their unmet needs.

How will we figure out the unmet needs? Surveys (go to food pantries, churches, places people already are), focus groups, HMIS data and other data sources,

HUD article had some sample surveys, but they are very outdated. We can use them as a starting point.

Work with doubled up work group on their survey. Maybe combine the surveys into one document.

Is there any help the UW can offer as far as developing the survey?

Action Item: Angie will reach out to Kelly at United Way who might be able to assist. Nicole will reach out to the UW.

Action Item: bring surveys from other community's gaps analysis for the March meeting

Target for the gaps analysis will encompass all definitions of homelessness

3. Look at the Doubled-up Data from National Center for Homeless Education

Jani brought data from the school district regarding homelessness and Department of Education.

MMSD data roughly matches that of national data regarding sleeping situations. Not all school districts have the data by family unit

Can track how many households have obtained housing or are re-identified in the new school year

Data from Jani is unduplicated

- Next Steps

- Check-out

Next Meeting is on March 3rd

If you need meeting materials in another format, please contact Angie Jones at angela.jones@uwdc.org.

Duties: Provide a forum for public and private funders of housing and services targeted to homeless and at-risk persons to share information and coordinate activities as possible; use the Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness when setting funding priorities; membership will include HSC Board President. Make recommendations to designate the Collaborative Applicant as a Unified Funding Agency. This gives the Collaborative Applicant additional autonomy and responsibilities.



Funders Committee Agenda

June 2, 2020 at 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting through Microsoft Office Teams

1. Attendees: Angela Jones, Jenna Wutherich, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Jani Koester, Nicole Sandler
2. Select note taker if not already assigned: Torrie
3. Coronavirus Check-In/Funding
 - a. TEP: aware of work with families experiencing homelessness may hit a peak soon, trying to put in supports, lose some access in the next 2 weeks with school ending, teams of school social worker and nurse will be in place for students who are at risk in a physical or mental health way, 4 teams (one in each high school area), not expected to do outreach to families losing housing – very focused on health needs, trying to get social work time for this summer to continue connections with families in crisis, summer school is virtual – working closely with MSCR and providing transportation, must reply to email by June 5th for MSCR Cares Camp, GAP: connecting families to resources during the summertime, utility support has been the number one request, doubled-up work group has seen many asks for gas cards, food cards for fresh foods, personal hygiene, occasional car repairs, some hotel stays outside of Madison
 - b. Community Plan Committee: working on reaching out to grassroots and faith-based organizations to learn more about their services,
 - c. Thinking about options for rehousing people who are in hotels,
 - d. TSA has started a shelter wait list for families
 - e. Possible change to Written Standards based on HUD AAQ about literal homelessness in the past few days instead of night prior
 - f. State EHH Funds: COVID Funds for Dane, Phase 1: fund existing programs receiving state ESG (about \$340,000), Phase 2: about \$1.5 million, City will develop RFP and there will be a competition and review process, RFP drafted by 6/15 for approval at 6/19 Board meeting, Sarah met with small group of Board members for feedback/priorities (Sarah will send out funding priorities that the group set)
 - g. Vulnerable Hotels are full and running a wait list
 - h. TRC getting COVID money for Prevention
 - i. CDBG: \$700,000 in CARES money, will see what gaps emerge as we move forward, CDBG and HOME RFP posted, Affordable Housing RFP out in the next few weeks
 - j. Nicole: Wisconsin Partnership Program – working on grant for Journey Home – re-entry services
 - k. FEMA funding is going on right now, deadline for apps is Friday 6/5, Phase 37 and Phase CARES, can apply for funds through both pots of money

- I. Housing Affordability Challenge: our application was not chosen to move forward, finalists all seemed to be large organizations in major cities, no apps from Wisconsin made it to final round
 - m. United Way – busy with COVID funds \$1.5 million was raised for prevention, food and flexible funds, received \$4 million in requests, invested in 34 different organizations, have been working with prevention agencies to work together in a coordinated process, has a list of organizations and criteria for funds (Angie will send this out.),
- 4. Discussion: Given the Coronavirus outbreak, how do we want to move forward?
 - a. Gaps Analysis: do we still need to do a survey?
 - i. Survey people with lived experience, maybe traditional homeless service providers, what data to look at
 - ii. Doubled-up work group survey has been on hold since COVID, will likely talk about it at next month's workgroup meeting
- 5. Check-out
- 6. Next Meeting: July 9th from 9-10:30, note different meeting date/time
 - a. Will work on survey questions

Funders Committee

July 9, 2020

Attendees: Torrie Kopp Mueller, Nicole Sandler, Jenna Wuthrich, Sarah Lim, Jani Koester

Develop survey questions for participant to identify gaps in current homeless system

- The group decided to start with the provider survey. The Core Committee is having a meeting next week to talk with people with lived experience about how best to seek feedback. We want to wait on results from that conversation before moving forward.
- Looked at survey that Community Plan Committee is using to map Grassroots and Faith-based organizations. Decided to adapt those questions for our survey. This way we will not need to ask those folks to complete another survey.

Action: Torrie will work on some of the questions we made changes to and the Nicole will review them to see what order makes sense for asking. Some of the questions will be changed to multiple choice. Jani and Torrie will see what categories are coming forth in the answers provided to Community Plan Committee. Will plan to send out draft survey before next funders meeting

Discussion on ESG-CV funds

- Discussed community needs that we see:
 - RRH for singles
 - Diversion for families on TSA's waitlist, including rent assistance
 - Outreach to people living in vehicles
 - Childcare for families in shelter



Funders Committee Agenda

August 3, 2020 from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting through Microsoft Office Teams

1. Introductions
 - a. Torrie Kopp Mueller, Nicole Sandler, Natalie Deibel, Angela Jones, Jenna Wutherich
2. Select note taker if not already assigned
 - a. Torrie will take notes
3. Check-In Ice Breaker
 - a. Two people moving into housing from Vulnerable Population hotels this week
 - b. Vulnerable Population Case Conferencing is starting
4. Finalize survey questions/determine who/where survey will be given
 - a. Go through Community Plan questions to determine choices for multiple choice questions; Torrie will work to add multiple choice options and Nicole will review
 - b. Send to head of agency and ask that each complete it one time by a certain date
 - c. Natalie will work on putting together a list of leadership from the HSC directory, will review at future meeting and see who is missing
 - d. Angie can set up the survey and send it out via Microsoft forms
5. Check-out
6. Next Meeting will be September 1st
 - a. Include for agenda: update on ESG-CV RFP, Stimulus Package

This meeting will take place through Microsoft Office Teams. If you are not apart of this group, please contact Angela Jones to be included in this meeting.

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Funders Committee Minutes

November 2, 2020 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Virtual Meeting through Microsoft Office Teams

1. Introductions: Angela Jones, Sarah Lim, Jani Koester, Patrick Duffy, Jenna Wuthrich, Nicole Sandler
2. Torrie will take notes
3. Gap Analysis Survey Up-date
 - a. Received 67 surveys (need to tally up number of agencies this was sent to)
 - b. Reviewed responses – Angie will send spreadsheet to committee to review details
 - c. Would be interesting to read through all of the responses to really get a handle on responses and gaps.

ACTION ITEM: Review spreadsheet and record observations/takeaways.

4. Update on ESG COVID Funds and that process
 - a. Everything has been approved by common council
 - b. Sarah is working on contracts with agencies

Ended meeting early due to another commitment.

5. Begin design of the participant survey
 - a. What one's have already been done?
 - b. Who to do the surveys?
 - c. Timing of the surveys?
 - d. Questions
6. 2020 Funding Analysis
7. Next Meeting: December 1

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12/8 Joint Funders and Community Plan Committees Meeting

Attendance: Torrie Kopp Mueller, Kristin Rucinski, Jani Koester, Heather Moen, Jenna Wuthrich, Angela Jones, Sarah Lim, Beverly Thom, Linda Ketcham, Nicole Sandler, Melissa Mennig, Lisa Hemauer, Casey Becker, Linda Vakunta, Priscilla Lentini, Jalateefa Joe-Myers

- I. Introductions
- II. Took time to review Excel document Torrie sent ahead of time, particularly Column K. Angie recommends also looking at Column L and M in the Excel document from the Funders Committee.
- III. Identified Key Themes in Excel doc from Funders
Mental Health + Affordable Housing + Access to Housing (flexible landlords, etc.)
 - a. Priscilla shared her document that summarized results - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ytX4MbU9AN5OLcdqvMHiSSdhnE8W9P-K0dfkhDITlo0/edit?usp=sharing>
 - b. Families are left out – Bev
 - c. Transportation (particularly outside of Madison) - Jani
 - d. Shelter – not long enough, not in rural communities, not safe enough, etc. – Melissa
 - e. Housing, Services, Shelter – three overall buckets Torrie identified
 - f. Men’s shelter can be decluttered to help with mental health issues - Bev
 - g. Lack of financial assistance is a top three - Angie
 - h. Outreach – Sarah made a note for their weekly meetings about IDs, chronic documentation
 - i. “Advertisement” of services – so much need, don’t need to advertise but are people aware of what is available and how to access?
 - j. Catholic Charities – Housing Navigation – people can be referred here if they aren’t in an RRH or PSH program
 - k. Can Outreach learn more about housing navigation services? Or at what point do we hand off to housing navigation? Sarah will discuss with Outreach team.
 - l. What does Housing Navigation really look like?
 - i. Flowchart conversation ensued
- IV. Took time to review Google Doc Torrie sent ahead of time, particularly Column N. Jani encouraged folks to look at Column K as well (why aren’t people accessing the system?).
- V. Identified Key Themes/Gaps from Google Doc from Community Plan Committee -
 - a. Affordable Housing with a specific focus on doubled-up families (which makes sense since funded group funds literally homeless and “grassroots” might focus more on doubled-up population)
 - b. Lack of access for rural communities
 - c. Awareness of resources and how to find out about them
 - d. Communication – between agencies, between agencies and people experiencing homelessness
 - e. Jani mentioned some of these were done before COVID so we’d maybe see different responses now

- f. Jalateefa - News travels fast within this population – communication is good within the homeless population, very connected
 - g. Torrie mentioned a next step is for a focus group to hear about gaps from people with lived experience
 - h. Transportation and mental health came up again in these results, so that's a common theme between the two surveys
 - i. Jani was surprised child care didn't come up more in the results – based on experience, this is a big barrier. Angie says families are scared of child care right now.
- VI. Quick Poll on non-renewals
 - a. Lisa will ask JFF
 - b. The Road Home will have info to Angie by Friday
- VII. Next Steps
 - a. Group agreed to have one report out from the results
 - b. Roll doubled-up work group into some of this?
 - c. Roll Lived Experience Committee into this too?
 - d. Is anybody willing to work on a first report (aka initial/preliminary findings) to help when the Board is prioritizing funding needs or for the Funders Committee
 - i. Important to have the information timely
 - ii. Torrie, Jalateefa and Jani agreed to work on this