



Community Plan Oversight Committee Agenda

December 1, 2023

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Attendance

Committee Members

- Brenda Konkel
- Jennifer Pryeor
- Meshan Adams
- Linda Ketcham
- Kayla Every
- Marilyn Feil
- Takisha Jordan
- Torrie Kopp Mueller
- Sarah Lim
- Bonnie Margulis
- Alicia Spry
- Kristina Dux
- Patrick Duffey
- Jani Koester
- Angela Jones
- Linette Rhoades
- Aurey

Guests

- Brandi's Otter Pilot

Homebase: Esther Wilch, Karen Kowal, Mihir Vohra, Kenya Rawls

Agenda for 12/01 with Notes:

1. Introduction and Agenda (Kenya Rawls, Homebase)
2. Timeline and Workplan Review (Kenya Rawls, Homebase)
3. Review of Proposed Goals (Esther Wilch, Homebase)
 - Emergent Themes: - Racial Equity, -Housing
 - -Home/& Resources (where are the resources and gaps/rural parts have less support/shelter build out)
 - - Regional Issues in Madison Dane (describes things that are at play within the region, the need for more streamline decision making, the need for more training for providers at-large)
 - What's driving the plan, what's the overall approach to the emergent themes

- Emergent Goals/Emergent Themes (see slides)
- Sarah - how does this relate to the pervious slide? (They complement each other) - not 1:1, but goals emerged from the themes.
 - Kristina - Those goals that come up could be in any of those common themes from the previous slide.
- Sarah - if you are evaluating PSH/RRH units needed- where would it fall? Shelter Programs?
 - Ester - yes: getting housing slots for people to move into: The need for landlord engagement could be a good example.
- Sarah - it makes sense with a lot of word: “housing solutions”/ “Crisis Response”, but the breakdown makes sense.
- Ester -→ Goal at the top, the bottom are topics that came out of breakout group: (see slides)
 - Goal 1: Racial Equity (workshopping the language w/ CPC) - feedback request:
 - Torrie - seems fine with this Goal, straight forward.
 - Sarah - prefers shorter goal.
 - Patrick - bullet #2: “homeless system of care” may not describe where are efforts need to but, more so prevention and inflow is the issue.
 - Kristina - wanted racial and equity within the Homeless System of Care: Throughout is strong - it seems as though ACCESS is the real issue. Not including the “biggest disparity” in the Main Heading.
 - Angela - who is the audience? is this supposed to included non- HUD funding. Depending on who the audience is we may need more descriptive language.
 - Ester - express that you wanted an all-inclusive audience (business to services). These are the headers, and we will have more content.
 - Angela - we need to know for who so that we can be informed on how to weigh in.
 - Ester suggested we can move the meeting around so that we can address the definition of Homelessness.
 - Kayla - Header and subtitled bullet points and we will be diving into the content later.
 - High level general so that it’s fully accessible to the community at-large.
 - Integrate Racial Equity to end disparities in our Homeless Service Systems. (suggestion)
 - Jennifer - doesn’t agree with disparity only being at the beginning of the System. It makes it intentional - “throughout” should be the verbiage.
 - Sarah - wants something more positive (making track changes in real — time)
 - goal was to bring to policy makers like at a six- grade reading level - very fast and quick/easy to grab. (tagline). (Alameda Co.)

- Takisha - agrees with Sarah, easy to take in especially for LEC -
- Kristina - Integrating and Ending: much more action oriented and more intentional verbs. Keep those strong verbs within the plan.
- Torrie - Wording is important but concerned that we are going down a rabbit hole.
 - Ester agrees we are going to have rounds of editing: nothing final and things will be different. Goal is not to workshop the plan, but to build out and call out "hard no's."
- Bonnie - Who is the audience? can envision 2 plans that are long and one straight to the point.
 - Not going to have two separate plans - the goal is had one that can be taken in by all within the community.

Ester- Next Goal (Increase Housing)

- what we now know is: CPS likes it to be snappier and less verbiage, but overall do you like the themes?
 - Sarah - the Big Goal yes, but the list - questions
 - Ester- the list is not workshopped, but themes that have emerged.
- Next Goal (Expand Resources and Funding....)
 - Kristina and Angela- need to be simplified.
 - Kayla Example: Streamline resources and process to meet the individual needs of those at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
 - The goal is "de-silo" the system.
 - Kristina - more so expanding the resources and addressing the gaps in services. Having a deeper understanding of how "Dane Co." defines homelessness - we are talking about everyone. Who are we talking about? Everyone
 - Sarah - My initial thought: Develop a comprehensive and accessible response for people in housing crisis.
 - Jennifer - Enhance support for homelessness causes and meet the diverse needs of those in need. or Amplify resources, fund initiatives, and support the varied needs of the homeless community.
- Next Goal (Coordinate and Strengthen the Capacity...)

Language Matter: What is the definition of Homelessness?

- Who is this plan for? What situation does it address?
 - Sarah - Thinking through prevention as well and adding it somehow.
 - Ester - yes, we will have prevention within the plan.
 - Karen - figure out a way.
 - Brenda - what's the difference between homeless prevention and eviction prevention?
 - Jennifer - it's hard to define it because we all have different views on how we view things. (5-day notice = homeless to some people)
 - Ester - agrees with all of it (...immediate prospect, means, and ability of acquiring it.)

- Jani - uses HUD definition, appreciates the inclusion.
- Takisha - Double up is considered homeless, it needs to be called out. Likes the HUD definition.
- Jennifer - double up is how black/brown families live their homeless - battles with HUD's definition leaves room to wiggle too much.
 - Adding verbiage that says lacking a lease - sometimes you are not in the position to get a lease.
- Sarah - use this or HUD definition: naming out who the plan is aimed at.
- Kayla - want to piggyback of Jennifer and NO lease = Homeless. "Appropriate Housing" verbiage is off-putting.
 - Words that could reference: Dignified, righteous, humane, undisturbed, or esteemed.
- Ester - starting point with the above goals and lots of content will be added throughout the plan.

Language Matter: How do we describe our population?

- Ester - People experiencing homelessness, Displaced persons, unhoused persons.... etc.
 - Takisha - "Humans" - has anyone.
 - Torrie - Language matters and has had bad experience with using the wrong language.
 - Jennifer: Unhoused, more and more - makes people feel less than
 - Kristina - "people experiencing homelessness" is overused in Dane.
 - "Housing insecurity"
- Other examples: Those in Transition, Neighbors in need, Housing instability, "unsheltered, doubled up, or at-risk of being so."
 - Ester - should we take it back LEC and YAB for deeper dive.
- Sarah - are we talking about people or the word in general.
 - Ester/Karen - it can be within both.

4. Work Group Planning (Mihir Vohra, Homebase)

- 3 topics, 1-2 members and other community members with expertise on that topic
 - 1. Landlord - meet in Dec.
 - 2. Cross-sector - meet in Dec.
 - 3. Racial Equity - meet in Jan. will meet once the other groups have met to insure that all work is fully integrated within the suggestion from the workgroups.
- Sarah - what are the goals of the work group? talking about strategies over themes that came out of the current work that have currently doing. The groups will be doing detailed work.
- Christina - how does this relate to the goals?
 - Ester - We created the subgroups to gather more information from subject matter experts that may not have been gained during
- Sarah - when will we start talking about what to start on 1st.
 - Karen - the subcommittee will help weigh in and we will circle back on the goal prioritization. We can incorporate it within Kick-off group.
 - Sarah - will you have data to help form the prioritization.

- Ester/Karen - yes that was the purpose of gathering the data, so that the community can weigh in with the new research obtained.

Kayla chat Request- "I would like to be in the Cross-sector engagement and racial equity workgroups. I must have missed the opportunity to nominate, my apologies!"

Linda chat Request – "Reentry needs to be including - Shanita Lawrence our Peer Support Coordinator and former reentry Rapid Rehousing case manager would be a good person to include."

5. Discussion re: Plan Layout and Organization (Karen Kowal, Homebase)

- Sarah like the second one for its priority list
 - Likes one-page in Alameda that lays out goals and strategies.
- Patrick likes measurable goals.
 - Doesn't necessarily like "create a group that xyz" wants to know outcome of goals.
 - Likes short-term and medium-term goals.
 - Advocacy from hard trade-offs
- Love visuals
- Brenda doesn't want to lose everything that we brought out during this process.
- People like appendices

NEXT STEPS:

- Kayla and Takisha to send out a Survey around "Defining Homelessness in Dane County" to LEC and YAB members.
- Finalizing Working Groups/Contact info and setting up meeting times.