

## **Workgroup Meeting 10/26/2022 11:00 am-12:00 pm**

Present: Rosa Rhoden, Kyle VonRuden, Issac Hoffman, Sarah Anderson, Michelle Hemp, Shanita Lawrence, Francesca Atkinson, Marjorie Lewis, Matthew Julian, Takisha Jordan, Chara Taylor, Brenda Konkel, Alicia, Pam Anderson

### I. Updates on City/County Budget

- Brenda shared that some of her staff registered on specific budget topics especially related to the new shelter.
- Marjorie shared that she attended 5 hours of the budget conversation and stated that in-person advocacy in that arena seems to be a good way to get clear information about what is going on due to the fact that posted info tends to be rather vague
- Rosa agreed that there is a bit of a disconnect with the information released prior to these discussions.
- There is an agreement that the length of a lot of these meetings can be daunting to interested members of HSC. One suggestion for advocacy is for HSC members to get together and author letters of support for topics we are interested in to focus on our goals and help narrow the time commitment
- Health and Human Needs Committee passed an amendment creating a funds for folks who have been incarcerated and are experiencing barriers to obtaining housing
- Brenda noted that one barrier to attendance is the untimely announcement of topics up for discussion (ie. notice goes out Friday for a meeting that is happening on Monday).
- Takisha said she will ask if Lived Experience Committee could send a member to Friday's City Council meeting to gather information to share with the EAC/ LEC about upcoming City budget amendments
- Marjorie will out to Alder Jael Currie to see if she can provide EA with info and updates to help us track potential advocacy items.

### II. Draft Advocacy Agenda

- Start with our broad headings from Jamboard (Housing, Decriminalization of Homelessness, Mental Health/AODA Treatment, Supportive services and Capacity) and include specifics as they make sense.
- Marjorie will finish a draft and email it out to gather feedback before the next Education and Advocacy Committee meeting