



Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

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11:00am-1:00pm

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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

- **Attendance:** Brad Hinkfuss, Dana Stokes, Catherine Reiersen, Jonathan Grieser, Lane Hanson, Brian Benford, Patrick Duffie, Torrie Kopp-Mueller, Jael Currie, Arree Macon
- **Guests:** Belinda Richardson (TRH), Melissa Sorenson (TSA), Kim Sutter (Porchlight), Kelly Crooks (Tellurian), Cortney (Tellurian), Robin Sereno (TRC), Queen Turner (Sankofa ELU), Sarah Lim (City of Madison), Sharmecia Brown (Urban Triage), Charles Myadze (City of Madison), Julia Marin (Sankofa ELU), Gloria Reyes (Briarpatch), Musa Bah
- **Presenters:** Jalateefa Joe-Meyers (Sankofa ELU), Gloria Reyes (Briarpatch), Sarah Lim (City of Madison)
- Call to order 11:04 -- Hinkfuss
- Vote to approve Minutes from May 27, 2021 – Hinkfuss
 - All in favor, minutes approved
- Treasurer Report – Lane Hanson
 - \$3416.06 balance
- Information & Update from Governance & Nominating Committee regarding Election Process
 - Will be discussed next month
 - [Link to proposal](#)
- Approval of Lead Agency for Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Application
 - Up to 10 minutes to present, plus time for questions
 - **Briarpatch Youth Services** -- Gloria Reyes
 - Briarpatch celebrating 50 years of service to homeless youth
 - Shelter, counseling, restorative justice, positive youth development
 - Runaway and homeless youth, street outreach program, Teens Like Us, parent support program, summer teen youth employment
 - Evidence-based practices, recognizes diversity as an asset
 - Selected to be part of a National Network
 - 30+ staff with experience serving youth and collaborating with stakeholders
 - Worked on original YHDP application process
 - Gloria's experience as President of MMSD School Board, Deputy Mayor of Madison
 - Upon approval -- needs assessment, gaps analysis will be conducted
 - Prior to COVID, YAB was held at the Briarpatch office
 - Chairs the Committee to End Youth Homelessness (CEYH)
 - Contract with DCYF through our programs
 - Need more housing for 18-24 year olds, YHDP would allow us to do this
 - Policies and practices to close service gaps
 - Housing models are cost effective
 - Supportive, stable housing programs
 - Youth leaving JJ and foster care should have support in these transitions
 - All partners in Dane Co will be involved and supported if selected
 - Questions

- Queen Turner: my daughter got support only after she got in trouble. What is the current demographic of people in leadership? What is the relationship with Juvenile Justice vs. foster care?
 - Reponse: agree that there is a need to bring in diverse leadership; board has made a commitment to more diverse staff; including Reyes as director; we do work with JJ, as well as other systems such as school
 - Jael Currie: What creative methods do you use to avoid the school-to-prison pipeline for youth?
 - Response: partnership with YWCA with their restorative justice program; camp for kids dealing with trauma, focus on de-escalation, anger management; youth homelessness is a major risk factor for involvement with CJ system; selected to work with National Network and focus on homeless youth and relationship with criminal justice system, also collaborate with other cities doing the same work
- **Sankofa Educational Leadership United** -- Jalateefa Joe-Meyers
 - [Link to written responses](#)
 - Jalateefa shared a power point and video presentation
 - 3 pillars of the organization: Education + Criminal Justice + Health
 - Black-led, diverse organization
 - Emphasis of their work is on marginalized communities in Dane County, specifically the African American community
 - Operate a family shelter, also opening a youth transitional housing program in the fall
 - Work with all age ranges, including homeless youth and young adults
 - Video provided direct youth voice
- Action
 - Recusals: Joe-Meyers, Currie
 - **Proposal: Approve Briarpatch to be listed and serve as Lead Agency in YHDP application -- Benford**
 - Like it (4) - Hinkfuss, Reiersen, Benford, Stokes
 - Live with it (0)
 - Uncertain (1) - Hanson
 - Uncomfortable (1) - Currie, recused herself due to YWCA's partnership with Briarpatch
 - Benford: Briarpatch has been doing this work for a long time, they seem to be successful in their work with youth, and the effort to diversify programming is promising
 - Reiersen: Briarpatch seems to have done a lot of foundational work of this Lead Agency role, including developing the Youth Action Board
 - Hanson: Sankofa is a Black-led organization, Briarpatch has been doing the work longer but maybe we shouldn't be ok with the status quo. Our systems as they currently work are failing us and we shouldn't stick to the status quo just because it's comfortable. Also liked that the video presented by Sankofa featured youth voices.
 - Reiersen: Agree that white voices are overrepresented throughout Dane County. The YHDP Lead Agency would not be the sole recipient of YHDP funds, but they would be the agency coordinating our efforts. They seem to have the capacity to lead this process.
 - 2nd vote after discussion, the proposal is approved. Hanson remains in opposition. **Briarpatch will serve as Lead Agency for the YHDP application.**
 - Michele Hawkins (guest): unhappy with the decision to appoint Briarpatch as lead agency, we are looking for a change and Sankofa ELU is a strong candidate
- Presentation of State EHH Recommended Funding Slate – Review Committee Members (Sarah Lim)
 - Overall, there were strong applicants this round
 - Stokes, Hanson, & Benford were the Board members who participated in the ESG-CV review process
 - We needed to reduce TRC funding in order to meet the minimum acceptable amount for the other proposals

- Questions/Comments
 - Andrea (Guest, YWCA): Why weren't the applicants grouped by type of program so their scores could be compared? This would be more like comparing "apples to apples" because they're measured the same way.
 - Response: This is something we can consider for the next funding cycle. Always looking to improve the process and will have a meeting to go through considerations for improvement.
 - Mattie Reese (Guest, Connecting the Dots): Please recognize Connecting the Dots and the work we're doing with street outreach.
- Action
 - Recusals: Duffie, Joe-Meyers, Currie
 - **Proposal: Approval of EHH Funding Slate as presented by the EHH Review Committee Members -- Hinkfuss**
 - All in favor, the motion carries. **EHH Funding Slate approved as presented.**
- Adjourn at 12:39

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