

CORE Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 1st, 2020 1:00 pm- 3 pm

Attending: Loreen Gage, Patrick Duffie, Katie Spaeth, Lauren Olofsky, Alex DeSena, Dominique Christian, Skyler Can De Weerd, Lorena Johnson, Kim Sutter, Sarah Anderson, Melissa Mennig, Mike Basford, Sarah Lim

- a. Team Building exercise/share out
- b. Sarah Lim-Spreadsheet (property damage report) data update/ESG-Update

Property damage not covered by funding source spreadsheet: Three agencies have completed so far. Other agencies are planning on completing next week.

ESG updates: ESG-CV CoC funds allocation was approved by the board and is final. ESG-CV city funds allocation plan will be posted likely today, it will go to CDBG meeting on 10/8, and can be approved at the Common Council on 10/20.

- d. Mike Basford, Interagency Council on Homelessness. Discussion on the Mitigation Fund for Landlords on a state level and the results of the WRAP Fund.

WRAP: State had 25 million to distribute by the end of October, distributed 20 million dollars so far. 10,000 households assisted. Looking to see if more funds can be available.

State homeless assistance budget update: Except for the bill regarding SSSG, remaining bills are stuck at the senate, the senate has no plan to reconvene this year, so they need to be re-introduced next January. Budget asks need to be in by October 15. Contact Mike Basford if you have proposals or ideas to share, mike.basford@wisconsin.gov.

One of the remaining bills that need to be re-introduced next year is HQS bill. Half million dollar to DOA, for landlords to get units up to HQS standards (forgivable loans), can be used as landlord mitigation funds to fix units back up to HQS standards. It does target smaller landlords and outside of Milwaukee and Madison, though.

The State Interagency Council has been talking to WHEDA about additional investment for affordable housing. WHEDA would need to set up additional funding stream, possibly through regular bonding or social impact bonding.

Mike encouraged the HSC to reach out to the senators, even before January, and send a message that those bills need to be passed. Mike also encouraged that HSC reach out to Francesca Hong and Samba Baldeh to provide more info on homelessness and to advocate for passing the bills. Core Committee members agreed that Core Committee should reach out to the Education and Advocacy Committee to make this happen. Loreen will reach out to the Education and Advocacy Committee.

c. Katie Spaeth-Discussion of the draft for the written standards (30 min)

Following up on the last Core Committee discussion, the Committee reviewed the suggested edits from Torrie and Katie in the termination and grievance procedures section of the Written Standards. The Committee proposed a couple changes:

- Making records retention to 5 years instead of 6 years, which is the minimum length for ESG and CoC funds.
- Minor edit to the following sentence: “Following a transfer approval, staff from programs with available units will meet with current program staff and the participant to discuss issues *pertaining to transfer*, unit availability, steps for resolution, and continuity of case plan, etc. “

Katie will send the revised version to Torrie, who will send it out to HSC for comments, and then the board for approval.

Dominique brought up a question regarding transfer and termination: How long can supportive housing units be reserved for families who are in family reunification program and do not have children with them? There were cases that families were in family units for over 2 years without children. The Written Standards Dominique will submit a question to AAQ and keep the committee posted.

e. Walk-in Items (10 minutes)

Dominique asked if the meeting length can be reconsidered, 1.5 hrs vs the current 2 hrs. The Committee will consider it at the next meeting.

Katie proposed to hear takeaways from the YWCA Racial Justice Summit participants at the next meeting.

4. Action Items- None

5. Next Meeting: Thursday, October 15, 2020 1:00 pm- 3 pm