

Committee meeting on 12/09/21, 9:30-11am (In attendance: Jani Koester, Lane Hanson, Heidi Wegleitner, Marjorie Lewis)

1. Introductions
2. Goal setting for 2022
 - a. Reminder about concerns brought up in conversation at November meeting (also included in November meeting notes under "other")
 - i. *With money County has set aside for affordable housing, how can we have some of that directed towards the hardest to house people*
 - ii. *Engage with alders regarding the unsheltered homeless situation and the response to that, how can we get elected officials to interact with providers more often*
 - iii. *Funder committee did a survey of the gaps in the system*
 1. Might provide us with priority and/or direction- there is nothing they can provide for us quite yet, they meet again on January 11th, 2022
 - iv. *City/County Homeless committee is the place where there is communication and collaboration across the elected officials, providers, etc....how can the HSC be more connected to that existing structure.*
 1. Connect with Alders and Supervisors on this committee, providers and activists are represented on this committee. Invite both alders and/or supervisors to a get to know you thing? Jani has connected with people on that committee around doubled up group. They might not be as familiar with the HSC. It is a county Board election year so there will be changeover, there are 3 supervisors on the committee who will probably be reelected and/or reappointed. Important to give them information directly from providers.
 2. Probably good to meet sooner rather than later. **So with County supervisors we would want to meet with them in January or February.**
 - a. We would want to do this outside of just the City/County Homeless Committee.
 3. First Monday at 5:30pm City /County Homeless committee meets. Uly and Linda K. are the chairs, would be a request to them to attend the meeting. Casey and Sarah are the staffers. General public comment is available at all of their meetings.
 - a. Could we go to their meetings to interact? What would be the purpose? Tell them who we are or are we asking them for something?
 - b. **Could we share the results of the gap survey that the funders committee completed?**
 - c. **Connect with the Funders Committee about their plans for the gap survey. Are they planning to engage with elected officials with the results of that? Will probably discuss their plan at that time. Lane will email the Chair to let them know we discussed this. (Angie Jones)**
- v. Video launch idea that Pam did up in Wausau. January 20th doubled up work group video being shown, could we invite elected officials to that? Putting

together a save the date flyer, will be able to share that soon. Jani will add City/County Homeless Committee members to the invite list for this screening. Community next steps will be proposed at the screening. It is pretty set so there is nothing our committee needs to do to support engagement with elected officials.

1. Doubled up work group (Facilitators are Jani and Lisa Heumauer) has some specific "education" awareness type actions, really want to expand the awareness for the county, not just Madison. Book read and other specifics with a focus on November for homeless awareness month.

vi. *Proposed Goals for 2022- Set up regular interactions with elected officials, increase participation*

vii. *Marjorie- Could we advocate to require 1-3 specific coordinated entry units into new housing construction?*

1. Heidi- yes, the City is trying to move in this direction, the County put funding in for hotel conversion, idea is that it will be 100% affordable with a yet to be determined number of units that are supportive housing. It would be useful to hear from case managers, service providers and property managers that work in these types of housing arrangements. Are these working for people? We don't have a lot of information about how well people are retaining housing. Also, what about transfers. Which organizations even have capacity to support people through this process? This would be helpful information for the City/County Homeless Committee to have.

viii. Reach out to Jael Currie, Brian Benford (homeless issues committee), Yannette Figueroa Cole- (also on homeless issues committee)

3. GOALS for 2022- Focus on relationship building with members of the City/County Homeless Issues Committee, set up (probably) virtual meet and greet sessions with them and attend their meetings to provide information.

4. Update: No family plan for cold weather nights- Jani working with Torrie and Salvation Army to come up with something for family

5. Results of doodle poll for meeting times for 2022- Looks like 1st Thursday from 9:30-10:30am will work for the most people. Will send again and close to make a decision Monday, December 13th. Next meeting probably will be Thursday, January 6th from 9:30-10:30am and we will id member/s from CCHIC to engage with.

6. Other?

a. Would be great to do state level advocacy at some point, AB 604 which will have criminal penalties, just re-wrote the state plan for homelessness. Is that still open for comment? Pam- we should reach out to Mike Basford and ask him. Jani will check with him.