

Committee meeting on 1-14-2021, 9:30-11am

1. Introductions
 - *Attendance accidentally not taken at this meeting*
2. New Google drive folder for this committee
 - *Shared with committee and people will be added as they join committee*
 - *The people from the VA are not able to access Google docs so things need to be sent to them separately.*
3. Discuss questions for elected officials from Torrie/Planning for Elected officials meeting (see proposed questions below). *Heidi let us know that 2/11 and 3/11 work better for the other officials we have invited so we will invite them to our EAC meeting instead of Core (assuming that Loreen is okay with that, Lane will talk with her). Meeting with elected official will be mostly informal but question and answer will depend on how many people attend. Torrie will have registration so we will know in advance.*
 1. What advocacy tips would you give for providers? We are developing a new committee for people with lived experience of homelessness. Any advocacy tips you have for them? (I have heard that legislators appreciate hearing personal stories.)
 2. How familiar are you with policy options and best practices for addressing housing insecurity and homelessness at the state level and what support do you need to better understand and pursue potential legislation?
 3. Given the current legislative partisanship, how will you approach housing and homelessness related policies and what legislative action do you consider feasible and productive?
 4. Beyond legislative action, how can your position be leveraged to advance the needs of the people we serve?
 5. Do you know of any updates around the homeless bills that got stuck in the Senate last year?
 - *Revised questions included after Loreen, Lane and Heidi met to follow up on EAC discussion: 1. Beyond legislative action, how can your position be leveraged to advance the needs of the people we serve? 2. Do you have any budget priorities or new initiatives that we'd be interested in that would address preventing and ending homelessness? 3. Given the current legislative partisanship, how will you approach housing and homelessness in your role on the Senate Committee on Housing, Commerce and Trade? What policies and legislative action do you consider feasible and productive? 4. We really need a statewide moratorium like we had early in the pandemic. The CDC moratorium has serious shortcomings. In what ways are you willing to advocate to Governor Evers around a statewide moratorium? 5. What are your thoughts around the state administered stimulus rental assistance funds with regards to timeliness of disbursement as well as locking out households who's immigration status is not properly documented? 6. What advocacy tips would you give for providers? We are developing a new committee for people with lived experience of homelessness. Any advocacy tips you have for them? (I have heard that legislators appreciate hearing personal stories.) 7. What support do you need to better understand and pursue potential legislation*

around housing insecurity and homelessness? Are there any issue areas that you need more information about?8. Do you know of any updates around the homeless bills that got stuck in the Senate last year?

4. Review monthly email draft from Lane
 - *Perhaps add a sentence about each committee? Brenda has a blog that has meeting information, forwardlookout.com, maybe stay in contact with staff of elected officials so we know other committees meetings, etc... that might be of interest? Goal for Lane to send out February 1st with feedback on the document requested by January 29th.*
5. Request from Committee to End Youth Homelessness (Jani)
 - *Include youth in all parts of conversations around housing and homelessness. They are still working on HUD grant application preparation. Want to be sure we include youth voices as we do our work, just wanted us to be aware.*
6. Request to attend Community Plan Committee (2nd Fridays, 9:30-10:30am) _
 - *They would like our committee to have representation. Jani already goes, Brenda and Sarah might be able to attend. Lane will let Torrie know.*