



Shelter Providers Committee Minutes

Wednesday, February 5, 2019
Grace Church – 116 W Washington Ave

Attendees: Tara Barica, Casey Becker, Jael Currie, Liz Duffie, Keyera Garrett, Jonathan Grieser, Sara Hayes, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Sarah Lim, Mary Maronek, Preston Patterson, Rosa Rhoden, Lynette Roscoe, Uly Williams

1. Introductions
2. Note taker – Casey Becker
3. Emergency Preparedness Trainings – The first meeting of the emergency preparedness trainings for shelters occurred in January. More meetings are scheduled in February and March. There is interest in providing a series for housing providers as well. Topics include top level conversations about considerations for emergency planning and things for providers to think about if they cannot continue operations at their normal location. At the next meeting participants will share actual draft policies and talk through them.
4. Report out on efforts to find options for unsheltered families – Mary Maronek did some research to take a look at barriers to alternative shelter. Per Mary, alternative shelter space limitations are not necessarily a zoning issue regarding emergency overnight shelter, they are more likely to be a building inspection issue. Matt Tucker would want to meet with the building owner or landlord to determine if anything needed to be modified for the space in terms of the use.
5. Report out from TSA about their new shelter progress/process – Tara Barica shared the Salvation Army plans for their redevelopment. TSA is waiting for word on whether they will be awarded WHEDA tax credits from the state. Plans are not final – will reach out to HSC, guests, and other stakeholders for feedback on the shelter design and program in the coming months.
6. Setting priorities and identifying deliverables for 2020 – HSC Board is trying to improve communication and coordination between the board and HSC committees. The Board also identified a few potential priorities for the Shelter Providers Committee to work on this year:
 1. Is there anything that shelter providers would like to be evaluated on to determine any potential program changes?

Discussion: Is there anything over and above what funders are requiring that we, as a community, want to see from shelter?

Next steps: Review monitoring criteria with Sarah Lim and determine if anything should be added.

2. Review best practices for shelter and determine what we want as a community if we're not meeting them. Set a couple of "SMART" goals to improve fidelity to best practices in providing shelter.
3. Recruit emergency first responder officials to join the conversation.

Discussion: Pick a specific topic and invite relevant responders. After that meeting, ask them if they would continue coming to the meetings.

Next steps: Identify representatives from relevant emergency services and schedule them to attend specific Shelter Providers Committee Meetings.

7. Updates/announcements –

- a. Preston/Porchlight: Making sure cold weather exception information is getting to the right people. Top guest night was 149 in November. Cold weather nights typically have higher numbers like this. 20 guests have exceeded their 90 days. These guests do not need to worry about being over their days until March 31st when the grace period ends.
- b. Tara/TSA: Serving 65 women and 35 families on average currently.
- c. Sarah/City of Madison: Unsheltered PIT count was 75 in 2019 and 2020 will likely be higher.

8. Overview of Men's Shelter operations, Q&A, brief tour

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 1st 9am-10:30am at The Salvation Army, 630 East Washington Avenue