

## **HSC Core Committee**

### **Meeting Notes**

**December 3, 2020**

**In attendance:** Loreen, Torri, Dominique, Patrick, Sara, Gloria, Kayalyn, Brenda, Terri, Jael, Tyler, D Moran, Casey, Katie, Skyler, Robin, Kim, Ureen and Brandy

#### **Ice Breaker**

Loreen opened meeting with an icebreaker – “What is your phone background picture?”

#### **Occupy Madison – Tiny Houses**

Brenda provided an update on the tiny houses at the Wiggle’s (looking to change this name) place. Five people will be moving to the Aberg location and will be the first on this spot. Five more will be moving to North 3<sup>rd</sup>. The plan is to move five people a week into the tiny houses with a maximum of 28 for now. Right now, the houses being built do not have a shower or kitchen in place, but they are coming. To get into one of the tiny houses, attendance at the Saturday Orientations is needed. These orientations take place every Saturday at 4 p.m.

The priority order for getting into a tiny house is as follows:

1. Must have attended an orientation meeting
2. Must have put in hours as a volunteer
3. Priority given to those who are living outside or in their cars
4. Must agree to the community guidelines

If people cannot put in hours to help build a house, Occupy Madison is able to find them other volunteer opportunities. Volunteer information can be found at <https://signup.zone/occupy-madison>.

If someone is interested in living in one of the housing please use this link

<https://occupymadisoninc.com/om-build/how-do-i-get-one/>

#### **Shelter Up-dates**

Sarah provided an update to the committee from the Shelter provider meeting that took place on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- COVID-19 Vulnerable Population Hotel: there were 180 rooms; 30 additional rooms were added before Thanksgiving.
- COVID-19 Medical Respite Center: The census has gone down a bit, now around 50.
- Porchlight Men’s Shelter: serving about 80-100 people a night, census low compared to previous years due to the number of people at VP hotel and MRC. Relocating to First Street facility on 12/16
- TSA Single Women’s Shelter: serving about 50 now. The number went over the max capacity (65), but many moved into VP hotel the last couple weeks.

- TSA Family Shelter: 52 families in hotel, prioritizing unsheltered families, 30 families on the waitlist (3 report being in cars, working on moving them in to the hotel)
- YWCA Family Shelter: census was a bit low due to staffing issues, hope to bring in more families soon.
- The Beacon day shelter: serving about 100 people a day, collaborated with outreach teams to bring Thanksgiving meals to encampments. Maximum was 125 folks in a day.
- Safe Haven day shelter: Serving about 30 people a day
- Healing House: remained open through the pandemic, low census
- Sankofa ELU Shelter: 30+ households – mostly families in hotels in Waunakee and Sun Prairie
- Outreach teams identified approximately 110 individuals unsheltered, all households without children last

To get people linked to Medical Respite use this link <https://www.danecountyhomeless.org/covid-19-resource-guide>

### **Healing House**

Terrie provided an overview of Healing House which is a medical respite site. Families are the priority, but they will consider taking in a single if there is space. Maximum amount of time in respite is 28 days. Referrals mostly come from the hospitals. Right now, that is mostly Meriter. They are working on getting better at doing outreach but have served 94 people (representing 27 families) since they opened in July of 2019. Maximum capacity is 10 people in the house. Road Home has been helpful in finding housing for families that are staying at Healing House (HH). If you have someone that is in need, contact Terrie at [Terrie@justdane.org](mailto:Terrie@justdane.org). Terrie is willing to be flexible about who is staying at HH, so please contact her about individual cases. Here is the link to the Healing House website - <https://justdane.org/healing-house/> .

### **Lived Experience Committee**

Dominique gave an update on the progress of this new committee. This committee has been a long time in the making. They are now accepting applications for members. The application is due on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The City was able to provide \$50,000 to compensate the members for their time and training (\$20 an hour). Please help recruit for the five remaining slots. However, it is preferred that you do not mention that there is compensation for the members as this should not be the main reason someone wants to be a part of this committee. Once all the applications have been received, there will be an interview process to determine who will take the remaining seats. The rubric to determine the candidate selection is still being worked out. Torrie emailed the application to all the HSC members.

### **ESG-CV Funds**

Sarah and Torrie provided an update on the ESG-CV funds. This coming Monday, the City will know the dollar amount that Dane County will receive. As a reminder, in the first round of funding the State had \$12.7 Million dollars to allocate and Dane County received \$1.8 Million. In the Second round, the State will have \$19.7 Million dollars and Dane County's portion will be made public on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>! There will be a competitive round with other COC's around the state. HSC Board did not establish a priority for these funds at their last meeting. Instead, they decided to approach the funds in a two-step process. Currently funded ESG, EHH and City ESG programs that scored high but did not receive all their funding will be allowed to submit a budget proposal to expand their program. If there are any funds remaining, then their will be an open RFP.

## **Priority List**

Katie responded to a question about people not being in the correct priority list. Reminder to program providers to make sure they are asking clients if they have minor children. About 50% of the time, there are kids in the families. If there is any confusion, please reach out to Katie with your questions.

## **Urban Triage**

Everyone welcomed Brandy Grayson to her first meeting. Urban Triage services fall under four pillars:

1. Healthy Families
2. Transformative Education, Equity and Social
3. Co-Conspirator Workshops
4. Homelessness Outreach

More outreach into the community is coming. Urban Triage recently moved into their new space on S. Park Street (great office Brandy)! Their primary focus is on families.

Please visit Urban Triage website for more details on services and workshops being offered

[www.urbantriage.org](http://www.urbantriage.org)

## **Written Standards**

Torrie is in the process of making some needed changes and HUD recommended changes to the Written Standards. Once those changes have been made, she will bring them to this committee for them to review and provide feedback.

## **Men's Shelter**

Porchlight's Men Shelter will be moving from Warner Park to the old Fleet Service building at 200 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Street. A shower trailer is being built for this new facility. New space will allow for the health assessments to be completed in the building instead of outside. The new facility will open on December 16<sup>th</sup>. Transportation will still be provided at the Beacon. The 90-day limit has been waived. Reminder that the Beacon is still prioritizing the people staying at the men's shelter for their services during the day.

## **Salvation Army**

Karmenta is officially leased by the City and the Salvation Army will be a sub-lease. The space does need some renovations, but they anticipate being able to move everyone into this space by the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2021.

## **The Notice of Funding Application (NOFA) and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YDHP)**

Neither of these grants have been released yet.

**Next meeting** – Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Angela Jones