



Dane County Homeless Services Consortium

Education and Advocacy Protocols

Mission of the Committee (from bylaws)

Educate and inform the HSC membership and public on local efforts to serve the Dane County homeless population; provide trainings related to public benefits and mainstream resources to the HSC membership including how best to coordinate services; provide education on systems change to the HSC membership and public; seek out and advertise opportunities for professional development for HSC members; monitor and respond to proposed federal, state and local legislation and educate HSC members on issues affecting the homeless population and ways to respond, annually provide an advocacy platform for HSC Board approval.

Approved Advocacy Topics

The Education and Advocacy Committee (E&A) can act without further approval on behalf of the Dane County Homeless Services Consortium (HSC) to advocate for the following:

- Items in the latest Annual Advocacy Platform submitted by the Education and Advocacy Committee
- Items in the Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
- Items that are inherent in the bylaws or fundamental to the HSC mission
- Items approved by the Board of Directors
- Items consistent with the HSC Written Standards

Advocacy Topics Needing Approval

The Education and Advocacy Committee needs to seek HSC Board approval to act on items not in the above list.

For urgent matters, the Education and Advocacy Committee may seek approval from the Board of Directors Executive Committee by email. Email votes must have approval of 3 of the 4 Executive Committee members. If there is a vacancy on the Executive Committee the vote must be approved by 2 of the 3 members.

Representing the HSC

When the Education and Advocacy Committee advocates on behalf of the Homeless Services Consortium, it may include the number of organizations in the HSC. However, it may not list them all separately without individual organization approval. The E&A will strive to include members of the Lived Experience Committee and Youth Action Board as full members of the committee.

Conflict of Interests

When HSC members are representing the HSC, they shall not advocate for funding for an organization where they are on the board of directors or a paid staff member unless it is a part of a slate of funding for the Continuum of Care NOFO, EHH funding or other funding approved by the Board of Directors. E&A members may advocate for other funding as a representative of the organization where they are a board member or paid staff member.