

Homeless Services Consortium
Community Plan to End Homelessness Committee
March 12, 2021

In attendance: Brenda Konkel, Beverly Thom, Kristin Rucinski, Lisa Hemauer, Jani Koester, Allie Grant, Sarah A, Linda Ketcham, Jalateffa Joe-Meyers, and Angela Jones

Staff: Torrie Kopp-Mueller

Consultants-Update

Kristin is waiting to hear back from consultants.

Funding Options for the Up-dated Plan

Last time the plan cost \$38,739 for the consultants to help with updating the plan (a copy of the plan was shared with the committee members). There was discussion on whether the pandemic funds coming in can be used for this. Discussion of possible grant opportunities, suggestion of Zendesk and Epic were provided. Question on whether United Way could provide some funds. United Way will have an upcoming investment process that the committee could apply through. Angie recommended that if a plan or additional dollars were not going to be added by the City for security deposits, then those dollars could possibly be moved to support the consultant work. These dollars were approved in December of 2020 with a promise that a vendor would be selected by the end of January of 2021.

Contract from Last Time

Committee reviewed the last contract with the Corporation of Supportive Housing. Discussion about the Charrettes from last time.

Did not like about the last engagement process:

- Fishbowls were not very interactive
- Did not focus on the needs
- Too limited on who was invited to be in the inner circle as the expert
- People were unsure of who was selected to be the experts
- No lived experience reflected as part of the process
- No notes or details from the conversations
- Could not tape the discussions
- Information from those session was lost

Would want for this time:

- Taping of the conversations (suggestion of using the local voices process and equipment to help with this process)
- Information captured and shared
- More opportunities to participate and give input
- Follow the United Ways engagement process for large group discussions

- Would want to begin engagements with some level setting about scope and dimension of problem and current state
- Recommendation of three tiers of engagements needed. 1) Policy 2) Community and 3) Practice
- Make sure everyone felt heard
- More engagement of people in writing the final product verse two from last time
- Section devoted to detailing was what heard
- Need to have priorities clearly outlined
- Make sure that any agency or committee that is assigned responsibilities know about what they are being asked to do and by into what they are being asked to do
- Be sure to find a meaningful way to involve Alders and other representatives.

Committee discussed the need to wrap up the current plan. Torrie will work on this and bring it back to the committee. Jani and Brenda offered to assist as needed.

Timeline

Last time with process was 6 months. About the same amount of time is expected for this time, which means we will not have a plan before the end of this year. Committee members seemed fine with the plan and timeline.

Gaps Analysis

Funders committee is working on developing questions for participants. Aurey and Tara from the Lived Experience Committee are helping in the development of the questions. Funders Committee will use a staggered plan for implementing the surveys. Mach One will be doing a survey in May with a final report by November. Maybe able to assist with some questions arounds gaps with their clients. Bethel will have a Summit on September 19th; they may be able to assist with the surveys.

Next Steps

- Torrie will work on a close out for the old plan (Brenda and Jani offered to assist if needed)
- Develop timeline
- Hear back from consultants and select one

Next meeting will be held on April 9th

Notes submitted by Angela Jones