

# Homeless Services Consortium Membership Meeting Notes

Tuesday February 15, 2022

## Updates from Committee Meetings

**Governance and Nominating Committee – Addressing Conflict of Interest Policies on Friday**

**Committee to End Youth Homelessness** – Torrie mentioned that it is not currently meeting regularly at this time. There will be some listening sessions coming up. Members will be notified when that starts

**Written Standards Workgroup** – Will be discussing transfer policies, such as moving from Rapid Rehousing to Hotels to Housing. What that will look like and when they can do it.

**Written Standards Workgroup** – Brenda Konkel will be meeting this Friday at 10:00 AM will be representing lived experiences and how that will relate to future ESG CV Funds that are being re-allocated and whether or not there is any conflict of interest.

Additional speakers            Angela S.  
   Samantha Green  
   Courtney Spears

**Funders Committee** – Will be looking at gaps analysis, putting together charts. And then an effort will be made to go back and look at the data..    18-24 yr olds

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**Shelters Committee** – Talked about updates in Covid Protocols. What’s working versus what is not. And starting conversations about what the VPH Hotel ending in June will look like. Isolation and Quarantine ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.. What does the process look like going further?

**Core Committee** – Working on reviewing the Coordinated Entry process, and possible additional access points and who might be able to access. Starting in March, Coordinated Entry may have access points from Outreach Programs and where they should be.

**Education & Advisory -February 3<sup>rd</sup>** relayed to Torrie a lot of City Council and Participatory Issues regarding the homeless and what we as providers are seeing currently. For example, a lot of folks are sleeping literally in the streets and ways to improve the Cares Program. Torrie has set up a meeting for Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM or Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 PM

**Community Planning Committee** – Not meeting currently

**City County Homeless Issues Committees** – February 7<sup>th</sup> there was a nice update on what's happening on Dairy Drive as well as the Men's Shelter

**Youth Action Board** – Takisha mentioned a Wednesday evening schedule and that they will be re-voting on Georgia's position

## **Presentation and Speaker**

### **Jezelle Peterson YWCA Madison and Madison Metro Transit**

- Mother of three boys.
- Mentioned that “life has it's challenges”.
- Homeless from age 16 to 23
- Transportation in the past has shown her the importance of it and she now see's that often it is looked at as a choice between critical to survival for some, and for other as just “the right thing to do”

### **Benefits to patrons who are able to access and use the service**

- Assist riders up and on to the vehicle
- Must meet certain criteria in 3 areas
- Riders must be under 200 % of current “poverty” incomes
- Community Transportation (not a personal taxi, or single patron ride service)
- Can be accessed 24 hours/day , as well as 7 days/week

- Currently have (3) 15 person vans
- They also offer a “Safe Ride Program” which is available between 9:00 PM and 1:00 AM for single women or women with children
- Crucial in helping folks get to and from work (especially in the beginning)
- Can be the deciding factor on whether or not a person can accept a job because as Madison continues to grow, more and more places of employment are located on the outskirts of town where normal bus service may **NOT** even be an option
- Absolutely valuable for persons with disabilities from minor to quite significant disabilities to be able to get to various appointments whether they be physical or mental health providers and any other service organizations