



Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting
February 25, 2021
11:00am-1:00pm
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The HSC Board strives to prevent and end homelessness, by advancing Housing as a Human Right. We provide leadership, advocacy, planning, and management of program funding in order to promote accessible and equitable housing and homeless services.

AGENDA

- Call to Order and Welcome
 - Absent - Currie, Vice President
 - Kopp Muller will take notes
 - In Attendance - Melissa Sorenson (guest), Brenda Konkel (guest), Brian Benford, Kim Kennedy, Lane Hanson, Sara Lim, Jonathan Grieser, Brad Hinkfuss, Patrick Duffie, Matt Julian (guest), Gentry Bieker, Sarah Wombem? (Dane County Sheriff Re-entry), Catherine Reierson, Dana Stokes, Jalateefa JoeMeyers, Lane Hanson, Arrie Macon, Queen (guest), Wanda Smith (guest)
 - Read group expectations
- Introductions
- Community Building – Jael Currie
 - Read mission statement - Kopp Mueller
- Vote to approve Minutes from January 28, 2021 – Brad Hinkfuss
 - Unanimous approval
- Treasurer Report – Lane Hanson
 - \$514.99 current HSC board balance
 - Funds are used to pay lived experience seats
 - All funds are through private donations as of today
 - Hanson submitted request for more ESG funds \$7,049
- Governance & Nominating Committee Report – Matt Julian
 - Oversees election -- 63% of membership voted
 - Focus of discussion currently is disclosure, code of conduct, conflict of interest
 - Meet on the 3rd Tuesday, 2:30-4 PM
- Board Retreat Update – Lane Hanson
 - The executive committee met to discuss logistics of board retreat
 - Propose that due to scheduling conflicts, the retreat is held during the March regular board meeting
 - Focus of the retreat is on the mission statement
 - Breakout rooms during a Zoom meeting is uncertain because of the public nature of the board meetings
 - Retreat facilitators
 - If we paid someone to facilitate, the cost is detracted from Kopp Mueller's position

- City of Madison could facilitate for free
 - A small amount of private funding can be available if needed to fund retreat
 - **Next step** - the executive committee will meet to firm up plans for the retreat.
- Create and approve ESG-CV Round 2 Funding Slate – Action Item
 - The board will create a funding slate and create a proposal during the meeting.
 - Member recusal: the bylaws and rules of order state that board members must recuse themselves from discussion and vote if their organization is a potential recipient of ESG-CV funding.
 - Member recusals
 - Gentry Bieker
 - Lateefa JoeMeyers
 - Overview of funding requests -- Sarah Lim
 - City of Madison is recipient of state funds, has a sub-contract with agencies to allocate them
 - Some agencies requested funding directly from the state and from the CoC -- the state announced who was approved for state funds and as a result, some agencies withdrew or reduced their funding request from the CoC
 - ESG-CV funds are COVID-related and must be expended by April 30, 2021
 - 1.3 million -- for admin funds and direct assistance
 - \$127,000 additional allocated to HMIS
 - Recusal and funding discussion:
 - JoeMeyers raised concerns that board members connected to recipient agencies could not participate and inform the discussion on ESG-CV funding.
 - This concern was seconded by several other guest attendees.
 - Hinkfuss stated that this rule is in place to not give an unfair advantage to someone who represents an agency and is on the board.
 - There was also concern that the funding decisions favor previously-funded agencies and so have a disparate impact on new agencies operated by BIPOC folks.
 - Hanson and Reiersen questioned if they needed to recuse themselves because of their affiliation with other recipients of administrative funding, i.e. Lived Experience Committee and Youth Action Board.
 - Several board members voiced their own reservations about voting on funding decisions at the current meeting when there were serious concerns about equitable distribution.
 - However, several guests and service providers responded that these funds were needed immediately to continue day-to-day operations of their agencies.
 - Next step - the board will convene as soon as possible for a special session and to vote on the funding proposals.
- Written Standards – Updates to Street Outreach, Diversion, Recordkeeping & Emergency Transfer Plan sections of Written Standards – Action Item –Torrie Kopp Mueller
 - a. **Proposal: Approve updates made to Street Outreach, Diversion, Recordkeeping & Emergency Transfer Plan Written Standards as presented.**
 - b. **This action was not voted on during the meeting because of time constraints.**

Adjourn

- Hinkfuss proposed that the Board extend its meeting for further discussion on ESG-CV funding. This proposal was struck down due to lack of consensus. The board will reconvene next week to continue discussion and make a final decision. The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 PM.

Future Meetings:

All Meetings are scheduled from 11AM-1PM

March 25th

April 22nd

May 27th

June 24th

July 22nd

August 26th

September 23rd

October 28th

November 25th

December 23rd