



Homeless Services Consortium Membership Meeting

Tuesday March 21, 2023

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Via Zoom

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Phone Option (877)853-5257

➤ Updates from HSC Board & Committees

- **Committee Meetings** - Visit the [Event Calendar](#) for the most up to date info

➤ **Governance and Nominating Committee** – 3rd Tuesday of the month, 2:30pm-4:00pm

- Currently talking about different ways to nominate for board of directors and committee chairs. No changes at this time.

➤ **Committee to End Youth Homelessness** – Not currently meeting

➤ **Written Standards Workgroup** – 3rd Thursday of the month, 1:00pm-3:00pm

- YHDP and YAG brought written standards to group for review. Focus on projects that are going to be funded. Joint transitional housing and RRH. Committee looked over and gave feedback. Mashan is working on putting together new training material

➤ **HSC Board of Directors** – 3rd Friday of the month, 10:00am - Noon

➤ **Doubled Up Work Group** – 4th Tuesday of the month, 3:00pm-4:30pm

- Not meeting this month due to spring break. Meeting next month. Community conversations with youth action board – April. links in chat. Newsletter came out this month.
- A Critical Conversation:
Navigating the Child Care Crisis in Support of Families Experiencing Homelessness
Wednesday, April 26
6-7:30pm
Pinney Library

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Conversation Flyer -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IT3YkvGynOAVXIJlaj5kIRYxIPCcINCL/view?usp=sharing>

- **Funders Committee** – 1st Tuesday of the month, 10:30am-11:30am
- **Shelter Providers Committee** – 1st Wednesday every 2 months, 9:00-10:30am
 - Discussed the IQC closing end of April. Announcement was sent via email to HSC list serv. Working with overnight and day centers about new protocol to take when the IQC closes.
 - IQC closing at end of April. Email went to HSC about it. Any questions let Melissa Menning know.
 - New training for outreach that's occurring.
- **Outreach Committee**- 1st Monday of the month, 12:00-1:30pm
 - Created google form, seeking interest in chair and co-chair committee.
- **Core Committee** – 1st Thursday of the month, 1:00pm-3:00pm
 - Discussed release from jail/prison/institutions. Ideally not exiting to homelessness. Connecting with institutions to work on preventing going to streets, giving more information on shelters and services. Putting together list of contacts for folks to contact. Discussion about ways to have better representation for homeless services agencies with other community entities.
 - Next meeting will be updates from NAEH conference.
- **Education and Advocacy Committee** - 2nd Wednesday of the month, 11:00am-Noon
 - **Last meeting presentation from city of Madison about budgetary process.** How to be more involved about advocacy around budget. We have a budget workgroup that's going to be looking at different ways to advocate around the budget. First meeting tomorrow. April meeting going to have Kasey Becker going to have the county budget process.

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Community Plan Committee – bimonthly on the 2nd Friday of the month, 9:30am-10:30am

- Consulting agency Home Base.

➤ **City County Homeless Issues Committee** - 1st Monday of the month, 5:30pm

- Proposal to work on combining 3 different city committees that are working on homeless population issues. Tabled because there was some confusion about how the committees would be merged. Linette gave a presentation about how men's shelter process.
- Update from staff.

➤ **Youth Action Board** - weekly on Sunday at 11:00am+

- Community Conversation with the Youth Action Board!

Please join us on April 3rd from 1pm – 2pm to learn about youth/young adult homelessness, what the YAB is doing around this immensely important topic, and what you can do to help.

Topic: Community Conversation with the Youth Action Board (YAB)

Register in Advance for this Webinar

- Meeting ID: 994 7260 0102
- Passcode: 366258

➤ **Lived Experience Committee** - Last Friday of the month, 1-2:30pm

➤ **Northside Early Childhood Zone** - Tori Collier

- Work with families that have children under the age 4, can start during pregnancy.
- Focus on family stability and child development to ensure that children are ready to thrive when they start school.
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Services school districts of Gompers, Lake View, Lindbergh, Mendota Elementary Schools, and Brentwood neighborhood. Additionally serves Leopold School enrollment area, Sun Prairie, and Verona Sugar Creek area.

- Home visitation services for families from pregnancy until 4-K or Kindergarten entry. Home visitation services provided through Reach Dane's Early Head Start program, the NECZ houses the Early Childhood Initiative (ECI), and Welcome Baby and Beyond (WBB) from Rise.
 - Can meet with in office or community location if unhoused.
- Enrollment in a home visiting program gives participants access to:
 - Education and employment training assistance with FSET and Family Stabilization Program.
 - Housing case management through CAC
 - Mental health services through RISE Wisconsin and The Rainbow Project
 - Assistance with identifying community resources.
 - Can meet with in office or community location if unhoused.

Referrals can be made through Tori Collier @ vcollier@reachdane.org or 608-334-1056

➤ HSC Data Workgroup Presentation

- Why do I have to enter data into HMIS? An introduction to data use and importance.
 - PIT data hopefully be shared with committee in May
 - Can be used to track homelessness. Helps coordinate information among agencies.
 - Perspectives from The Lived Experience Council.

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- Providers need to explain to participants to why data collection is important and how it is used so they can make informed decisions on data sharing.
 - Being more transparent with program participants why the questions are being asked.
- Dane has the most active lived experience council in the State. Dane CoC LEC informs policy changes that affect our community directly.
 - Addition of new questions on HMIS – LGBTQ+ expected to be added to the set of demographic questions.
 - Review of VI-SPDAT with an equity lens
 - Ensure language is relatable – less intrusive.
 - Explain more about who the information is being released to. Context is important to allow choice for individuals being assessed.
 - We use this to inform the decisions we make for city and county levels. What information we're entering into the systems, reports are being drawn from that. Helps inform decisions on where the funding is going. Where needs more information. Helps identify gaps in the community. If data isn't being accurately entered it's not showing the whole picture of what services our community is providing or where the gaps are. Allows adjustments and adapting as community needs change.
 - Jam board questions:
<https://jamboard.google.com/d/1a7ILYvNJ-HZXlrGB5-oRT3LH0W2hu75bpa9kdBpEpxl/viewer>

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