

12/8 Joint Funders and Community Plan Committees Meeting

Attendance: Torrie Kopp Mueller, Kristin Rucinski, Jani Koester, Heather Moen, Jenna Wuthrich, Angela Jones, Sarah Lim, Beverly Thom, Linda Ketcham, Nicole Sandler, Melissa Mennig, Lisa Hemauer, Casey Becker, Linda Vakunta, Priscilla Lentini, Jalateefa Joe-Myers

- I. Introductions
- II. Took time to review Excel document Torrie sent ahead of time, particularly Column K. Angie recommends also looking at Column L and M in the Excel document from the Funders Committee.
- III. Identified Key Themes in Excel doc from Funders
Mental Health + Affordable Housing + Access to Housing (flexible landlords, etc.)
 - a. Priscilla shared her document that summarized results - <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ytX4MbU9AN5OLcdqvMHiSSdhnE8W9P-K0dfkhDITlo0/edit?usp=sharing>
 - b. Families are left out – Bev
 - c. Transportation (particularly outside of Madison) - Jani
 - d. Shelter – not long enough, not in rural communities, not safe enough, etc. – Melissa
 - e. Housing, Services, Shelter – three overall buckets Torrie identified
 - f. Men’s shelter can be decluttered to help with mental health issues - Bev
 - g. Lack of financial assistance is a top three - Angie
 - h. Outreach – Sarah made a note for their weekly meetings about IDs, chronic documentation
 - i. “Advertisement” of services – so much need, don’t need to advertise but are people aware of what is available and how to access?
 - j. Catholic Charities – Housing Navigation – people can be referred here if they aren’t in an RRH or PSH program
 - k. Can Outreach learn more about housing navigation services? Or at what point do we hand off to housing navigation? Sarah will discuss with Outreach team.
 - l. What does Housing Navigation really look like?
 - i. Flowchart conversation ensued
- IV. Took time to review Google Doc Torrie sent ahead of time, particularly Column N. Jani encouraged folks to look at Column K as well (why aren’t people accessing the system?).
- V. Identified Key Themes/Gaps from Google Doc from Community Plan Committee -
 - a. Affordable Housing with a specific focus on doubled-up families (which makes sense since funded group funds literally homeless and “grassroots” might focus more on doubled-up population)
 - b. Lack of access for rural communities
 - c. Awareness of resources and how to find out about them
 - d. Communication – between agencies, between agencies and people experiencing homelessness
 - e. Jani mentioned some of these were done before COVID so we’d maybe see different responses now

- f. Jalateefa - News travels fast within this population – communication is good within the homeless population, very connected
 - g. Torrie mentioned a next step is for a focus group to hear about gaps from people with lived experience
 - h. Transportation and mental health came up again in these results, so that's a common theme between the two surveys
 - i. Jani was surprised child care didn't come up more in the results – based on experience, this is a big barrier. Angie says families are scared of child care right now.
- VI. Quick Poll on non-renewals
- a. Lisa will ask JFF
 - b. The Road Home will have info to Angie by Friday
- VII. Next Steps
- a. Group agreed to have one report out from the results
 - b. Roll doubled-up work group into some of this?
 - c. Roll Lived Experience Committee into this too?
 - d. Is anybody willing to work on a first report (aka initial/preliminary findings) to help when the Board is prioritizing funding needs or for the Funders Committee
 - i. Important to have the information timely
 - ii. Torrie, Jalateefa and Jani agreed to work on this