

HSC MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY JULY 21ST 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Upcoming meetings and topics (sorry for the timing)

- **HSC Meeting meets every 2nd Wednesday (July 13th 11:00 AM)**
Catalyst For Change will be presenting
- **Written Standards Meeting meets every 3rd Thursday of the month July 21 1-3pm**
- **Funders Committee** Continues working on putting together a spreadsheet for what opportunities for potential programs and their funding.
- **Core Committee meets July 7th from 1-3 pm** Will be talking about Coordinated Entry Prioritization
- **Education and Advocacy Council** Continues to think about ways to impact City and County budgets as well as setting up a workgroup for people that are frequently coming in and out of Dane County Jail. An extra meeting was held specifically for this topic on June 29th at 11 AM.
- **Community Plan Committee meets tomorrow July 1st at 11 AM.** Currently working on a community plan and looking for a consultant to assist with that.
- **City/County Homeless Issues-** Kathy Kemp mentioned Agenda 15 which is the Homeless Bill of Rights as well as discussing August budget for City/County
- **Doubled Up Committee meets every 4th Tuesday (missed time)** Diane Nylan spoke at the Madison Public Library right in the middle of a tornado storm that was passing overhead. Watch out for next newsletter coming out in August.
- **Nominating & Governance Committee meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month July 19th at 2:30 pm**

Presentation by Chef Dave of Little John's

Chef Dave has been making restaurant quality meals and providing those meals to places like The Beacon, Dairy Drive, various assisted living agencies, and doing it at no cost to any of the participants. He prepares these meals primarily from Grocery Store and Farm excess that would be most certainly thrown out and either prepares meals immediately with those ingredients or turns it into “shelf stable”, “refrigerated stable”, or “frozen stable” so that it can be used safely at a later date.

Currently Little Johns provides approximately 17,000 meals per week in the Madison community. He is in the process of constructing a new building at 5302 Verona Road and when it is up and running Dave estimates that he will be able to increase the volume of

meals from the current 17,000 to over 200,000 meals per week. He also prepares meals for folks that receive “Meals on Wheels” which has been amazing.

He is currently operating as a 5013C, but he plans on operating a “for profit” side of the business as well. When that happens he will be working with schools, prisons, and various other institutions that are currently serving lousy food. His goal is to prepare restaurant quality meals for these institutions as well.

Dave not only believes in a “living wage”, but a “better than living wage” and all of his staff including the lowest on the pole makes at least 20.00/HR plus a generous benefit package.

He mentioned that in Madison, it’s actually hard to see neighborhoods that struggle with food insecurity, but it definitely exists here. His overall goal is much larger than Madison, it is Chef Dave’s ultimate goal to help with food production for smaller facilities that have been trying to do it themselves. Dave’s methods are smart, innovative, and much more economically than any other smaller facility. It all started in an effort to fight against food waste, but is turning into something much, much larger. As mentioned before Little John’s does the evening program for “Meals on Wheels”, but since has joined with SMS Health in providing both day and evening programs.

Little John’s hopes to soon contract direct meal contracting with schools and prisons for profit and is working hard to accomplish this. His immediate goal is to take 230 tons of food that would be set to be thrown out and turn it into actual meals. “A rising tide lifts all ships”

The main goal is for small housing programs to not have to order, keep supplies, have kitchen staff, etc. to prepare meals in small quantities which ends up costing these facilities a great deal of money needlessly. His plan is not to get rich doing this and says he has yet to take a cent from any of these projects.

He owned several other restaurants in the Madison area. Iliana’s and Charlies. Charlies closed unfortunately during the pandemic, and Iliana’s will be closing September 20th. He hopes to open another restaurant soon which will be called Ollie’s. You can reach him at littlejohnskitchens.org.

Various Announcements

- Hellyn mentioned that the Village of Waunakee 30/50/60/market rate is currently accepting applications

- Mike Holly mentioned his concerns with the difference in the rules of the mens, women's, and family shelters. Also how someone could possibly get access to Dairy Drive.
- Sarah mentioned reaching out to Mach One Outreach Project
- Kabba's Outreach – Brenda mentioned that names are going to be pulled from a "VPH HAT" and then placed in order of the picking. Brenda also recommended filling out the VISPDAT
- Torrie and Jami said they can define that they are indeed a family by simply calling it out
- Lastly, Emily Faeth (Housing Navigation Services) shared some good news and some bad. She mentioned that they were able to allocate to needy folks over \$300,000 however the funds are nearly exhausted and they will be closing applications soon