



CORE Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 6, 2021
1:00pm – 3:00pm via Zoom

1. **Introductions**

- a. Present: Angela Jones, Loreen Gage, Shannon Ash, Sarah Lim, Patrick Duffie, Maggie Carden, Sarah Anderson, Kristin Rucinski, Nicole Van Abel, Derek Moran, Molly Finnegan, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Gloria Reyes, Skyler Van De Weerd, Robin Sereno, Kim Sutter, Jael Currie, Brenda Konkel
- b. Kim will track attendance on the new spreadsheet, members do not need to enter their individual attendance for this meeting

2. **Select note-taker** – Kim Sutter, Porchlight

3. **Update on HMIS** – Clarity went live on Monday, 5/3

- a. About 400 users statewide so far
- b. People are finishing up training, then will receive their log-in information
- c. Working on transferring Coordinated Entry-related data next – no target date yet
- d. City will likely need to give extensions on reports that require CAPERs
- e. New users will be able to access recorded webinars for trainings

4. **Shelter update**

- a. Gloria said she was optimistic about finding a good site, seemed like council members were all in favor of a shelter somewhere
- b. Shannon said she was frustrated that the council did not vote to buy Zeier Rd while also looking into the site at Pennsylvania
- c. Kristin posted an article in the chat regarding the missing council member who could introduce a second vote
- d. Robin said it was best to listen to staff who said that the site at Pennsylvania was not a good option for shelter, they are the experts

5. **ESG-CV funds**

- a. At the last CORE meeting, we talked about one-time funding through CV and what programs would need alternate funding after the one-time funding goes away
- b. Community Plan Committee and Funders Committee have started working on the gaps analysis, looking into what funding may be available at the State level
- c. 32% of ESG-CV funds (all rounds) were allocated to Rapid Rehousing (RRH), but the County has now allocated a large sum of money specifically to RRH targeting the vulnerable population (VP) hotels
 - i. Sarah asked whether CORE committee should change the written standards, which currently say that RRH funds (including ESG-CV) should target VP hotels
 - ii. Robin asked if County funds are more flexible, don't follow written standards
 - iii. Sarah suggested that ESG-CV funds be spent down first because it is less flexible, then move to County funds, which could be re-allocated or moved if not needed
- d. Robin said we should know by May 10th what our County allocation of vouchers is; mentioned that if County money is easier to spend, orgs are likely to spend it first – we don't want to return unspent ESG-CV funds



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6. CORE update (prevention funds)

- a. TRC is still working under County contract, pushing through as many applications as possible; income documentation requirements are higher
- b. Have transitioned to focus on top 20 evictors as the end of the moratorium nears
- c. TRC staff is continuing to work as quickly as they can – check out website for updates
- d. Lots of funding is still remaining, TRC is not marketing right now so any help from the community to market the service is appreciated
- e. Shannon asked whether clients will be contacted if they are missing information – is no news good news? – yes, clients will hear if there is a denial for any reason
- f. Increased AMI to 60% after approval from County because many are returning to work
- g. If you have clients who have applied, send their most recent ledgers to CORE@tenantresourcecenter.org; don't want to pay and then get a second application
- h. Website w/ document info, etc. – <https://core.tenantresourcecenter.org/>

7. Break-out rooms, share out

- a. **Department of Workforce Development (26) and Department of Corrections (25)**
 - i. Department of Workforce Development
 1. Homeless services does not want to provide employment services
 2. How can employment programs better serve people experiencing homelessness or recently housed: what support can we offer on all sides?
 3. Can employment programs provide a stipend while people participate?
 - ii. Department of Corrections
 1. Should get list of DOC-funded beds in Dane County so we can better work together
 2. Can DOC provide funding for or hire housing navigators to work with those who are in DOC beds?
 3. Can we work together to advocate to make housing more accessible for people with criminal backgrounds and on the sex offender registry
- b. **Department of Children & Families (20) and Department of Public Instructions (27)**
 - i. Disconnect between public schools and resources – there should be funding for those resources
 - ii. Our data systems do not communicate with each other (DPI, HMIS, etc.)
 - iii. Establish a structure for how HSC interacts w/ public school system to support our students experiencing homelessness, build infrastructure
 - iv. Still waiting for YHDP to come out
- c. **Department of Health Services (21) and WI Department of Veterans Affairs (23)**
 - i. PATH – Dane County provider already getting funded, it seems the funding level remains the same year to year for communities for the most part
 - ii. SOAR – In the past, SOAR training was available to homeless services providers. Assess what local agency interest about ongoing training and contact them to make that happen.



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- iii. FSET – they had office hours at the Beacon offering intake and job training, some transportation assistance. Can FSET have office hours at other places for increased outreach?
 - iv. Medicaid – big opportunity, funding for supportive services at emergency shelter, RRH, PSH and other housing support through Medicaid
 - v. ADRC -- strengthen partnership with ADRC regarding referral and screening process, stronger partnership between PSH providers and in-home care providers- work together to develop processes that work for both housing providers and in-home care providers
 - vi. Community Mental Health Programs – address the residency requirement, how to make the programs intake more accessible and less overwhelming for people experiencing homelessness– reduce the administrative burdens in the beginning
- d. **Department of Administration (18-19) and Wisconsin Housing & Economic Development Authority (WHEDA) (24)**
- i. Kristin has noticed big gaps on their end w/ housing choice vouchers – funding for CDA to hire someone to deal w/ vouchers specifically for folks w/ HSC; to facilitate administration on their end – could any of this funding be used to pay for another City employee?
 - ii. Robin joined because of the vouchers, there is not enough outreach by the City and County for landlords to take vouchers
 - iii. Shannon is in support of making sure voucher processes are more streamlined, also concerned affordable housing developments getting LIHTC points for allocating units and not following up with the nonprofit agency to fill units
 - 1. Make standards for HSC agencies to participate w/ developers
 - 2. Ask City staff to set standards for developers who want LIHTC (units for CE list, funding for services, etc.)
 - iv. Nicole mentioned that people are just not being housed through RRH right now
 - v. Group mentioned that there is money out in the community, but we need to pull other private organizations into ending homelessness

8. **Additional items to discuss**

- a. **Next meeting – Thursday, June 3, 2021 1:00pm-3:00pm**