

**Committee Meeting 06/08/2022 11:00am-12:00pm** (In attendance: Marjorie Lewis, Johneshia Prescott, Jessica St. Clair, Michael Moody, Koleena Schmidt, Tyson Vitale, Matt Julian, Amber Thompson, Helyn Luisi-Mills, Ulysses Williams, Jani Koester, Brenda Konkel, Isaac Hoffman, Tijana Gruichich, John Adams, Jami Crespo)

- Matt provided link for Criminal Justice Committee meeting: <https://cjc.countyofdane.com/Meetings-and-Events>
  - City budget amendments and information updates: Looking for someone to reach out to Linette about the city budget process and who we can get more information about it. [lrhodes@cityofmadison.com](mailto:lrhodes@cityofmadison.com)
    - Tijanna has a powerpoint that may be useful for the group to reference for how funds are being used. Gail Bliss may be a good option as well.
    - Brenda explained affordable housing vs services a presentation for the operating budget is going to be available in October. Also highlighted the change in funding with the drop off of COVID funds. Also provided a definition for AHA (Affordable Housing Action Alliance) - this group is broadly focused on affordable housing, rather than particularly focusing on those experiencing homelessness - they would be a good group to partner with. Contact is Marilyn Feil [mfeil@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mfeil@sbcglobal.net)
- Email from Linette during meeting:  
You can follow along with the City's budget process at this website  
<https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/budget>. Right now we are at the process where City agencies have submitted our Capital Budget requests to the Mayor. Capital budget covers our development projects (i.e. bricks and mortar). If you click on Agency Requests you will find a full list including CDDs.
- The Mayor and her team will review all the requests and post her Executive Budget in September. Two budget requests CDD has made in our Capital Budget I want to highlight for you:
  - We have asked for a \$3 million addition to Affordable Housing Fund. This additional funds will allow us to expand additional support for housing development seeking Low Income Housing Tax Credits and a way for us to try to create more income/rent restricted units for low income households (i.e. unit for households at 30% CMI)
  - A \$11 million request for new purpose built men's shelter. The request in the 2023 Capital Budget would be added to the \$11 million that has already been committed to the project for a total estimated commitment of \$21 million. That is our current estimated basic construction costs to build. Dane County has currently committed \$3 million to us of the \$21 million. We hope we can engage, and get HSC support, to continue to discuss additional Capital involvement by Dane County so our costs aren't so high.
- Matt to present findings from some studies - Lost connection - the studies are posted in the Education and Advocacy Committee Meeting folder for your review
  - Prioritization & Vi-SPDAT - Brenda explained the background of Vi-SPDAT and that there is a need to replace the tool for prioritization. We can select our own tool, but we need to have prioritization. We cannot prioritize based on race but can prioritize based on zip code. Singles:Singles and keeping Families:Families.
    - Tyson - Wonders about prioritizing LGBTQ+ and LGBTQ youth?  
Answer: Cannot discriminate against a protected class. Cannot create rules to discriminate against a protected class. The protected class lists are very short and we need to be aware of that as we move forward, but want to set it aside so that we can develop the list and let the Core Committee navigate those directives. The group submitted their contributions in the chat and Brenda will submit to Torrie. Protected classes in Madison - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ys-DVwekjCY>. HMIS: refugee population and immigration status

- Resources for formerly incarcerated individuals are being compiled and will be presented in the next meeting in July.
- Marjorie suggested that this group focus on the Advocacy piece of its name and not just Education.
  - Marjorie proposed that we come up with specific asks and advocate for those in both the City and County budget process.
  - Michael proposed that we focus on advocating around housing and lack of housing stock with a focus on the population experiencing chronic incarceration and homelessness. Would like for us to advocate for supportive housing for high utilizers. Interested in advocating for tangible resources - housing and supports to help individuals maintain housing and ideally sustain themselves eventually.
  - Brenda pointed out that the county will prioritize funding outside of the city of Madison - maybe that's not a problem?
  - Could it be a joint City-County project pilot similar to the CARES team?
  - County may be willing to invest to reduce incarceration costs, while the City will like the aspect of reducing policing costs. Healthcare is private, so they are more challenging to partner with.
  - Brenda has been advocating for AH since 1995 and has struggled with the results of past advocacy. Advocates for AH have succeeded getting dollars in the budget, but then applicants for the funds tend to create only a few affordable units targeted at individuals that have higher income (80% AMI) and less barriers to obtaining housing than the groups we are concerned about. Helyn pointed out that often the units are only temporarily designated as affordable.
  - We may be able to advocate that these applicants would be required to take 30% of the units and use them for individuals on the prioritization list. We need to ensure that what we are asking for is what we get out of it. We also need to work with developers who are willing to apply for the money and bring the vision to life. The length of time that units are set aside as affordable is also finite and needs to be considered.
  - Michael voiced the need for our committee to consider all of the topics that Brenda mentioned and how the policies impact the outcomes. He asserted that we can focus on the system failures and the opportunity to create change.
  - Brenda wanted to ensure she spoke to the costs of the system. The complication between the city and county is a layer, and a missing element is the hospital data because they do not ask if patients are homeless.
  - John recommended requesting data on mailing addresses to the Beacon, Safe Haven and Bethel
  - Marjorie highlighted how a pilot program could potentially provide insight into those data gaps and support the benefits of housing and how it decreases the system usage.
- Public transit: Tyson would like to see an increase in funding for public transportation services (bus passes). Would like to ensure that we are strongly advocating for this in the coming conversations.
- Hotel Program: It is closing. How are we going to house these individuals in the winter months?
- Prioritization Survey: Helyn asked about an emailed survey and it's lack of doubled-up options
- John - Would like to know when we are going to get into action. Creating presentations that can go to people that will impact changes.
  - Michael is going to lead a group to develop the presentation for approval in the next monthly meeting. Then, as a committee, we will aim to take it to the policy-makers
  - Marjorie would like to schedule a follow up meeting with that group before the next Education and Advocacy Committee meeting to support developing the proposal. Look for an email invitation