

## HSC Education and Advocacy Committee Minutes November 13, 2024

Present: Torrie Kopp-Mueller, Madelyn Peppard, Chara Taylor, Taylor Rozman, Jani Koester, Chara Taylor, Patti La Cross, Chrisbelly

### Topics discussed:

The Road Home notes that many community members are confused about how to access services, how to connect with services, and this confusion exists among service providers as well. (Ex. of whether Catalyst for Change no longer serves families?). It seems people call wherever they can, and it would be good for there to be readily accessed clear information available to the public.

For 2025 the HSC website may be a good place to update to something readily navigated. (Suggestion for possible additional staff member or other skilled online person.)

Legal Action WI reached out to Torrie for support in their request for a rise in their fees from longstanding \$50 to \$75 in 2025 and \$100 in '27. This group was supportive but asked Torrie to check on whether HSC's support could create any conflict or pushback.

Chara asked whether the approved budget which seems to show potential cuts to elder services may also portend cuts to services to any other group.

Kayla has questioned whether this committee should split into separate education and advocacy committees.

Taylor spoke of her UW Intern at WayForward and their project for advocacy and change. Might a gathering of various stories help community members connect with the experience of diverse impacted people? For example to share with the WI House and Senate during the 2025 budget review?

Chara shared her hope for more racial equity, including Hispanic/Latino, Hmong, and other groups in community planning.