



Homeless Services Consortium Membership Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 12:00pm – 1:30pm
United Way of Dane County 2059 Atwood Ave Madison, WI 53704
Chair: Jael Currie
Co-chair: Casey Yanta

1. **Introductions**
2. **Tenant Resource Center Presentation: Robin Sereno, Molly Wells
(being recorded at HSC Meeting, available on TRC Website)**

- Prevention means – helping those who are at risk of or currently experiencing displacement, eviction, homelessness
- Includes more than just financial assistance
- TRC has been taking a look at what is happening in the community and how can we be more proactive and increase useful services
- TRC has been collecting data for 20 years – large amount of factual info to guide community discussions
- Hours at the campus for students
- Lost funding to provide service outside of dane county
- Supporting client to build communication and negotiation skills
- Calls returned between 24-48 hours

TRC Programs – Eviction Prevention Clinic

- All eviction hearings happen on Tuesdays in Dane County, Friday if goes to trial
- Can meet anywhere in the community, want to get away from courtroom mediation and put in neutral location with neutral party to help negotiations to avoid eviction filing and maintain housing stability

Eviction Court Services

- Recognizes court can get busy - If tenant does not show up within 15 min, landlord can get judgement defaulted and it is a huge barrier to get case reopened
- RC tries to make sure everyone is checked in and ready
- Make direct referrals to legal action
- TRC Staff are consistently going to court records to look at cases that are being heard that week and gathering data, noting cases that may have issues or legal concerns

Eviction Prevention Financial Assistance

- EP Priority List, meant to be objective way to measure who gets funding

EHH

- **Imminent risk** – losing housing in 14 days or fewer, on stipulated dismissal, court date
- Able to receive it once every 3 years

FEMA

- **At risk** – losing housing in 21 days or fewer (5 day)
- Less restrictive usually once a year

Looking into funding stream for those not served by these two sources (county funding) more flexible and can meet more needs in the community

Top Ten Evictors from 2019 (34% of eviction cases) are consistently buying up more properties in our community

- As a community how do we support these management companies instead of just avoiding them?

3. Committee Updates

Community Plan

- meet this Friday, Jani and Torrie co-chairs, decided they want to work on mapping out grass roots and faith-based orgs and understand more services provided to those experiencing homelessness, early planning on how we are going to do that

Homeless Issues Community

- Joint meeting with Madison public safety

Board

- EHH application process coming up, approved document for programs that may be new to applying, performance spreadsheet approved

Governance and Nominating

- revisiting bylaws
- separate membership related bylaws from those that can just go to the board
- membership related bylaws come to HSC membership meeting for discussion (through governance and nominating committee), remainder go to board meeting
- Plan to present next time explore preliminary changes, request feedback, and submit written proposal
- Email HSC email if you have questions regarding this proposal before the next meeting that you would like addressed

