



Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

July 22, 2021
11:00am-1:00pm

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The HSC Board strives to prevent and end homelessness, by advancing Housing as a Human Right. We provide leadership, advocacy, planning, and management of program funding in order to promote accessible and equitable housing and homeless services.

AGENDA

- **Attendance:** Brian Benford, Catherine Reiersen, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Patrick Duffie, Brad Hinkfuss, Jael Currie, Dana Stokes, Lane Hanson, Jonathan Grieser, Arree Macon
- **Guests:** Andrew McKinney (MGSD), Tim Jones (Mutual Aid Network, Occupy Madison), Tara Wilhelmi (LEC), Brenda Konkel (MachOne Health, Occupy Madison), Kim Sutter (Porchlight), Jesse Hoffman (UW Center for Patient Partnerships), Melissa Herriges (Sankofa ELU)
- Call to order 11:05 AM
- Doubled Up Workgroup Update -- Catherine Reierson
 - Item will go before the County Board for approval tonight 7/22
 - 2021 RES-087 AUTHORIZING NEW HOUSING HUD ALTERNATIVE PROJECT POSITION DCDHS - HAA DIVISION
- **Vote to approve Minutes from June 24, 2021** – Brad Hinkfuss
 - \$3,416.07 should be balance listed for treasurer report
 - With correction, all in favor, minutes approved
- Treasurer Report – Lane Hanson
 - Balance: \$3,416.07
- Mid-term Board elections for Agency and Lived Experience Seats
 - Board members vote on who will fill the Agency and Lived Experience Seats
 - For both seats, term expires Dec 2023
 - Comments from nominees
 - Brenda Konkel (Agency seat): provided written statement, 30 years of experience working in homelessness services, interested in systems changes and gaps analysis informing our priorities, sit on Built for Zero committee, currently on Community Plan committee
 - **Vote: all in favor, Konkel elected as Board Member, effective immediately**
 - Andrew McKinney (Lived Experience seat): experienced homelessness as a teenager and an adult veteran, currently serves on Monona Grove school board, sits on VFW committee focused on homeless veterans
 - **Vote: all in favor, McKinney elected as Board Member, effective immediately**
- Approval of Memorandum of Understanding with Community Development Authority and Dane County Housing Authority for Emergency Housing Vouchers.
 - ~~Proposal: Approve MOU with CDA and DCHA as presented. MOU has not been released to the Board at this time.~~
 - SLIDES

Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV)

- Section 8 vouchers made available through the American Rescue Plan Act
- Eligible Populations
 - Homeless
 - At-risk of homelessness
 - Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking; and
 - Recently homeless and for whom providing rental assistance will prevent the household's homelessness or having high risk of housing instability (Move-on)

EHV Details

- Community Development Authority(CDA) – 69 vouchers
- Dane County Housing Authority(DCHA) – 45 vouchers
- Must have a Memorandum of Understanding with the CoC
- Must use Coordinated Entry
- Public Housing Authorities receive a service fee per voucher to be used to quickly get someone into housing (security deposit, landlord incentive, basic household needs, etc.)
- Waivers that PHA's can use to break down barriers to access

Local Process

- Had to make decision on targeting vouchers
- Brought together EHV Stakeholder Team including reps from:
 - CDA, DCHA, CoC
 - City and County
 - HSC Board of Directors
 - The Road Home and The Salvation Army (previous relationship with PHAs)
 - Sankofa ELU
 - Institute for Community Alliances
 - Apartment Association of South Central Wisconsin
 - Lived Experience Committee
 - Domestic Abuse Intervention Services
- Met weekly since June 10, 2021

Local Prioritization

- DCHA
 - 15-20 vouchers for households with children experiencing homelessness
 - Case management provided by The Road Home and DAIS
 - 25-30 for move-on strategy from PSH, RRH and TH for households with children
- CDA
 - All for single adults using move-on strategy

- o Move-on strategy, people exiting out of PSH or RRH but still need ongoing rental assistance
- o CDA received 69 vouchers, Dane County Housing Authority received 45 vouchers
- o HUD requires an MOU with the CoC, also must use Coordinated Entry when using vouchers
- o In addition to vouchers, there are funds to support initial costs like moving, security deposit, etc.
- o EHV Stakeholder Team have been meeting since June 10 to decide how vouchers will be allocated
- o DCHA: vouchers for HH with children and ongoing case management
- o CDA: vouchers will be for singles first, then families
- o Question (Konkel): Are there limitations with where families can be placed with a voucher? Do the DCHA vouchers only cover areas outside of Madison?
 - Torrie - this is unclear


- o Question (Konkel): For the CDA vouchers, if there are leftover vouchers why not use them for singles not on priority list?
 - Ongoing case management or move-on strategy is how vouchers will be distributed
 - Agencies were hesitant to pick up people for case management who weren't already working with them
- o **Proposal (Konkel): Authorize the Executive Board to review and approve the MOU once it's released, with the caveat that if CDA vouchers are leftover for singles, can the board revisit the vouchers at that time and how to allocate them.**
 - All like it or can live with it, motion carries.
 - Konkel, please send the final document before it's approved.
- Review of CoC funding competition and approval of CoC competition documents – Torrie Kopp Mueller
 - o **Proposal: Approve CoC Competitions materials: Review, Rating and Ranking policy, Project Applications and Scoring Tools for Renewal, First-time Renewal, and New project applications, Project Performance Scorecard as presented.**
 - o SLIDES

Continuum of Care Funding

- FY2020 Award = \$3,939,374
 - Funds Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH), Coordinated Entry, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and CoC Coordinator Position
- Competition – local and national
 - Agencies complete applications, board approves funding slate to be sent on to Department of Housing and Urban Development
 - Consolidated Application – how our community is doing, compared to other communities

City of Madison; Collaborative Applicant

- Eligible applicant designated by the Continuum of Care to collect and submit the CoC Registration, CoC Consolidated Application and apply for CoC Planning funds on behalf of the CoC during the CoC Program Competition. The CoC may assign additional responsibilities to the Collaborative Applicant so long as these responsibilities are documented in the CoC's governance charter. (from HUD Exchange)



Things to know....

- NOFA – Notice of Funding Availability
- Eligible components in FY2019 competition:
 - Permanent Housing – Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Rehousing
 - Transitional Housing – Renewal Only
 - Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry
 - HMIS
 - Joint Transitional Housing & Rapid Rehousing
- Requires 25% match

Competition Documents – Changes from previous years

- New projects can be created through reallocation and/or bonus funds
- Ranking
 - Renewal projects will be prioritized over first-time renewal and new projects
 - Starting in the next competition, renewal projects must score 60% on the Project Performance Scorecard to not be considered for reallocation
 - Non-housing (HMIS and Coordinated Entry) projects will not be scored and will be ranked in Tier 1 below housing projects
- Application documents: Project Performance Scorecard, Renewal, First-time Renewal and New Project Applications and Scorecards

Process of making changes

- Researched other communities who received high scores on their competition process
- Brought suggested changes to the Core Committee in March and July for feedback
- Board gives final approval of documents

In FY 2020, \$3.9 million to allocate locally

- o There is also national funding from HUD
- o Anticipate that NOFA will release after YHDP application process ends
- o When updating competition documents, Torrie looked at other communities who scored well with their process, also worked with Core Committee
- o **CHANGES:** New projects can be created through reallocation and/or bonus funds, previously it was advertised as an “open competition” but in reality, new programs were not likely to be approved
- o Renewal projects will be prioritized over first-time renewals and new projects
- o 60% is the threshold for Project Performance Scorecard
- o 1st time renewals and new projects do not yet have data

- Approval of updates to Supplemental Written Standards – Torrie Kopp Mueller
 - New memo was released extending all expiration dates, now includes specific dates
 - Hotel voucher programs will end Aug 31
 - **Proposal: Approve updates to Supplemental Written Standards as presented.**
 - Vote: all like or can live with it, the motion carries.
- Presentation on YHDP Application
 - Getting YAB letter of support
 - Communities will be announced by HUD in September

Update on YHDP Application

- Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program, HUD
- Apply to be selected as a community
- Spend 6 months creating Community Coordinated Plan
- Application questions are complete, currently working to make it fit the page requirements
- Must get letters of support from the Public Child Welfare Agency & Youth Action Board
- Due date is July 27, 2021

- Information on process to decide if HSC Board meetings remain virtual or move to in-person
 - City has laid out process for transition, mid-August they will move back to in-person
 - Virtual meetings have had successful turnout and eliminate transportation barriers
 - Reminder that new Board members will begin in October
 - Virtual/in-person simultaneous meeting using microphone to pick up voices
 - Retreat with old and new board members once the new term starts
 - **At next meeting, executive committee will propose a timeline for meeting format**
- Adjourn at 12:53.

If you have topics you think the HSC Board should discuss, please email them to hsc@cityofmadison.com.