

Education & Advocacy Committee Meeting 6/12/2024 11:00am- 12:00pm

Attendance: Torrie Kopp-Mueller, Madisen Sailors, Madelyn Peppard, Angela Smith, Aurey Leslie, Takisha Jordan, Nathan Neitzel, Michelle Hemp, Chara Taylor, Alicia Spry, Patti La Cross, Francesca Atkinson, Kelsey Johnson, Brenda Konkel

1. Committee Leadership:
 - a. Still looking for Chair
 - i. YAB members potentially interested in position
 - ii. Takisha Jordan would be willing to take it if no one wants to
 1. She cannot start that position until August
2. Advocacy Platform:
 - a. Document that goes to HSC Board of Directors for approval
 - b. Updated on an annual basis
 - i. Changed to review annually and update as needed
 - c. Recommendation of taking out the part stating that this committee would educate HSC members, but there are already committees doing that
 - d. Recommendation of partnering with schools and work on providing education to school staff, teachers, school social workers, etc.
 - i. Creating a partnership with the homeless liaison at schools
 - ii. Add verbiage of “public institutions” to point #6
 - e. Recommendation of noting when there are advocacy opportunities and provide talking points for advocacy
 - i. How do we work with more groups in the community whose focus may not be homelessness?
 - ii. Decided to keep these things in mind as the committee works and be more intentional about putting it into action
 - f. Recommendation to advocate for lived experience to be apart of decision making process and compensation
 - i. Funding to provide compensation, including professional development, for the Homeless Services Consortium’s Lived Experience Council and Youth Action Board
 - ii. Added “including hearing the voices of those with lived experience” at the end of point #6
 - g. This document will go to the HSC BoD meeting for approval
 - i. Torrie will ask to have this on the agenda for the August 7th meeting
 - ii. People that will be at the meeting: Patti, Torrie, Takisha, Chara
3. Next meeting:
 - a. July 10, 2024
 - b. Linette Rhodes will be coming to the meeting to discuss the city budget
 - i. 15 min presentation, then time to present
 - ii. The presentation will be recorded, but not the discussion of the presentation
 - c. Torrie will ask for an update on the potential partnerships with schools
4. Walk-on Items:
 - a. Recommendation to use that summarizing tool on Zoom for those who miss a meeting
 - i. Will record any presentations at meetings, but not the discussion portion.
 - b. Wisconsin is a target state for passing legislation to criminalize homelessness
 - i. CoC will be sharing information on this issue
 - ii. Torrie will share any materials around this that come up