



HSC Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 1, 2019 – 12:00pm-1:30pm @ United Way

➤ Welcome/Intros

➤ Board & Committee Updates

- HSC Board September Meeting - The following topics were covered:
 - Overview of County budget presented by County staff
 - Board decided to engage the Center for Community Stewardship as a fiscal agent
 - Review of applications and vote on reallocation of special EHH funds
 - Discussion of board meeting dates for the remainder of the year
 - Note: there will not be a regular open HSC Board Meeting in October, as the board will be meeting for a retreat
- Shelter Providers Committee: Will be meeting Wednesday, October 2nd; topics will include: presentation on Shelter Study Group from Sarah Lim, discussion of goals for shelter providers committee, discussion of rotating meeting sites

➤ July 2019 PIT Count – Sarah Lim [PowerPoint attached]

- The Point-In-Time Committee recently wrapped up evaluating numbers from the July PIT count. Soon efforts will begin to organize the January PIT.
- PIT is a “snapshot” of number of people who are literally homeless (HUD category 1). There are other ways to measure extent of homelessness; this is one important measure
- Data for number of sheltered individuals comes from HMIS (and directly from programs in some cases, such as DV shelters). Data for number of unsheltered individuals comes from teams of volunteers who count and survey those sleeping outside or in places not meant for human habitation.
- Compared to 2018, total numbers of people experiencing homelessness were slightly higher (650 people this year); single adult homelessness decreased about 6%; family homelessness increased about 18% (based on number of people, not households).
- It is important to note that this year those staying at Port St Vincent and Elizabeth Seton House were not included in the count, whereas individuals in these transitional housing programs were included in past PIT counts.
- The number and proportion of chronically homeless increased slightly this year compared with last year; veteran homelessness decreased slightly.
- The "Built For Zero" initiative to end veteran and chronic homelessness is ongoing. One challenge is that there is not sufficient PSH to house those who are theoretically eligible for this type of housing. Increasing PSH stock is important, as is identifying other housing types that might serve chronically homeless households.
- There is significant racial disproportionality in homelessness in our community, which was evident in the PIT count. About 5.5% of people in Dane County are Black/African American. However, in the PIT count 48% of people were Black/African American
- In the July 2019 PIT 47% of people counted were sheltered, 37% were unsheltered, and 16% were in transitional housing.
- People in families made up 34% of those counted, 65% were single adults, and about 1% were unaccompanied youth.

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➤ HSC Bylaws & Member Applications – Torrie Kopp Mueller & Maggie Carden

- The Nominating and Governance Committee is tasked with biannual review of the HSC's bylaws, which establish how the HSC runs and is governed.
- As part of this review process, the Nominating and Governance Committee is making recommendations about changes to the bylaws. Changes to bylaws must be adopted by the HSC membership through a vote. There will be a vote at next month's Membership Meeting (in November) about whether to adopt the proposed changes.
- Proposed changes to the definition of HSC membership, and the membership process:
 - Currently, membership and how one becomes a member are not well defined. HSC membership basically “happens” when someone expresses interest, is added to the listserv, and/or begins attending meetings.
 - Formalizing membership would allow expectations to be set about what members are agreeing to, as well as what benefits members can expect.
 - Under the proposed changes, individuals and agencies wishing to be HSC members would fill out a short form (1 page) applying for membership.
 - Those who work for a member agency would automatically be considered an HSC member (there was a question about whether this would apply to paid employees only, or others such as volunteers, board members, etc.; this is TBD).
 - Those who do not work for a member agency would fill out an individual app.
 - Member agencies could be funded homeless services agencies, or other community stakeholders (such as Madison Police Department, medical providers, health insurance providers, etc.)
- Proposed changes to voting eligibility:
 - Currently, individuals who have attended at least three (3) HSC Membership meetings in the past 12 months may vote.
 - The proposed change would increase flexibility for those who cannot regularly attend these meetings; increase participation in committees, workgroups, etc.
 - Under the proposed changes, members who attended at least nine (9) approved meetings or activities in the past 12 months would be able to vote. A list of approved meetings and activities would be provided on the membership application, and attendance would be tracked (there was a question about what system would be used to track attendance; this is still being determined).
- Language regarding non-discrimination was added to the bylaws.
- Proposed changes to HSC board of directors composition and eligibility:
 - The proposed changes to the bylaws specify that if a person is elected to an at-large board seat but then becomes an employee, board member, or paid consultant of a COC-funded agency (either by entering a position for a currently funded agency, or because the agency begins to receive CoC funds), they would no longer be able to serve on the board and would be required to resign their seat on the board. [Note: HSC Chair wrote a statement in opposition to this change.]
 - As the bylaws are currently written, at-large seats are not intended for representatives of funded agencies, but there is no statement that this cannot occur, such as for the reasons above (new employment/new funding recipient).

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- Under the proposed changes, the board member appointed by the HMIS lead agency (currently ICA) would go from being a non-voting member to a voting member, and this board seat would not have a term limit, due to the small number of people at the agency who would be able to serve in this capacity.
 - The proposed changes specify that the Youth Action Board seat(s) would be appointed by the YAB rather than elected, and that the YAB seat(s), the seat(s) for people with lived experience of homelessness, and the HSC Chair seat could be held by people who may or may not be employed by a funded agency.
 - It is specified in the proposed changes that no agency could have more than two representatives on the board, regardless of the positions they were occupying.
- **Pay It Forward** – Michael Jahn
- Because of his own life experiences, Michael wants to “pay it forward” to those who need assistance.
 - Michael provides no-cost towing services to low-income individuals in order to get non-operational vehicles to a certified repair shop.
 - This effort currently receives no funding, but Michael is interested in obtaining funding to expand his ability to provide this service.
 - Michael distributed business cards to those interested after the meeting.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

- **Core Committee** – 1st and 3rd Thursday of the month, 1:00pm-3:00pm
Thursday, October 3rd and 17th, 2019 @ The Road Home [890 W Wingra Dr]
- **Education and Advocacy Committee** – 3rd Wednesday of the month, 9:00am-11:00am
Wednesday, October 16th, 2019 @ The Road Home [890 W Wingra Dr]
- **Shelter Providers Committee** – 1st Wednesday of every even month, 9:00am-10:30am
Wednesday, December 4th, 2019 @ The Beacon [615 E Washington Ave]
- **Funders Committee** – 1st Tuesday of every even month, 10:30am
Tuesday, December 3rd, 2019 @ United Way [2059 Atwood Ave]
- **Point-In-Time Committee** – Meets prior to January and July counts as needed, no scheduled meeting at this time.
- **Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness Oversight Committee** – Next meeting
10:00am-11:30am Thursday, October 10th, 2019 @ The Road Home [890 W Wingra Dr]
- **Nominating and Governance Committee** – 4th Monday of the month, 11:00am-12:30pm
Monday, October 29th, 2019 @ The Road Home [890 W Wingra Dr]
- **Committee to End Youth Homelessness** – 2nd Monday of the month, 1:00pm-2:30pm
Monday, October 14th, 2019 @ First United Methodist Church [203 Wisconsin Ave]

*If you would like to attend a committee meeting, please contact the committee chair prior to the meeting. Individual emails can be found on the HSC website at www.danecountyhomeless.org, or through the HSC Chair.

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