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**Dane County Homeless Services Consortium
Meeting**

Friday, March 21, 2014

11:00 a.m.

United Way of Dane County Conf. Rm
2059 Atwood Avenue

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Sue Wallinger 261-9148

CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes from 2/21/14 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Review of Homeless Data Collected by the CDD & Role of Data/WISP Committee
2. New HMIS Lead Agency
3. Letter of Support of McKinney-Vento 2015 funding on behalf of the HSC to Congressional Delegation

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES FROM THE HOMELESS SERVICES CONSORTIUM BOARD MEETING
February 21, 2014

PRESENT: Maggie Carden, Martha Cranley, Kristina Dux, Hope Edgren (at 11:35), Mike Fleenor, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Brenda Walton, Leigha Weber

ABSENT: Sina Davis, Rob Dicke, Barbara McKinney, Mona Wasow

City CDBG Staff: Sue Wallinger, Anne Kenny

Others present: Tim Satterfield

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Cranley called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. and introduced Brenda Walton to the group. Board members went around the table and introduced themselves to Walton.

1) Approval of 1/24/2014 Meeting Minutes

Fleenor moved to approve the minutes from January 24, 2014. Walton seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Cranley, Dux, Fleenor, Kopp Mueller, Walton, and Weber voting aye. (Carden is a non-voting member, and Edgren was not yet present.)

2) Approval of Proposals for Inclusion in the City's ETH Application to the State Division of Housing

Wallinger explained the proposals for inclusion in the City's ETH application and gave some background on the funding process. The State decided to hold off on the application until they get the actual funding numbers from HUD. Last year was a nightmare because the numbers kept changing. The proposals in the packet are the result of a group of agencies and others who met two weeks ago and talked about what kind of unmet needs there were in terms of new programming. We were fortunate that the State released the draft application to us, even though we don't know how much money we're getting. The agencies and programs in the application will stay the same and the amounts will be close, but not exact. The total in this proposal is \$394,100. Last year, we got \$404,000, so some of the projects' funding may end up increasing.

Discussion highlights:

- * The \$394,100 does not include Bethel's program, but it does reflect the cuts made to Rentable.
- * Fleenor asked if there was any discussion about the specific population to be outreached in Porchlight's Outreach Single Men proposal. Wallinger said the specific population is men who stay in the Drop-In Shelter. Fleenor was concerned about duplication of services with respect to other programs.
- * Outreach occurs outside in doorways, park benches, and other places not fit for human habitation. In-reach is usually something scheduled indoors somewhere, such as shelters and libraries. Outreach can occur during all hours of the day.
- * Tellurian's Employment Coordinator and Porchlight's STABLE programs are grandfathered in from previous years as transitional housing programs.
- * Fleenor asked if YSOSW/Operation Welcome Home had to meet criteria for their Coop Transitional Housing. Wallinger said that there are some outstanding issues with obtaining the

property, but it was the decision of the group that helping to get 8-10 young adults in housing was worth the risks.

- * Fleenor asked if Operation Welcome Home was incorporated. Wallinger said that Z! Haukeness has been working with Madison Community Cooperative to get the membership to a point where doing housing cooperatives for homeless is a next good step for them. There are two populations they've been looking at: 1) chronic homeless and 2) young adult homeless. Fleenor said he would like more information about Operation Welcome Home and their organization. Wallinger said she wasn't sure whether the application came in with both organizations' names or just Youth Services' name.

- * Transitional housing literally means no more than 24 months' residence.

- * Wallinger said that she would like to have the Board approve this preliminary application and that she would be more than happy to bring back new numbers when they're available.

- * Wallinger said it was not necessary for members to recuse themselves because the proposals are not competing with each other.

Fleenor moved to approve the preliminary application pending the final numbers. Kopp Mueller seconded. The motion passed unanimously with Cranley, Dux, Fleenor, Kopp Mueller, Walton, and Weber voting aye. (Carden is a non-voting member, and Edgren was not yet present.) Cranley said Wallinger will send in the final numbers once she has them.

3) Review of 1/29/2014 Point in Time Results

Discussion highlights:

- * Wallinger said that the numbers went down between 2013 and 2014.

- * Cranley said she was appalled by the number of veterans counted given the enormous national funding focus on homeless vets.

- * Carden said the Madison chronically homeless veteran population is basically older single men. She said that the number was probably underreported due to the fact that dishonorably discharged individuals can't claim veteran status. Wallinger said that is why they've started asking people if they've served in the military, rather than if they are veterans.

Hope Edgren arrived at 11:35.

- * Wallinger said that the CDA is in the process of putting in an application for an additional 20-25 HUD VASH vouchers and coupling those with the new project on Rethke.

- * Kopp Mueller asked about the decrease in the number of victims of domestic abuse between 2013 and 2014. Wallinger said the difference had to do with the fact that the question was not on the 2014 form. A few people still used old forms for 2014, but the decrease in numbers doesn't reflect reality.

- * Fleenor asked if the actual number of individuals with mental illness increased, and Wallinger said yes.

- * Fleenor asked if physical disability was included in the counts. Wallinger said that she does have a number for that category but that she hadn't included it in this report. She will get that number to the Board.

4) Overview of Fund Sources Available to Fund Homeless Housing and Services

Cranley gave a little background on the various funding sources for homeless within the region and brought a handout that showed United Way's investments in homeless and housing systems.

Tim Satterfield of Dane County passed out a sheet that gave totals on Dane County's budget for 2014 housing and homeless support. He said that of the roughly million-and-a-half dollars that they spend on homeless, the biggest proportion goes to emergency shelters, though they do fund some services primarily through CAC and the Tenant Resource Center. He described the funding under 2014 Budget Initiatives, 2014 Capital Budget Initiatives, and carry-forwards from the 2013 Capital Budget.

The County is providing \$700,000 for the Rethke PSH project. The County will own the land, and the developer will own the building there.

Waller said that City invests in similar agencies and programs to the County. For 2014, there's \$300,000 in the budget for planning the permanent supportive housing at Rethke. For 2015, there's an additional \$300,000, plus \$1 million for the Phase II PSH project. The City has located two port-a-potties in the downtown area and paid for twice-weekly servicing. This is in addition to the County's port-a-potty in the downtown area. Each port-a-potty is located in a downtown parking ramp, one each in the Government North Ramp, the County Ramp on Fairchild, and the State Street Lake/Francis Ramp.

Cranley reviewed the pie chart for United Way's spending. United Way is investing in the same agencies but almost exclusively in the areas of case management, eviction prevention, and housing first, or rapid re-housing. They also support the food banks in town and spend some funds on supported housing.

Satterfield said that the County is supporting storage lockers at the Social Justice Center. The lockers are being operated through a contract with Shine 608.

Cranley said the second chart shows the 2013 Investments in Homelessness and Housing Systems by All Sources—City, County, and United Way. United Way doesn't fund any shelters in Dane County.

National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference

The Board then discussed the recent National Alliance to End Homelessness conference on serving homeless families. Weber and Cranley described what happened at the conference. The HUD representative there said that the Federal government tries not to make any one-size-fits-all decisions for communities. That statement received a lot of pushback. Weber said that HUD believes that shelter is part of the continuum of the housing first model. Transitional housing programs received mixed messages.

Cranley proposed inviting Kristin Rucinski to the March meeting to talk about some of the systems changes that are going on in other places. Cranley said she would also share notes she took at the conference at the March meeting, especially regarding transitional housing versus housing first programs.

Weber said that a light bulb moment for her was that if we could do a better job of coordinated intake and prioritizing needs, we could get families off waiting lists faster and divert them from shelter entirely.

Carden announced that she was hired by the Institute for Community Alliances (ICA) as HMIS coordinator for the southern region of Wisconsin. She will start at ICA on March 10. Providers should see a smooth transition. ICA replaces the State Division of Housing as the lead HMIS

administrator, and they will have a new website and new emails. They are soon going to get office space downtown, but they're not sure exactly where at this point. She said the transfer from the State is going well. Bowman Systems, the software vendor, will still be the Service Point provider.

5) Future Meeting Dates of Board of Directors; Meetings Scheduled 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Waller said the meeting dates will need to change from the third Friday of the month to the fourth Friday of the month to accommodate some members. However, to accommodate most people's schedules in March, the next meeting will remain March 21 at 11:00 a.m. The April meeting will be on the fourth Friday, April 25, at 11:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Fleenor moved to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Weber seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Anne Kenny, recorder

March 21, 2014

The Honorable Senator Tammy Baldwin
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510
Attn: Brian Conlan



Dear Senator Baldwin,

On behalf of the Dane County Homeless Services Consortium (HSC), I urge you to support a funding level of at least \$2.4 billion in FY 2015 for HUD's McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grants. We greatly appreciate your commitment to ending homelessness in Dane County and to implementing the bipartisan HEARTH Act, which reauthorized these programs. Please continue to show your support by **submitting a programmatic request to the HUD Appropriations Subcommittee in support of providing the Administration's requested \$2.405 billion in FY 2015 for Homeless Assistance Grants.**

While there have been many successes in moving singles and families from homelessness to stable housing, the number of homeless in Dane County has increased in 2013 from 2012. McKinney-Vento grants are needed to fund successful homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing programs such as Porchlight's Housing First Program, Housing Initiatives Shelter + Care and Tellurian's Permanent Housing Program serving single adults with disabilities; The Road Home's & YWCA's Second Chance Apartment Project and The Salvation Army's Rapid Re-housing Program serving families with children, and Community Action Coalition's Home for Good serving singles and families with disabilities. In 2013, HSC agencies were able to help over 1,200 households with CoC funds and Emergency Solutions Grant funds to prevent and end homelessness. A couple of examples of those whose lives have been changed with the help of HUD-funded programs providing housing and supportive services:

- Pat's employer closed, she lost her job and began providing home care in exchange for room and board. She moved to Madison with a roommate for a chance at a better life, but when the roommate moved out, Pat was left without housing or income. While homeless and staying in the shelter, her mental illness symptoms began taking over her life. With the help of two HUD-funded programs - The Salvation Army Shelter for Single Women and Porchlight's Safe Haven, Pat was provided a soft-entry into housing for persons with mental illness. Pat was able to receive treatment through the Volunteer Psych Clinic, is now managing her depression and schizophrenia and is employed.
- Isaac was addicted to alcohol and living on the street. He started stopping into Safe Haven for showers, food and rest. He liked the staff so when they told him they had an opening, he took the chance. And got sober. Isaac has now moved from Safe Haven to being a live-in mentor for others in the HUD-funded PTO Program after graduating from the program himself. He now helps others to find their way back from mental illness and addictions.
- Barbara was a single mom with three children living in a van on Madison's north side. While working with the local domestic violence agency, she was referred to Community Action's HUD-funded Home for Good program. Barbara had been evicted as her untreated mental illness had contributed to her conflicts with the property manager. Home for Good was able to get Barbara into treatment and her children in school. The family is now on its way to stability and mom is planning on completing her studies in Culinary Arts.

We hope we can count on you to submit a programmatic request to the HUD Appropriations Subcommittee in support of providing \$2.405 billion in FY 2015 for HUD's Homeless Assistance Grants. Feel free to contact me at 608/246-4353 or mcranley@uwdc.org.

Sincerely,
Martha Cranley, President
Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors