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Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors
Meeting

Friday, March 27, 2015

11:00 a.m.

United Way Dane County
Board Room A

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Sue Wallinger 266-6520

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Call to Order and Welcome to New Board Members

PUBLIC COMMENT

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Members of the body should make any required disclosures or recusals under the City's Ethics Code.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of 2/27/2015 Meeting Minutes

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Presentation from Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee recommendations to Council
Susan Schmitz, Chair
2. Update on Zero: 2016 Campaign – End veteran homelessness 12/15 and chronic homelessness by 12/16
Sue Wallinger, City of Madison
3. Institute for Community Alliances – Lead HMIS Agency Report
Maggie Carden, ICA
4. Other Business or Announcements

ADJOURNMENT

MINUTES FROM THE HOMELESS SERVICES CONSORTIUM BOARD MEETING
October 24, 2014

PRESENT: Karen Andro, Maggie Carden, Martha Cranley, Rob Dicke (at 11:45 a.m.), Jani Koester (at 11:15 a.m.), Garrett Lee, Torrie Kopp-Mueller, Glenn Ruiz, Brenda Walton

ABSENT: Darcia Bell, Kristina Dux, Scot Sorensen

City CDBG Staff: Anne Kenny, Sue Wallinger

Call to Order

Cranley called the meeting to order at 11:10 a.m.

1. Approval of 01/23/2014 Meeting Minutes

Lee moved to approve the minutes as written. Walton seconded. The motion passed unanimously (except for Dicke and Koester who arrived later in the meeting).

2. Election of President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer

Wallinger said the president acts as chair of the Board and runs the meetings; the vice president serves in the absence of the president; and the secretary/treasurer has no real duties at this time.

President: Carden nominated Cranley for president. Walton seconded. The motion passed unanimously (except for Dicke and Koester who arrived later).

Koester arrived at 11:15 a.m.

Vice President: Cranley nominated Kopp Mueller for vice president. Carden seconded. The motion passed unanimously (except for Dicke who arrived later).

Secretary/Treasurer: Koester said she was interested in the position. Lee nominated Koester for secretary/treasurer. Walton seconded. The motion passed unanimously (except for Dicke who arrived later).

3. Update on Zero: 2016 Campaign—End veteran homelessness by 12/15 and chronic homelessness by 12/16

Wallinger said there was a meeting a couple of weeks ago. The consulting group helping the Zero: 2016 Campaign created a formula to determine how many in the community are considered chronically homeless and how many are considered veterans. A chronically homeless veteran falls into the veteran's category. The city's commitment is to end veteran's homelessness by 2015 and chronically homeless by 2016.

Wallinger said there are 166 veterans and 155 chronically homeless, but the numbers are likely to change. The numbers come from the January 2014 Point in Time survey and include only single adults, with no families or children. The Zero: 2016 people are working with Jessie Dirkman to get more accurate numbers. The city is not ready to publically announce its take down numbers. Wallinger said the real numbers will be generated from a registry week. The city

was given permission to spend about \$6,000 to hire a coordinator to operate a 5-7 day registry week which will involve recruitment and training of volunteers who will go into shelters, transitional housing, and on the streets to gather demographic data and VI-SPDAT index data. The resulting data will produce a prioritized list of veterans and chronically homeless. The registry week is tentatively set for the last week of April and will generate the final take down numbers. After the list is developed, various groups will meet, perhaps weekly as in New Orleans, to discuss how to help the individuals on the list.

Dicke arrived at 11:45 a.m.

Wallinger said the CDA and the City are trying to expand their stock of affordable rental housing, as are Porchlight and Housing Initiatives.

4. Discussion of 01/02/15 Point in Time Results

Wallinger said the Point in Time count occurred on January 28, 2015 and went over the results of the count. The number of sheltered individuals includes anyone who slept in a shelter, used a hotel room paid for by an agency, or slept on a cot, mattress, or floor of an agency, as well as the number of transitional housing individuals. "Chronically homeless" has a specific definition from federal funders in which the adult individual has to have a disability and to have been homeless continually for a year or have had four episodes of homelessness in three years.

Wallinger said that overall the 2015 chronically homeless number was a little less than in 2014, while veterans had a slight increase from 2014 to 2015. Both of those January nights were cold weather exception nights, which meant that anyone requesting shelter was able to receive it.

5. Update from National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference on Ending Family Homelessness

Kopp Mueller said many of the sessions she attended at the conference were on the Rapid Re-housing track. There was discussion on the different models various communities have for Rapid Re-housing. Some communities use the VI-SPDAT to prioritize individuals, while others put everyone into Rapid Re-housing and then figure out who needs more services later.

Wallinger said that Rapid Re-housing is permanent housing designed to minimize the amount of time spent in shelter.

Kopp Mueller went to a couple of sessions about locating housing, and they strongly encouraged agencies to have a housing locator who is more of a realtor than a social worker. Their job would be to connect to the landlords and sell the program. Kopp Mueller said that YWCA, The Road Home, and The Salvation Army would be collaborating to hire a housing locator soon.

Kopp Mueller said that HUD announced guidance for shelters for people who identify as transgender.

Carden said she went to sessions on youth homelessness and facilitating family reunification. She also went to sessions on system performance measures. The biggest message she heard is that the length of time people are homeless is how progress will be measured in the community.

Carden said that staff of the National Alliance talked about how coordinated entry has rolled out across the country. Many places say they have coordinated entry in place, but what they have doesn't really qualify as coordinated entry.

Kopp Mueller said the trend everywhere is for low vacancy rates and increased rents.

Cranley said she spent most of her time at the conference talking with other funders. Many were big players, such as the Gates Foundation. Many are following the best practices that have been laid out. Everyone is talking about systems change, which equates to how to create a system that moves people as quickly and efficiently as possible through it into permanent housing.

Kopp Mueller said that the Performance Committee met and went over the scoring tool and identified some areas of concern where programs didn't perform so well. She said the YWCA has fixed their data entry issue.

6. Institute for Community Alliances—Lead HMIS Agency Report

Carden said that some user licenses were suspended at the end of January, and now users are taking the required training to get their licenses reactivated.

Carden said they're sending out a user survey and hope to have a report by April on how it will influence ICA planning. The survey is still out there, if anyone would like to participate.

Carden said their annual report on the state of homelessness in Wisconsin should be out at the end of March.

Carden said they're looking at doing a report on the average length of homelessness for each of the four HUD CoCs statewide.

Other Business

Walton said she is interested in doing more. If anyone needs volunteer help, they should let her know. Her name and number are on the list.

Dicke said that the HSC Legislative Committee would like to make a presentation to the Board next month.

Wallinger said there may also be a report on the results of the City's ad hoc permanent restroom committee.

Adjournment

Dicke moved to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. Lee seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Anne Kenny, recorder



Legislation Details (With Text)

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| 3/3/2015 | 1 | COMMON COUNCIL | Refer | |
| 2/25/2015 | 1 | Parks Division | Referred for Introduction | |

Project #12 (MUNIS Project No. 10137) under Facilities Management in the 2015 adopted capital budget includes \$300,000 to implement these recommendations; it's estimated that approximately \$50,000 would be needed for these improvements.

Adopting the Recommendations of the Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted resolution ID# 32078, RES-13-00864 on November 19, 2013, requesting city staff to assemble a report on the potential locations, including new and existing facilities for public restrooms in the downtown area that could be operated 24 hours a day, 7 days a week; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted resolution ID #34004, RES-14-00432 creating an Ad Hoc Downtown Public Restroom Committee (the "Committee") on May 20, 2014, to recommend to the Council and Mayor proposed locations, design and operation aspects of one or more public toilets in the downtown area; and,

WHEREAS, staff completed the report and the Common Council adopted resolution ID #33930, RES-14-00570 accepting the Downtown Public Restroom Staff Report on July, 16, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Common Council approved \$300,000 to fund one or more public restrooms in the downtown area in the 2014 Capital Budget and reauthorized this funding in the 2015 Capital Budget; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee has developed recommendations based on review of the Downtown Public Restroom Staff Report, research of existing public restroom infrastructure in the downtown area, research on potential types of restroom facilities, and discussions with various stakeholders; and,

WHEREAS, the Committee through its research and efforts realizes that a “one-size fits all” public bathroom will not serve the needs for visitors, homeless and late-night bar customers and that a successful strategy will need to consider opportunities for solutions for each demographic group.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Committee recommends that when development occurs in the downtown planning corridor, including City owned facilities in this area, Planning Division staff review opportunities for a restroom that would be available at any time to the general public; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee recommends the City explore options to extend the hours of the Lisa Link Peace Park Visitor Center; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee recommends the City improve restroom wayfinding signage in the downtown planning corridor; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee recommends the City work with the County to improve the aesthetics around the existing portable restroom unit at the corner of Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard and Doty Street, utilizing the existing funds allocated in the 2015 Capital Budget as needed; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the funds authorized in the 2015 Capital Budget shall be used to execute the recommendations of the Committee, and if necessary reauthorized in future years; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Common Council adopts the recommendations of the Committee for future consideration and action.