



## Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

October 8, 2025  
1:00-3:00 PM

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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.

### MINUTES

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Introductions

Board members in attendance: Michael Etheridge, Taylor Rozman, Erin Kautz, Aurey Leslie, Beverly Priefer, Aurey Leslie, Andrea Hillman, Michelle Hemp, Chara Taylor, Brittany Thompson, Jasmyne Bass, Rachel Kaiser, Skyler Van De Weerd

Board members not in attendance: Kayla Every, TaMaya, Shanita Lawrence, Claire Bergman, Alicia Spry

Staff: Torrie Kopp Mueller

Guests: Sarah Lim, Angela Jones, Nancy Vue, Takisha Jordan, Zach Stephen, Brad Hinkfuss, Johneisha Prescott, Amy Laabs

- Updates City, County, United Way, Lived Experience Council, Youth Action Board – YHDP, VDCC, Federal  
**City:** Mayor's budget was released <https://www.cityofmadison.com/finance/budget/2026/2026-operating-budget> difficult conversations being had, Men's Overnight Shelter opening Spring 2026 (\$2.7 million secured need is \$3.4 if 24/7 need \$4.5), Dairy Drive is closed contractors there cleaning up  
**County:** contract negotiation with County Managers  
<https://admin.danecounty.gov/documents/pdf/Budget/2026/County-Executive-Budget.pdf> welcome Patrick from ICA men's shelter contracts, small amount of funding for eviction prevention, county budget is big starts on page 349 related to the HSC  
**United Way:** in current environment extending current funding through 2027 (3 years instead of 2 years), reapply in spring of 2027, 2 new provisions for single and family, landlord engagement working on larger group, looking into "The One App" Tyrone Pool to see if it will work in our community, Summit November 18<sup>th</sup> hopeful that you can attend small fee (\$10), Shelter Friends Group men's shelter and woman's work event coming up so that the men's shelter is 24/7  
**Lived Experience Council:** visited the Beacon on experience of being homeless, group training session on being able to share their story of homeless with a trauma informed session so that there isn't re-traumatization  
**YHDP:** currently at a conference  
**Voice of Dane County Committee:** continue to modify banned words, considering a sub-workgroup to continue this work
- **Vote to approve Minutes from August 6, 2025** - Chara Taylor
  - Minutes passed, Skyler Van De Weerd abstained since not in attendance
- Treasurer's Report – Shanita Lawrence
  - Attached to meeting invite
- Presentation: Recommendation for PSH Transfer – Torrie Kopp Mueller & Review Team

## Background – Housing First Leasing Project

- Awarded \$180,415 for FY24
- Houses 12 single adults who have experienced chronic homelessness
- 9 of the households were with one landlord who non-renewed all leases
- Porchlight determined they would no longer operate the program as of 7/31/25
- There are no households currently enrolled in the program
- HUD allows the program to transfer to another agency

## PSH Competition

- CoC has an open competition for agencies to apply to operate the program as written
- Request for proposals was released on 8/6/25 with a due date of 8/29/25
- One application was received from Housing Initiatives
- Review Committee: Sarah Lim, Takisha Jordan, Bev Priefer, Chara Taylor
- Read & scored the application. Had a Q&A session with Housing Initiatives.

## Recommendation

- Housing Initiatives moves forward with the transfer from Porchlight of the PSH program.
- Pros: well established agency, running similar program for many years, has a lot of experience
- Con: timeline to get started is long

## Next Steps

- If recommendation is approved:
  - HSC Board President submits letter to HUD
  - HUD staff will review the transfer request
  - Housing Initiatives will request a grant amendment to move funding from Leasing to Sponsor-based Rental Assistance (aligning with their current model)
  - Process could take 4-6 months

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○ **Action:** Create a proposal based on recommendation from review team.

○ **Likes:** 9 unanimous, proposal passes

- Presentation: Funders Committee Updates – Johnisha Prescott

Collaboration for information sharing, there are toolkits being used, created an objective for our why, we want to **Create a community of stakeholders committed to addressing homelessness and housing instability by sharing strategies and developing collaborative solutions that strengthen our community.** start with a smaller group for outreach and does not want to shift attention from Friends Group so will start Q2 of 2026, not missing any funding opportunities will be open to Housing Navigation and more

- Board Member Discussion:

- Updates from federal government – currently shut down, move from PSH to transitional housing hard because there isn't any funding being offered yet so hard to have a productive conversations,
- Shelter Capacity – where and what to advocate for, overflow shelter, city/county/porchlight/LE and come up with a draft policy to address capacity, shelter limits and concerns for budget needs policy will need to be in place, concerns for newly unhoused,
- Dairy Drive – 10 stability vouchers received 5 housed, RR and other opportunities
- November 10<sup>th</sup> opportunity to speak about the HSC, 1100 to 1600 – presenters? Will share more information as it comes in.
- Updates from HSC Committees – how does the Board want them? Will be requested when updates are requested during community plan update on work.
- Summit in November 18<sup>th</sup> at Alliant Energy Center low cost of \$10

Adjourn

Future Board Meetings, All meetings are 1-3PM

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| November 5 <sup>th</sup> |
| December 3 <sup>rd</sup> |

If you have topics you think the HSC Board should discuss, please email them to [hsc@cityofmadison.com](mailto:hsc@cityofmadison.com).