



Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

July 1, 2026
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.

AGENDA

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Introductions

Arret Druley	P	Maximiliano D'Larentez	A
Aurelius Leslie	A	Michael Etheridge	T
Beverly Priefer	P	Michelle Hemp	P
Brittany Thompson	A	Rachel Kaiser	P
Chara Taylor	P	Sylvia Ramirez	P
Claire Bergman	A	Taylor Rozman	P
Erin Kautz	P	Zach Stephen (non-voting)	P
Jasmyne Bass	P	Torrie Kopp Mueller (staff)	P
Kayla Every	P	YAB Seat (Vacant)	
Kirsten Conrad	P		

P = present, T = tardy, A = absent

Guests: Sarah Churchill, Angela Jones, and Johneisha Prescott, among others

- **Updates**
 - **City** – 2027 budget process started. All agencies must propose a 2% cut. No update on men's shelter opening.
 - **County** – the [Fair Chance Housing and Affordability Housing Development Fund \(AHDF\) RFPs](#) are both posted and out for bid.
 - **United Way** – Summer investment processes are closed. Awards will come out in next few months. OneApp update will come in quarterly update.
 - **Lived Experience Council** – want to do more, but don't have the funding to move those forward. Members are presenting at an upcoming conference.
 - **Youth Action Board** – Working to create and fulfill the hiring for a new team now that supports are in place for their success in the roles
 - **Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP)** – no update from Allie
 - **Voices of Dane County** – Improving coordination/processes to avoid duplicating work. Continuing to work on the glossary and use of it.
 - **Federal Impacts** – none because covering later in agenda
- **Vote to approve Minutes from June 3, 2026 & June 11, 2026**
 - June 3 approved
 - June 11 approved
- **Treasurer's Report – Rachel Kaiser** – No significant changes from prior report.
- **Presentation & Action on Madison/Dane CoC Policy to Advance Recovery by Prohibiting Illicit Drug Enablement – Torrie Kopp Mueller**
 - **Action:** Decide if and what type of policy the CoC will impose.
 - **First Proposal:** Take no action
 - Like: 2

- Can live with: 0
 - Uncertain: 9
 - Uncomfortable: 2
 - **Second Proposal:** Accept Option B with the preface that it only goes into effect if the 2026 NOFO goes into effect
 - Like: 1
 - Can live with: 10
 - Uncertain: 0
 - Uncomfortable: 0
 - **Background:** HUD offers additional points if the CoC has a policy or statement in place to ensure that housing projects do not operate drug injection sites, distribute paraphernalia, and undertake other activities that are identified as “illicit drug enablement” or “harm reduction.” HUD refers to [this Dear Colleague letter](#) for what is and isn’t allowable. The CoC considered a few policy options that could receive some or all points under this category.
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DRAFT Policy for
Advancing Recovery
- **Discussion:** Concern about how broad the unallowable activities are/general lack of clarity about meaning. Concern about missing points if we do nothing. Concern about potential harm to individuals. Relationship to housing as a basic right. Questions about implementation. Discussed impact on programs/agencies and implementation timeline.
 - **Presentation: Update on State EHH Funding – Sarah Lim**



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 - All is state funding and runs on Federal fiscal year. A recent change allowed competition every other year, which we use. That means, 2026 is an off-year for local competition (with an exception to solicit more projects if the total funding increases by more than 5%). Makes up about 4% of the homeless services funding overall. Total funding for 2026-27 is only a \$435 change (less than 5%). Requested comment on allocation amounts and have not received any yet.
 - **Presentation: Update on HUD NOFOs – Torrie Kopp Mueller**
 - Torrie sent an update via email this morning.
 - **Adjourn at 2:56pm**

Future Board Meetings, All meetings are 1-3PM

August 5 th	November 4 th
September 2 nd	December 2 nd
October 7 th	

If you have topics you think the HSC Board should discuss, please email them to hsc@cityofmadison.com.