



Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

December 20, 2019 – 2:00PM – 4:00PM

Urban League of Greater Madison

2222 S Park St #227, Madison

Called to Order at 2:04

Attendance: Jani Koester, Matt Julian, Conner Wild, Robin Sereno, Melissa Mennig, Natalie Deibel, Maggie Carden, Kim Sutter, Liz Duffie, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Heidi Wegleitner

Guests: Nick Fatsis, Dean Loumos, Brad Hinkfuss

Absent: Wanda Smith, Kathy Kamp, Takisha Jordan

1. Introductions – Nick Fatsis of Focus Counseling, Dean Loumos of Loumos Consulting, Brad Hinkfuss 2020 Board member elect

2. Approval of minutes from November 22, 2019

- a. Duffie moves to approve, Mennig seconds. Vote called: all approved with exception to Sutter that abstained

3. Thank you to outgoing members – Koester

- a. Thank you for your service

4. Presentation on Home for Everyone Conference 2020 - Loumos

- a. State collaborative on affordable housing – chose Milwaukee to hold the conference
 - i. Will be June 17 & 18th.
 - ii. Theme is a year of advocacy
 - iii. Handbook will be presented with policy changes and proposals currently and of current candidates
 - iv. Trying to get local leadership involved
 - v. Trying to bring nationally involved politicians as well as academic experts to attend
- b. Conference planning meeting in January
 - i. Ultimately would like to speak with General Membership
 - ii. Increase branding and social media

- c. Would like to look at housing as a healthcare crisis

5. Approval of Compensation Policy for People with Lived Experience - Duffie

- a. Please review, small group reviewed and wrote up with broad scope to utilize funds
- b. Question how to prioritize board members or all and include committees/review teams
 - i. Sutter suggests budgeting money for board members for the year and some extracurricular activities. Then prioritize
- c. Wegleitner – City/County committees want participation to reimburse not-dependent on activeness of attendee
 - i. Sereno – we want to make folks feel wanted and not create obstacles
 - ii. Wild – clarifies what form will be needed.
- d. Need to clarify is Youth Position would compensate for their time.
- e. Duffie proposes she brings it back after edits. Will narrow the scope until a treasurer, budget, and fundraising plan develop capacity to expand services.
 - i. Sutter recommends a future goal of reimbursing committee chair

6. Request for Volunteer mentors for new Board Members – Koester

- a. Julian, Mennig, Deibel, Duffie, Sutter, Carden, Koester all volunteer

7. Review and Approval of Board Mission Statement

- a. Wegleitner motions to approve Duffie’s Mission Statement with an amendment; Julian seconds. Discussion ensues:
 - i. “The HSC Board recognizes that housing is a human right. We provide leadership, advocacy, planning, and management of program funding in order to promote accessible and equitable housing and homeless services.”
 - ii. Should we define housing, as suggested: “The HSC Board recognizes that safe, stable and affordable housing is a human right. We provide leadership, advocacy, planning, and management of program funding in order to promote accessible and equitable housing and homeless services.”
 - iii. The HSC Board recognizes that safe, stable and affordable housing is a human right. We provide leadership & funding in order to promote accessible and equitable housing and homeless services to end homelessness.”
 - iv. Is there a part of the vision that Prevent and End homelessness that we can fit in.
- b. Sutter, Deibel and Mennig discuss making a Mission and a Vision statement and separating them.
- c. Wild motions, Wegleitner seconds - Mission Statement: 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.
 - i. Vote called – approved by all, none abstained, none opposed.

8. Committee Work Group Sharing – Deibel

- a. Larger how do we envision the relationship between the board and the committees
 - i. Top down for how agendas are set and goals achieved

- ii. Do we want more organic priorities?
 - iii. Is there a mix
 - iv. How do we take committee feedback from committee assignments?
- b. How do we feel as a board about the committee role
- c. Agency vs Non-Agency, and who is doing a lot of the work within committees
- d. EHH and CoC funds are being dispersed, and how are we recognizing participation
- e. Number 1 question – how do we define relationship between committee and board
 - i. Does board figure out which agencies are assigned, how do we support/mentor chairs/board.
 - ii. All board members are required, but not necessarily each committee are assigned. Also, should agency size dictate the amount of participation.
 - 1. We want to encourage Non-funded agencies participation too
 - 2. Wegleitner – non-coc and ehk funds – i.e. could ask city/county/united way funders contracts we ask to follow the written standards – therefore encouraging that. Private funded only.
 - iii. Benefits of membership – CoC orientation, voting rights on issues, access to issues and technical services, access to listserv information, access to individuals doing the work.
 - 1. Sereno asks about the benefits and what is the consequences for not attending. Professional developmental is an added value.
 - 2. Discussed agency size and participation expectations
 - a. E&A priorities in the budget was lack of capacity and capacity building – something to consider – need higher level staff in them.
 - b. Ask the committees who needs to be at the table that is not currently
- f. Emerging topics summed by Deibel
 - i. Think through that board/committee relationship
 - ii. Can we get changemakers in the rooms
 - iii. Board needs to give some guidance
 - iv. There needs to be a board liaison in each committee – self regulate based on experiences and availability – may be vice president that is responsible for oversight.
- g. Wild asks if the workgroup could fit into the Governance & Nominating – 8 committees, a couple are board heavy.
 - i. Goal is February that the Governing and Nominating committee report out
 - ii. Next meeting to be determined

9. Discussion, Development and Approval of Board Priorities –

- a. Recommended move to January Meeting
- b. A lot of EHH on the agenda.
- c. Need to set a date

Motion to close at 3:58PM

