



Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 19, 2019 – 11:00AM – 1:00PM

Urban League of Greater Madison

2222 S Park St #200, Madison – Room 227

Called to order 11:13

Present: Jani Koester, Takisha Jordan, Melissa Mennig, Heidi Wegleitner, Wanda Smith, Kim Sutter, Robin Sereno, Matt Julian, Natalie Deibel

Absent: Connor Wild, Kathy Kamp, Maggie Carden, Torrie Kopp-Mueller, Liz Duffie

- 1. Introductions** – Guests: Brenda Konkel representing the Community Plan Oversight Committee and Paris Smith of Sankofa
- 2. Approval of Minutes from June 31, 2019** – Mennig motion to approve, Jordan seconds. All in favor, no one opposed; Julian abstains
- 3. Discussion of At-large Board Vacancies** - Koester
 - a. Governance and Nominating Committee stated the board was out of compliance with the by-laws, as 2 of the at-large members are now employed by CoC funded agencies.
 - i. This was presented to the executive committee. The executive committee provided feedback to the G&N Committee that it seemed that the rule in 1, would apply to all the others in the make-up of the board. The G&N committee took this feedback and continued to make the recommendation for the at-large members. The executive committee emailed Sereno and Duffie requesting they resign. Sereno suggested this topic be brought to the whole board.
 - b. Sutter stated she uncomfortable selectively enforcing poorly written language in number 1 to number 2 of the board make-up and not 3, 4 and 5.
 - c. Are we limiting ourselves at voting – counted 7 current members are able to vote on funding
 - d. By-laws are not clear in multiple articles and in board make-up specifically. Wording is being altered and presented to the membership for voting this fall. Duffie presented new suggests to the board via email, and these will be provided to the G&N Committee.
 - e. Is there unintentional coercion?

- f. The wording in #1 seems to limit everything to below it, which would include asking Jordan and Suter to step down as well, if applied to all board members.
- g. Sereno asks that the Executive committee brings any personnel issues directly to the individuals in-person and to the general board prior to making decisions to improve transparency and to not cause divisions.
- h. Board has consensus that we will not selectively enforce the by-laws and we will await updates to the by-laws that are being revised and presented to the membership in October – the board’s feedback will be given to the Governing and Nominating Committee

4. NOFA Summary

- a. DV bonus is considered part of the whole project, however HUD determines if HUD decides if funding, i.e. tier 1 or tier 2
 - i. Would a partner agency consider applying for DV funds to – Unidos, EndAbuse,
 - ii. How do we get money into positions vs mgmt.?
- b. Discussion of Rapid-Re-housing – struggling to get folks to follow through.

5. Approval of the CoC Competition Review Team –

- a. Previously approved review team did not include a city staff. It was recommended that a city staff be offered to be part of the review team. Julian clarified that Kopp-Mueller is facilitating and not scoring as part of the review team.
- b. Wegleitner moves to approve adding a city staff; Mennig seconds – All approve; none opposed/abstain

6. Approval of CoC Competition Schedule –

- a. Reviewed schedule sent to the board by Kopp-Mueller
- b. Wegleitner moves to approve; Julian Seconds – all approved, none opposed, Mennig abstains.

7. Update from Community Plan Oversight Committee’s Plan - Konkel

- a. Would like to prepare a narrative for each year. Plan is to keep 2016 plan on the website, and then in 2019 create a new document that provides an introduction, guiding principles, general update on what was accomplished, and a new narrative of priorities (highlights of last year and prioritized goals approx. 2-4 pgs) - Including new challenges.
- b. Nothing in the plan is assigned to government related committees.
- c. Asking for approval on number 3 of their minutes. Important to prioritize
- d. Smith it’s important that what is on paper is accurate and being done. Smith states we should include more folks with lived experience in the narrative going forward – policies & procedures often work against the folks they are meant to serve.
- e. Sutter Motions to approve that annual whole plan revisions will stop, and the future will be a summary document each year to identify progress made and vision for the future. Mennig 2nds motion. All approved – none opposed/abstained.

8. Update on Discussion regarding compensation for Lived Experience of Homelessness

- a. We initially sent the email to the HSC agencies to pull together a fund, 1 agency responded and 3-4 individuals.
- b. Executive committee will meet with Center for Community Stewardship (\$250 upfront and 8% of anything that comes in) next month. The Road Home volunteered to hold funds, but felt it should be an outside agency.
- c. Sutter also gave a strong pitch to Porchlight
- d. Can SJC be a holding place as a Co-op or Project Babies...
- e. FSSF – can they be an entity since they are the mostly attached to folks with lived experience – they are established as a 501©3 committee.
- f. Jordan would like us to be aware of how we invite voices and ensure that new voices are heard as much as the voices of folks that have been around the table for some time.
 - i. We could benefit from having mentors for folks.
- g. Sereno – we need to develop the culture of us engaging with folks that are not just board members; we need to create a system that offers more support.
- h. Focus should be on a fiscal sponsor and then to fundraise.
Sereno we should consider pursuing the 501c3.

Motion to close. Meeting adjourned 12:51