



Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

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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

- Attendance
 - Catherine Reiersen, Gentry Bieker, Torrie Kopp Mueller (non-voting), Andrew McKinney, Lane Hanson, Arree Macon, Patrick Duffie (non-voting), Brad Hinkfuss, Jael Currie, Brenda Konkel, Brian Benford
 - **Guests:** Michelle Hemp (Unitypoint Meriter), Kim Sutter (Porchlight), Rachel Litchman (YAB, incoming board member), Patti La Cross (Moses, incoming board member), Kristina Dux (Housing Access & Affordability, Hotels to Housing Program)
- **Vote to approve Minutes from October 28, 2021** – Brad Hinkfuss
 - Minutes approved.
- Treasurer Report – Lane Hanson
 - \$5,084.81 available for Lived Experience seats
- Mid-term election of at-large Board member – Brad Hinkfuss
 - Term ends Dec 2023
 - At Large seat can be someone from an HSC agency
 - At this time, no candidates for this seat
 - If someone is elected, they are immediately eligible for voting on Board decisions
 - Brian will be staying in his role until we find a replacement
 - Robin Sereno (TRC) was nominated, Hinkfuss proposed to nominate Robin. Motion approved unanimously. Sereno now an At Large member effective immediately.
- Written Standards – Remove of Medical Exception Language – Torrie Kopp Mueller
 - **Proposal: Approve removal of medical exception language from the Written Standards.**
 - Outreach workers were tasked with deciding whether someone's medical condition warranted them being moved up on the list. Outreach felt this was an uncomfortable decision that they weren't equipped to make and requested a review from Written Standards.
 - Written Standards workgroup recommended removal - (1) current exception is rarely used, (2) one must be connected to a strong advocate who will push for this, (3) racial disparities exist in the medical system, (4) medical issues should be considered in new prioritization criteria, (5) many instances require additional care, work on creating partnerships with other systems to meet people's needs.

- Membership wanted something else in place before removing this language from the Written Standards.
- How many exceptions were requested? 18 since 2017, 2 from households with children, then requests dropped off around 2018
- Many people being served already have severe health conditions, when someone asks for an exception is it because they are in more dire need than others or is it because someone has advocated for them?
- Brad's agency is looking to partner with an agency who provides palliative care in lieu of PSH (permanent supportive housing)
- VI-SPDAT does contain information about health issues and inform someone's prioritization.
- Motion carries. Medical exemption language is removed from Written Standards.
- [Built for Zero](#) – Update and Next Steps – Torrie Kopp Mueller & Built for Zero Team Members
 - **Proposal: Terminate MOU with Community Solutions regarding Built for Zero participation.**
 - Dane County joined the initiative in 2016, this was the same time as Coordinated Entry
 - Community Solutions is the national organization that leads this effort, they provide community learning sessions
 - We do not pay to be a part of this work (Fee is supposedly \$10,000)
 - BFZ membership has dwindled over time
 - Instead of BFZ - work with ICA to pilot a System Performance Committee, provide a quarterly check-in on Veteran and Chronic homelessness for the HSC, continue to seek training opportunities, continue to connect with communities across the country
 - Brad Hinkfuss - Can you provide percentages, what percentage of homeless veterans were housed?
 - Patti La Cross - 50 social workers at VA working on veteran homelessness?
 - Torrie - I do feel like our relationship with the VA improved
 - Brenda Konkel - felt like it helped to ensure that HMIS data was accurate, I feel this is a huge issue because of so many changes with Clarity and COVID, we need to have more training for HMIS users
 - Gap from switching to Clarity, trying to catch up on data management
 - 87 VI-SPDATs in last few months, 90 more to go
 - There are still a lot of people in men's shelter who haven't had a VI-SPDAT done
 - Frustrating when we're getting a lot of resources and some people are getting housed
 - Duffie - I think things are improving with HMIS,
 - Like it - 0, Live with - 9, Motion passes. MOU with BFZ will be terminated.
- Review and provide feedback on questions from State regarding HOME funds – Torrie Kopp Mueller
 - HUD funds, \$5 billion nationally

- City, County, and State will be allocated some funds
- In order to receive funds, communities need to engage in a process to get feedback on how money should be allocated
- Qualifying populations - experiencing homelessness or at risk
- Demographic information? - race/ethnicity, gender, age
- CURRENT numbers
- Recommendations and data are due Dec 1, please submit suggestions to Torrie by then
- Discussion of Board officer seats & timeline for election – Brad Hinkfuss
 - **Proposal: Approve a timeline for election of 2022 Board Officer Seats.**
 - December - elect new Board President, before new Board is seated
 - January - elect the rest of the Board leadership
 - Next week (11/29 week), training on Standing Rules of Order
 - At the start of 2021, a sitting Board member would run the meeting (Arree, Catherine, Brenda, Gentry, Andrew)
 - The Board cannot make a decision on this item as we do not have quorum.

Adjourn 2:46 PM.