



## Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

March 1, 2023  
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

Board members in attendance: Patrick Duffie, Taylor Rozman, Catherine Reiersen (dropped off after the sexual orientation vote), Chara Taylor, Brenda Konkell, Alicia Spry, Rachel Litchman, Robin Sereno (left at 1416), Sara Allee-Jatta, Patricia La Cross, Shanita Lawrence, Michelle Hemp, Dana Stokes, Andrea Gaines, Rachel Kaiser

Board members not in attendance: Arree Macon, Courtney Spears, Joe Marusarz

Staff: Torrie Kopp Mueller

Guests: Steve Starkey, Kristina Dux, Johnesisha Prescott, Aurey Leslie, Meshan Adams, Jalateefa JoeMeyers, Takisha Jordan, Alicia Spry

- **Vote to approve Minutes from January 20, 2023, and February 1, 2023**—Chara Taylor
  - Chara made a motion to approve the minutes from both meetings – unanimous approval
- Treasurer’s Report – Shanita Lawrence
  - Met with C4CS, hasn’t been a change in the amount available, may need to ramp up some fundraising
- Updates City, County, United Way
  - Melissa Mennig & Sarah Lim
  - County – IQC – average of 7 guests in February, H2H numbers haven’t changed much since last meeting, CORE, Dane County RFP Announcement
    - Johnesisha – RFP released to serve doubled up households
  - City – no current updates
  - United Way – no updates
- Addition of questions to HMIS – sexual orientation & doubled-up/self-paying in hotel homelessness – Torrie Kopp Mueller
  - **Proposal – Approve addition of proposed questions to HMIS**

# What is your sexual orientation?

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- Heterosexual
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Bisexual
- Questioning/Unsure
- Other
- Client doesn't know
- Client refused
- Data not collected

If other, please describe:

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- HUD changes coming in 2024, adding this in the near future.
- Discussion:
  - Safety and discrimination, this should question should be optional? All answers are optional.
  - All answers should be respectful.
  - This is data collection so that we are not missing groups of people, that all people are represented. This is demographics collected when entered into programs.
  - An opportunity for training, this should be done in a confidential area and trauma informed.
  - Should there be a question prior that asks the question are they even comfortable answering the question, no sure that this is necessary.
  - Concern that the client does not have the upper hand, just softening and use wording that states a decline in a different way. Maybe a blanket statement that very sensitive questions that do not have to be answered. Proposed to softer language. Agencies are required to ask all questions. Race, ability and age – ***I don't feel comfortable is an answer.***
  - Proposal made to add the above question: Likes 9, Can Live With: 3, Uncertain about: 0  
Uncomfortable with: 0
    - proposal passes
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## Doubled-up/Self-pay

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- In the last 12 months, have you had to temporarily live with someone else for any number of days to avoid spending a night on the street, in a car, or at a shelter?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Refused
  - Don't know
- In the last 12 months, have you had to self-pay at a hotel/motel for any number of days to spending a night on the street, in a car, or at a shelter?
  - Yes
  - No
  - Refused
  - Don't know

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- Category 1 homelessness

- Prevention services
- Category 3 doubled up or self-paying in a hotel – Johneisha Prescott was hired by the County to research this
- Goal is to better understand people’s situation better
- Discussion: This is just data collection, right? How are internal thoughts or perceptions effect services we offer as we are human. Examples that show these questions as a negative thing, or services taken away, the information that can be gained, I want this information, what is bothering me if it’s not in HMIS it didn’t happen, unsheltered homeless outside, 1 year and 4 months, yes I stayed with a friend, chronically homeless status, now there is a break in homelessness, blank program, PSH?? vs RRH this is very different, could we change the time frame to 12 to 18 months so can we ask the question without impacting the people, if someone doesn’t meet the definition then they aren’t then should they be utilizing the small resources available, problem with the definition of chronic homelessness, unintended consequences, data needs to be collected, chronic homelessness is also “repeatedly” homeless, 12 to 18 or 24 doesn’t stop the line of questioning that would come from the answer.
- Proposal made to add the above questions: Likes: 3, Can Live With: 7, Uncertain About: 0, Uncomfortable With: 0
  - proposal passes
- Change to Board Nomination Process – Nominating & Governance Committee – table this until next month
  - **Proposal – Approve concept for nomination process and Nominating & Governance to draft bylaw updates to reflect change.**
- Updates from Lived Experience Committee – LEC Members
  - changed name from Lived Experience Committee to Lived Experience Council

Adjourn

Future Board Meetings, All meetings are 1-3PM

April 5 <sup>th</sup>	September 6 <sup>th</sup>
May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	October 4 <sup>th</sup>
June 7 <sup>th</sup>	November 1 <sup>st</sup>
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	December 6 <sup>th</sup>
August 2nd	

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