

DAY CENTER FOR BASIC NEEDS

At the July 12 meeting the County Board received the MUM Committee's report on Alternative Occupy Sites which identified gaps in homeless services, including the following: storage for personal belongings, shower access, and a day center where services could be accessed. Committee Chair Linda Ketcham was asked if financial support from the County for a day center would help fill in some of these gaps and she confirmed that it would make a significant difference. An ideal day center would be centrally located, convenient to transit and provide access to showers, restrooms, personal storage space, mailboxes, and computers and phones to connect to employment opportunities, public benefits and other community supports.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Dane County intends to support using money from the general levy to provide capital funds for a day center in this upcoming budget cycle if the operating funds are secured by another source, like the City of Madison. We recently created a City-County Homeless Issues Committee comprised of both City and County officials because we believe homelessness is a problem that the City and County must work together to address. We request the cooperation of staff in securing necessary items, like storage lockers, should they become available through channels at a minimal cost.

Submitted by Supervisors Hendrick, Wegleitner, Erickson, Corrigan, Pan, Rusk, Zweifel, Dye, Sargent, Bayrd, McDonell, de Felice and Matano, and Pertl. July 24, 2012.

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