



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE

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Monday, May 1, 2017

6:30 PM

210 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.  
Room 357 (City-County Building)

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Present:** 8 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Larry Palm; Brian Austin; Ulysses Williams; Heidi Wegleitner; Michele Ritt; Linda J. Ketcham and Deedra G. Atkinson

**Absent:** 2 - Kristopher M. Wachowiak and Kat Koski

**Others Present:** Jim O' Keefe, Jeanne Erickson, Melissa Mennig, Jael Currie, Melissa Sorensen, Amy Noble, Jani Koester, Linda Friend, Casey Becker, Sarah Lim.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by WILLIAMS, seconded by PALM, that the Minutes be approved as amended. Add Michelle Ritt's name to attendance and votes for May 3, 17 meeting.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

### PRESENTATIONS

47077 New Family Day Services - Jeanne Erickson, Project Babies

Family day services now available at Today Not Tomorrow Family Resource Center, located at the East Madison Community Center (8 Straubel Court). It will be open Monday-Friday 10am-12pm and provide a space for free play, activities, various parent education resources for families with young children. Hours anticipated to expand to 10am – 4pm in June.

47078 Family Shelter Update - The Salvation Army, The YWCA, The Road Home

Family shelter providers present on process to access shelter and information on their programs. The Salvation Army updated the committee on services currently offered and capacity since they converted their 90-day program to a drop-in overnight family shelter in November of 2016. Their capacity for emergency family shelter is now 91 people. The shelter has been able to serve all families requesting shelter except for five nights in April 2017. Accommodations were ultimately made for some due to guest cancellations.

Discussion of service gaps seen in system. Additional units of permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing are needed. Challenge finding landlords who will rent to program participants. Discussion of increasing coordination between public housing authorities and housing programs as has been done in other communities.

**47079** Families Living in Hotels and Barriers They Face - Madison Metropolitan School District Transitional Education Program Staff

TEP Staff work with Operation Giving Hope to provide services (connection to resources, clothing, other supplies) to families living in motels. 33 homeless families were identified during "knock and talk" in August of last year. 13% children identified by the school system as homeless live in motels. They are not considered homeless in HUD definition and do not qualify for HUD funded homeless services. Another 70% students are in doubled up situation and also do not qualify for the HUD funded housing and services. Limited case management services are available for families who do not meet the HUD definition of homeless, but there are barriers to access these resources including transportation. Many families have income, but face many challenges that prevent them from acquiring permanent housing on their own. TEP staff would like to see dedicated case managers and housing locators for families who do not meet the HUD definition of homeless.

## REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

**47080** Day Resource Center Update

Renovation work by Findorf has begun. Catholic Charities will present an update on the Day Resource Center at the Homeless Services Consortium (HSC) Meeting on 5/2 at Noon at The United Way, at a public meeting on 5/17 at Festival Foods at 5pm, and at the Health and Human Needs Committee on 5/31 at 5:30pm at the City County Building. Results of the Center naming campaign will be announced on 5/2 at a news conference after the HSC meeting. Anticipate an October opening. Tami Fleming, founder of Friends of the State Street Family, was hired as a volunteer coordinator.

**47082** Messner Property Update

Staff is meeting this week to review the RFP.

**47085** ETH State Funding Process Update

Sarah Lim and Casey Becker reported

**47086** Built for Zero Update

Sarah Lim and Casey Becker reported. The City of Madison/Dane County Continuum of Care has reached functional zero for chronically homeless veterans. Still have to find housing for around 60 veterans to reach functional zero for the entire population of veterans who are homeless. City, County, VA, and Tenant Resource Center staff attended the

Community Solutions Built for Zero learning session April 25 – 26th. Learned about national best practices to more efficiently deliver services and end homelessness. Worked on a four-month plan that will be fleshed out and shared with stakeholders to reduce the number of homeless veterans, individuals who are chronically homeless, and refine the community's by-name list to more accurately reflect our need. Also learned about ways to partner housing programs with public housing authorities, and address inflow to the homeless system through diversion best practices.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Next meeting will be held on June 5th, 2017.  
Members request future meeting items included on the agenda to better anticipate meeting topics.

8:30 p.m.

Recorded by Casey Becker & Sara Lim