



City of Madison

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Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE

Monday, August 14, 2017

6:30 PM

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

Present: 7 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Brian Austin; Ulysses Williams; Heidi Wegleitner; Michele Ritt; Linda J. Ketcham and Deedra G. Atkinson

Absent: 3 - Larry Palm; Kristopher M. Wachowiak and Kat Koski

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Others Present: Casey Becker, Sarah Lim, Todd Campbell, Victor Ponce, Brenda Konkel, Z! Haukeness, Ronnie Barbett, Dave Peters. Erik Femrite, Andrew Glickman, Allen (?)

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ritt, seconded by Cheeks, to Approve the Minutes of July 10, 2017 . The motion passed by voice vote/other.

(Williams motioned, seconded by Cheeks to move the public comments up the agenda.)

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Peters spoke of the need to have public restrooms for people experiencing homelessness that are accessible overnight. Expressed that facilities that include showers and storage would also be helpful.

Erik Femrite spoke in favor of installing a portable toilet in downtown Madison.

Ronnie Barbett from Operation Welcome Home spoke in favor of installing a portable toilet in the parking ramp across from Madison College's Downtown Campus. Noted 23 individuals slept outside in front of the Veteran's Museum the night before and one portable toilet would help. Operation Welcome Home along with other partners commit to maintaining the portable toilet as an "adopt a block" program (the block where the portable toilet is located), if the City/County can get the vendor to agree to take the contract and provide the funding.

Allen (?) spoke in favor of installing a portable toilet.

Andrew Glickman spoke in support of a combined restroom and shower facility.

Z! Haukeness registered in support of public restrooms for individuals experiencing homelessness.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

ACTION ITEM

1. [48043](#) Accepting the Community Development Division Day Jobs Report

Recommends that committee accept the report, but that the Common Council not pursue a day job program at this time. Instead, the City of Madison should significantly increase resources to housing first solutions including resources for the development of affordable housing , supportive services for those units, including permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing, and that the City of Madison also examine the accessibility of its employment programs for people who have housing challenges and would benefit from those programs. Motion passed on 6:1:3 vote. Ayes - Cheeks, Austin, Wegleitner, Ritt, Ketcham, Atkinson, Noes - Williams, Absent - Palm, Wachowiak, Koski

A motion was made by WEGLEITNER, seconded by ATKINSON, that the committee accept the report, but recommends that the Common Council not pursue a day job program at this time. Instead, the City of Madison should significantly increase resources to housing first solutions including resources for the development of affordable housing, supportive services for those units, including permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing, and that the City of Madison also examine the accessibility of its employment programs for people who have housing challenges and would benefit from those programs.

Motion passed on 6:1:3 vote. Ayes - Cheeks, Austin, Wegleitner, Ritt, Ketcham, Atkinson, Noes - Williams, Absent - Palm, Wachowiak, Koski

Absent: 3 - Larry Palm; Kristopher M. Wachowiak and Kat Koski

Ayes: 6 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Brian Austin; Heidi Wegleitner; Michele Ritt; Linda J. Ketcham and Deedra G. Atkinson

Noes: 1 - Ulysses Williams

PRESENTATION

2. [48392](#) City Summer Funding Process for Homeless Services - Sarah Lim, City of Madison
3. [48393](#) Update on Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) - Todd Campbell, Dane County Human Services

CCS services have been available in Dane County since June of 2015. Over 80 agencies are in the provider network, with 27 agencies providing service facilitation. 100% of funding comes from Medicaid. No local match is needed. Medicaid claims exceeded \$1 million per month. It is projecting to enroll 1000 consumers by the end of the year.

Homeless services providers (Heartland (Rethke Terrace), Tellurian, Porchlight) currently serve 44 CCS consumers. There are additional challenges in connecting people experiencing homelessness to the CCS services requiring high level of engagement in the intake process. Existing CCS programs work

with homeless outreach program to enroll the clients.

4. [48394](#) Update on Rethke Terrace Apartments - Victor Ponce, Heartland Housing
- 60 total units; three full time supportive services staff, one property manager, and maintenance staff.
- Goals for FY 2018 include 35 clients enrolled in CCS; increase the supportive services to 7 days a week (currently provided Mon-Fri 8:30am-8pm and Sat 10am-6pm) to increase housing stability.
- Discharge information:
1 eviction due to non-payment of rent (HUD VASH client)
10 mutual agreement discharge due to incarceration, violence, non-payment of rent
6 transfers to other permanent supportive housing
4 deaths
- There was no change in the visitor policy. They are reinforcing the existing policy.

5. [48395](#) Update on Healing House Medical Respite - Linda Ketcham, Madison Urban Ministry
- Healing House will provide a safe place to stay while recuperating from medical conditions for families experiencing homelessness. 8-10 beds will be available. Renovation will start this fall with the anticipated opening in the spring of 2018. Average 28-30 day stay is expected. 40 people have signed up to volunteer already, and MUM is actively working on raising funds to support Healing House.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

6. [48396](#) Beacon (Day Resource Center) Update
- Construction is going well. Substantial completion September 15. Catholic Charities is planning on soft opening/guest orientations in the first two weeks of October.
7. [48397](#) Messner Property RFP Update
- No new update at this time. RFP is due in September.
8. [48398](#) NOFA (Federal) Funding Process Update
- CoC Board decided to fund the Coordinated Entry system through the NOFA process.
Porchlight Safe Haven will not apply for renewal.

ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting will be held on September 11, 6:30 pm, CCB 357
Anticipated topics: Discussion and possible action on public restrooms and

2018 committee budget recommendations. Presentations on City Community Development Division/County Department of Human Services 2018 budget proposals, Updates on City/County affordable housing development efforts.

9:20 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Lim and Casey Becker