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Meeting Minutes - Draft EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 8 - Linda Vakunta; William Tishler; Tag Evers; Richard Gregory; Nichelle Nichols; Maia E. Pearson; Jacob Wright and Heidi Wegleitner

Others Present: Mary O'Donnell, Tariq Saqqaf

Wegleitner called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Wright, seconded by Nichols to approve June 14, 2023 minutes.
Motion passed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [78734](#) Public Comment July 2023

None.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Wegleitner works for Legal Action of Wisconsin, which receives funding from City of Madison and Dane County. Wegleitner is disclosing for transparency in budget discussions.

NEW BUSINESS

3. [78732](#) Preview MMSD, County and City Budget Focal Areas That Align with Education Committee Priorities

Attachments: [Addressing Youth Homelessness Presentation.pdf](#)

The Committee discussed this item first under new business. Wegleitner introduced Torrie Kopp Mueller, the Continuum of Care Coordinator in the City Community Development Division (CDD). Kopp Mueller presented on the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP). HUD awarded the City of Madison Community Development Division \$2.4 million for 2 years to address homelessness in youth 18-24 years old. This initiative includes a project coordinator, compensation for the Youth Advisory Board (YAB), system navigation, case management along with rapid rehousing and transitional housing programs. Beyond the first two years, CDD will receive \$1.3 million annually to continue the work. Pearson suggested changing the language from homeless to unhoused or houseless.

O'Donnell discussed current city funding for Education Committee priorities. CDD recently recommended funding based on an RFP for school-age child and youth programs that included a general focus on mental health and one program that provides driver's license access. CDD will conduct early childhood and older adult services RFPs later this year. Evers discussed difficult future budget cycles. Saqqaf added that the Mayor's Office plans to continue to support the summer youth bus program and the city has hired a digital equity coordinator in IT.

Wegleitner discussed Dane County Regional Housing Strategy to address need for affordable housing and workforce housing. Builders are short 15,000 workers to construct new housing. The affordable housing fund increased from \$10 million to \$18 million to help chronically unhoused people.

Nichols discussed the school board voted on the preliminary 2023-24 budget. The budget includes: \$75,000 for YWCA family housing stabilization coordinator for those not eligible for Dane County housing programs, \$50,000 to Briarpatch for unaccompanied youth assistance at East and Lafollette high school areas, Digital Equity Coordinator 1.0 full time position for digital navigation and funds to hire LTE mental health specialist and bilingual mental health navigator.

4. [78733](#) Discuss Any Budget Priorities and Preliminary Budget Recommendations of the Education Committee
2. [78731](#) Review and Discuss Shared Resolution Recommending Expanding and Universalizing Access to Full Driver's Education Curriculum

Wegleitner asked for preliminary budget recommendations. The committee offered no recommendations. The committee will discuss this item at future meetings. Housing strategy may be included in future meetings.

Attachments: [DRAFT ED COMMITTEE DRIVER LICENSE POLICY STATEMENT](#)

Wegleitner discussed the updated policy statement. Wright discussed the issue of lack of staff for behind the wheel and the instructor licensing restrictions for instructors. This could be included in the cover letter sent out with the policy to state and other agencies. The policy statement will be sent to subject matter experts and presenters prior to submission to Common Council and Dane County Board of Supervisors and MMSD Board of Education.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pearson, seconded by Wright to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 pm.
Motion passed.