

Role of the City County Homeless Issues Committee



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Acronyms

CCHIC - City County Homeless Issues Committee

CoC - Continuum of Care

HSC - Homeless Services Consortium

YHDP - Youth Homeless Demonstration Program

AHDF - Affordable Housing Development Fund

HAA - Housing Access and Affordability (Division)

RFP - Request for Proposal

CCHIC At a Glance

- Joint committee created in 2013. Was a County committee prior to 2013, with members that included City of Madison alders.
- Current committee membership: 13
 - 2 City of Madison Alders
 - 3 County Board Supervisors
 - 1 City of Madison Police Officer
 - 1 Representative of a Downtown Business or Community Organization
 - 3 Representatives of the HSC or other persons experienced in homeless services or advocacy
 - 3 Members with Lived Experience of Homelessness
- The Committee is advisory and, as with most other legislative committees, its actions are typically conveyed in the form of recommendations by the committee to the Common Council and/or County Board.

CCHIC Mission

The Committee shall examine, report and make recommendations to the Madison Common Council and the Dane County Board of Supervisors on issues related to homelessness. This includes housing for the homeless, jobs and job training, availability of public toilets and showers, access to storage lockers, and the provision of mental health, drug and alcohol services. The Committee may adopt rules for the operation of the Committee.

2019 CCHIC Workplan Covered Several Topic Areas

- Supportive Housing
- Affordable Housing
- Emergency Shelter
- System Performance, Evaluation, and Planning
- Budget
- Varied Additional Topics

Supportive Housing

Presentations/Reports Received:

- Update on Tree Lane Apartments

Committee Action Taken:

- Approved recommendation for substantial increase in funding for supportive services at Tree Lane Apartments

Affordable Housing

Presentations Received:

- City of Madison and Dane County Affordable Housing Fund Update
- 2018 Eviction Report
- 2019 County AHDF RFP Recommendations
- City of Madison Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Committee Actions Taken:

- Passed recommendation to review 2020 AHDF RFP.
- Passed recommendation to revise Dane County Eviction Report to merge with AHDF awards to see complete picture of funded agencies/developers and outcomes.

Emergency Shelter

Presentations Received

- Beacon Day Resource Center Quarterly Updates
- HSC Shelter Providers Committee Update
- Extreme Winter Weather Preparedness Recap

Committee Actions Taken:

- Committee requested information on shelter system:
 - Service suspension/reinstatement at shelters
 - Numbers of people served at shelter
 - What is it like to be homeless outside of downtown Madison
 - Summary of Shelter Study Group Notes

Focus on Subpopulations of Need

Presentations Received:

- Youth Homeless Demonstration Program and the HSC Youth Homelessness Committee Updates
- HSC Doubled Up Families Workgroup Update

System Performance, Evaluation, and Planning

Presentations Received:

- Dane CoC System Overview
- Jan/July Point in Time and Annual Homeless Assessment Report
- Dane CoC System Performance Evaluation and Need Projection
- CoC Coordinator Report on Built for Zero and Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness
- Update on Coordinated Entry System

Budget

Presentations Received:

2020 Dane County Department of Human Services and City of Madison Community Development Division Budget Proposals

Committee Actions Taken:

- Listening Session Held in August and October
- Approved 2020 Budget Recommendations
 - Creation of Homeless Services Specialist
 - Increased AHDF for City of Madison and Dane County
 - Advocacy for existing staff resources to be used on shelter planning efforts
 - Increase eviction prevention funds for individuals who have not previously experienced homelessness

Additional Topics of Focus

Racial Equity

Committee Action Taken: Explore resources in SPARC, Built for Zero, GARE

2018 Flooding Impact on Homelessness

Emergency Planning for Vulnerable Populations

CoC Federal Funding Process

FEMA Federal Funding Process

EHH State Funding Process

Results Related to Areas of Committee Focus

- City of Madison increased funding for Tree Lane supportive services by \$429,500.
- Changes made to 2019 County AHDF RFP to incentivize flexible tenant selection criteria and reserving units for individuals experiencing homelessness.
- Gaps Analysis work in 2020 Budget for Dane County Human Services HAA Division.
- \$4 million AHDF Dane County (\$1.3 for Salvation Army and Bayview, \$6.3 total for affordable housing development).
- \$5.5 million AHDF City of Madison (\$1 million additional for land banking).

Related Results, Con't

- \$50,000 for Eviction Prevention - Dane County
- Staff working with Dane County and Madison Emergency Management to hold workshops in 2020 regarding emergency planning for shelter agencies
- CoC Applied for YHDP funding. While CoC did not receive funds, learned important lessons and intends to apply again in 2020.
- Staff reached out to SPARC several times, still trying to connect.