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Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE

Monday, December 4, 2017

6:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Larry Palm; Brian Austin; Ulysses Williams; Heidi Wegleitner; Michele Ritt; Kat Koski; Linda J. Ketcham and Deedra G. Atkinson

Excused: 1 - Kristopher M. Wachowiak

Others Present: Sarah Lim, Brenda Konkel, Patti Lacrosse, Patti Prime, Patrick Heck, Casey Becker

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ketcham, seconded by Williams, to Approve the Minutes of October 2, 2017. The motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patti Lacrosse expressed a concern that The Beacon's physical space for families with children is limited.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

ACTION ITEMS

49694

Review of the current Committee work plan and discussion of the 2018 work plan and Committee Goals

The Committee will discuss the city and county budget earlier in the year in order to make impact on the City and County's budget processes. Items to be added for presentation or discussion include: jail diversion policy, number of people housed report, CDA and DCHA's effort on reducing barriers for program entry, shelter updates, panhandling ordinance. Staff will bring a draft work plan for the Committee to review and approve in the next meeting.

49695

Approval of 2018 Committee Calendar

A motion was made by Wegleitner, seconded by Cheeks, that this be approved. The motion passed by voice vote.

PRESENTATIONS

- [49696](#) Update on Dane County's Affordable Housing Efforts - Dave Phillips, Dane County Office of Workforce and Economic Development
- 2018 capital budget includes \$3,000,000. \$1,000,000 is specifically for the Dane County Housing Authority.**
- [49697](#) Update on the City of Madison's Affordable Housing Effort - Matt Wachter, City of Madison Real Estate
- To increase the affordable housing development even more, the City is also looking into how to better use TIF (Tax Incremental Financing) to create more affordable housing. 4% tax credit program which creates housing that serve up to 60% CMI may be an option as well.**
- [49698](#) Update on Operation Welcome Home (City of Madison Outreach) Services - Z! Haukeness, Operation Welcome Home
- The new street outreach program is a partnership between Sankofa Behavioral Health and Operation Welcome Home and targets people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Outreach happens mainly on State Street, E Washington, and Park St.**
- OWH has two full time case manager and five part-time (5-10 hours) staff-many are formerly homeless and most are people of color. Sankofa provides mental health services.**
- In the first quarter, the team focused on engaging with people; now the team is focusing on spending more time with individuals who need more support. The team also has been facilitating the community biweekly outreach meeting.**

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

- [49699](#) Update on City/County 2018 Homeless and Housing Budget Items (Casey and Sarah)
- City: The Beacon support was increased from \$110,000 to \$150,000. Additional \$90,000 was allocated for homeless services in addition to \$769,869 available through the City's Homeless Services RFP process.**
- County: Additions to the budget not included in the Dane County Department of Human Services' budget proposal include \$100,000 for Safe Haven (Porchlight), and an additional \$10,000 for The Beacon to be used for emergency needs of guests served there.**
- [49700](#) Update on The Beacon (Casey)
- The Beacon has been open for seven weeks and has been very busy. The Beacon averages 210 people throughout the day, and has had more than 8,000 visits by guests since it opened. Basic needs services such as showers and laundry are well-used. The Beacon has also seen a large number of families, more than the on-site space can accommodate. A meeting was held with Beacon staff and other family service providers to give helpful feedback on how to best meet the needs of family guests. Beacon staff are also working with business neighbors and law enforcement to address undesirable criminal**

behavior of individuals who are preying on guests of The Beacon. Beacon volunteers were able to help two individuals apply online and successfully receive a job.

49702

Update on The Messner RFP (Casey)

Eight proposals have been received and the RFPs are currently under review. Panel hopes to provide a recommendation to the Dane County Board at its December 21st meeting.

49703

Update on the City RFP Process (Sarah)

The City Common Council approved the allocation plan for \$769,869 for homeless services on 11/21/17.

49704

Update on Portable Toilets (Sarah)

The City staff is working with the Operation Welcome Home to finalize a volunteer maintenance plan. A vendor was identified.

49705

Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting will be held on January 8, 2018, 6:30 p.m., CCB 357.

ADJOURNMENT

9:19 p.m.

Recorded by Sarah Lim