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Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE

Monday, August 6, 2018

6:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Present: 6 - Larry Palm; Brian Austin; Ulysses Williams; Heidi Wegleitner; Michele Ritt and Linda J. Ketcham

Absent: 3 - Maurice S. Cheeks; Kristopher M. Wachowiak and Kat Koski

Others Present: Torrie Kopp-Mueller, Yogesh Chawla, Lynn Green, Jim O'Keefe, Tom Conrad, Brenda Konkel, Casey Becker

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion by Palm, seconded by Ritt to elect Ketcham and Williams committee co-chairs. Passes unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ritt, seconded by Ketcham, to Approve the Minutes. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

none

Alder Cheeks arrives at 6:35pm

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

Absent: 2 - Kristopher M. Wachowiak and Kat Koski

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Wegleitner, seconded by Austin to move items under D above C in the agenda order. Unanimous.

1. [52706](#) Review & Possible Action on 2018 Work Plan & Strategic Goals

No committee action taken on this item.

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2. [52707](#) Discussion and Possible Action on School District Representation on Committee
- Discussion of what position to create (who serves – staff or elected official) and how to balance the representation of the City and the County.**
- Sup. Wegleitner will reach out to Madison Education Committee to see if they have recommendations on this item. Will report back to the committee.**
- Williams requests unanimous consent to postpone item to the next meeting.**
3. [52708](#) Discussion and Possible Action on 2019 City of Madison/Dane County Budget Recommendations
- Discussion of how to proceed with recommendations. Committee decides to wait and review department and executive budgets and take up agenda item again in future meetings.**
4. [52709](#) Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations related to Jail Policies Related to Housing
- Presenter not available due to illness. Williams requested unanimous consent to postpone item.**
5. [52710](#) Discussion and Possible Action on Recommendations related to CDA Housing and DCHA Housing
- Public Comment - Brenda Konkel would like to see CDA utilize national best practice models of what other housing authorities have done to partner with their homeless CoCs and increase housing opportunities for individuals experiencing homelessness.**
- Supervisor Wegleitner will meet with the City of Madison's Equal Opportunity Commission to share ideas on how to make housing policy more inclusive. Could bring recommendations back to the committee.**
- No formal committee action was taken.**
6. [52711](#) Adopting Rules Regarding Role of Committee Chair in Debate and Voting
- Motion by Wegleitner, seconded by Cheeks to adopt a committee rule that the Committee chair is allowed to participate in committee debate and vote. Passes unanimously.**

PRESENTATIONS

7. [52712](#) Briefing From Dane County Board on Efforts to Communicate with Populations Without Easy Access to Government - Supervisor Yogesh Chawla
- County Board wants to engage residents and get feedback on what the County is working on. Particularly want to engage populations, like those experiencing homelessness, who may not have easy access to government.**
- Discussion of how to distribute survey and what information to include to give people brief overview of what the County does.**

8. [52713](#) 2019 City and County Budget Overviews - Jim O'Keefe, Director, City of Madison Community Development Division, and Lynn Green, Director, Dane County Department of Human Services

Jim O'Keefe - 2019 City Budget instructions from the Mayor asked departments to present 1. A budget that spent at 2018 levels and 2. To submit supplemental budget requests. Bulk of City Community Development Division funds focused on permanent housing programs.

An additional \$200,000 spending for a variety of housing counseling and mediation services available to renters to help prevent evictions are also allocated.

Supplemental budget requests across CDD totals around \$400,000. Two requests relate to homeless services. 1. Expansion of rapid re-housing for singles (\$90,000) that would add 10 - 12 slots of additional housing capacity in this area. 2. Increase funding for The Beacon operations by \$50,000 to bring City commitment to \$200,000.

City CDBG funding will increase roughly \$200,000. Beginning process to release RFP for capital development projects. Limited to how much money can be spent on services vs. capital projects.

City taking a break in 2019 in advancing a new permanent supportive housing project. More work needs to be done to properly match supportive services to level of need in the existing projects.

Lynn Green - Dane County Human Services Department budget due to the County Executive on August 23rd. Public hearing on the department proposal on September 12th at the Alliant Energy Center.

Directive from the County Executive for the 2019 County budget is no increased spending. Goal for the Department in 2019 is sustainability. For example, grants are ending that will need to be backfilled to continue that programming, some provider changes may be on the horizon.

In housing and homelessness, programs including Safe Haven, Off the Square Club have notified the Department that they are running funding deficits and will need additional funds to continue. Additional operating costs identified for The Beacon as well.

9. [52714](#) Dane County Jail Policies Related to Housing - Sarah Wampole-Maciejeski, Re-Entry Coordinator, Dane County Sheriff's Office

Speaker not present due to illness. Williams asks for unanimous consent to postpone item.

10. [52715](#) CDA Housing and DCHA Housing - Addressing Barriers to Housing, Tenant Screening Procedures - Rob Dicke, Executive Director, Dane County Housing Authority and Tom Conrad, Interim Director, City of Madison Housing Operations Division

Rob Dicke not able to make it due to a scheduling conflict. Tom Conrad provided overview of CDA and notable upcoming projects.

Working with The Road Home to implement a move-up strategy for families who are in permanent supportive housing to help them “move-up” into subsidized housing.

Working with Vera Institute to see how Section 8 program can be used to assist individuals re-entering the community following incarceration by allowing them to rejoin their families on the housing wait-list. CDA is applying for HUD technical assistance grant to do even more in this area.

CDA gives preference to families who are experiencing homelessness on the Section 8 wait list. Also implementing a rent burdened preference for individuals who are paying more than 40% of their income on rent.

Committee discussion of eviction prevention policies and homeless preference elimination for public housing (non-Section 8 housing). Tom Conrad reports it is difficult to maintain preference due to challenges to verify homelessness, or a change in status due to the length of time people wait on the list.

CDA published the draft annual plan for public comment that they must send to HUD. Open for the next 45 days. If people have concerns about program administration they may comment through the annual plan process. CDA wants to increase utilization of Section 8 list by 100 additional families.

REPORTS

11. [52716](#) Update on Education & Implementation of Panhandling Ordinance

Lt. Austin reports that numbers of citations issued continues to be low and do not largely reflect people who are experiencing homelessness. Staff will follow up with specific information.

12. [52717](#) NOFA Update

HUD funding process is open. Around \$3 million in funding available for the Dane County CoC. Application is Due Sept. 18th. Rapid re-housing (RRH) for singles is a priority of the HSC board and Lutheran Social Services is planning to apply for funds for a new RRH program. Sankofa may apply for a Domestic Violence special project to provide RRH. Review team will meet and recommend projects to the HSC board. The Board will approve the HUD application at its August 17th meeting.

13. [52718](#) Built for Zero Update

Currently 253 individuals who are chronically homeless and 45 veterans on the community housing list. Veteran number has been increasing. VA reports that they are seeing more individuals who are being evicted. Built for Zero (BFZ) team is exploring potential disconnect between veteran eviction prevention supports and individuals in need to address this challenge.

In the next quarter, the BFZ team is going to review BNL to ensure compliance with BFZ standards, review transfer procedures to see if tenants can be stabilized in their housing before moving to a transfer option, and work on an

event for executive directors and other leaders in housing and homelessness to share CoC performance measures and how their organization's efforts connect to the larger effort.

BFZ also starting to take a look at racial equity in housing and homeless systems. Our CoC will participate in an upcoming call to learn more about how to address disparities in our system.

14. [52719](#)

Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness Update

Plan Committee is currently conducting a plan analysis to determine what progress has been made and what no longer makes sense to be included for our community. Recommended changes will be sent to the HSC board for their approval.

15. [51543](#)

Beacon Update

Beacon has seen an increase in the average number of people served this summer – up to 190 from 180. Beacon staff report that this may be due to an increase in families seeking services over the summer months.

Basic needs services are well utilized. Second floor partner agency space nearing capacity several days of the week. New agencies providing services include MACH OneHealth, MUM, Urban League, and Community Restorative Justice. New coordinated entry staff are on-site and seeing a large number of guests.

Working with Beacon staff to refine data collection to be able to dig deeper into program outcomes and performance as it relates to the larger system. Beacon staff report helping 28 people get into housing or sober living programs in the last quarter. Some of this number may be guests who received assistance maintaining their place on housing waitlists.

Messner

Sup. Wegleitner reported that Tenney-Lapham Neighborhood Development Steering Committee has met several times this summer. Some in neighborhood expressed concerns with overall shape of the building, in particular the back of the building. Gorman has reduced the number of units for the proposal. Responding to additional feedback from some neighbors, Gorman does not have a number of units set aside specifically for homeless families, but has a secondary preference for homeless families in the event a veteran family does not fill the unit.

Next meeting with neighborhood on September 15th. Site plan will be before the City of Madison Plan Commission in October.

16. [51545](#)

Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting is September 17th. Committee members decided to move meeting scheduled for October 1st to October 8th to allow more time to review 2019 Executive budget proposals by City and County.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Items not on the Agenda

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 p.m.
Minutes respectfully submitted by Casey Becker.