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Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE

Monday, November 5, 2018

6:30 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

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

Absent: 2 - Brian Austin and Kat Koski

Others present: Sarah Wampole-Maciejeski, Rob Dicke, Lynn Green, Sarah Lim

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Wegleitner, seconded by Ritt, to Approve the Minutes of October 3, 2018. The motion passed by voice vote.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

ACTION ITEMS

1. [53696](#) Recommendations on Jail Policies and Resources Related to Housing

No action taken.
2. [53697](#) Recommendations on Addressing Barriers to Housing and Tenant Screening Procedures in CDA/DCHA Housing

No action taken.

PRESENTATIONS

3. [53698](#) Jail Policies and Resources Related to Housing - Sarah Wampole-Maciejeski, Dane County Re-Entry Coordinator

Sarah Wampole-Maciejeski provided overview of re-entry discharge planning process and challenges in identifying stable housing.
 - Dane County Re-entry Coordinators (1.5 FTE total) work in three jails to help people make the transition back into the community by addressing critical needs such as mental health and AODA treatment, health insurance, and housing.
 - Approximately 850 inmates are in three jails daily and 60-70 are released a month. About half of them are released to identified housing including

family or friend's houses and hotels.

- Madison Urban Ministry and Jesse Crawford Recovery Center are two main partners for housing. Housing resources are limited.
- Coordinators connect people to available CoC housing resources if they meet the HUD definition of homelessness by conducting VI-SPDAT and Coordinated Entry assessments.

4. [53699](#)

Dane County Housing Authority - Addressing Barriers to Housing, Tenant Screening Procedures: Rob Dicke, Director, Dane County Housing Authority

Rob Dicke provided overview of DCHA housing programs and admission policies.

- DCHA owns approximately 300 housing units, a combination of HUD public housing, section 515, section 42 LIHTC, USDA rural development, and units DCHA owns without federal restrictions. In addition, DCHA administers approximately 1,200 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.
- DCHA tries to balance protection of property, peaceful enjoyment of other tenants, and lower barriers to entry. There are mandatory denials based on HUD rules, but when possible, DCHA provides workarounds to provide second chance housing opportunities, including referral to free credit counseling session.
- Wegleitner expressed concern over the look back period of five years specified in the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP). Rob Dicke will provide the internal policy document regarding look back period and will update the policy if necessary. Committee members also requested information on common reasons for denial and racial disparity information on denials based on conviction history.
- DCHA is also committed to housing preservation of affordable units and recently purchased 20 units in Bellville.
- Operating a HUD public housing program is a challenge due to limited HUD's allowance for capital rehabilitation. DCHA has been working on transitioning the portfolio to decrease the number public housing units. All proceeds from the sale will be used for affordable housing development, likely to be paired with Section 42 LIHTC.
- Committee discussion of impact of losing public housing stock.

REPORTS TO COMMITTEE

5. [53700](#)

2019 Dane County/City of Madison Budget Update

City 2019 Budget -

At the Finance Committee, the following amendments passed:

- CDD: Beacon \$50,000
- CDD: Community Building & Engagement \$115,000 (did not pass);
Re-consider amendment for ½ year funding for \$57,000 (revised amendment passed)
- CDD: Eviction Legal Services \$145,000

The Council will finalize the budget on 11/13 and 11/14.

County 2019 Budget - see attachments

The County Board will meet for budget deliberation on 11/12.

6. [53701](#)

Beacon Update

- Adding resources: AA meeting onsite, housing, employment
- Satisfaction survey came out positive
- Beacon and Eggs fundraiser on 12/4

7. [53333](#) Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting is December 17th.

PUBLIC COMMENT on Items not on the Agenda

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by PALM, seconded by RITT, that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried by a voice vote.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Lim