



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved CITY-COUNTY HOMELESS ISSUES COMMITTEE

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

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Monday, April 5, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Staff present:** Casey Becker, Sarah Lim, Jim O'Keefe, Ben Doing.

**Others present:** Preston Patterson, Joel Girard, Gloria Reyes, Allie Grant, Jani Koester

Linda Ketcham called the meeting to order at 5:30pm with a quorum present.

**Present:** 11 - Lindsay Lemmer; Michael J. Tierney; Kelly Beckett; Jason N. Ilstrup; Ulysses Williams; Katherine S. Kamp; Michele Doolan; Elena Haas; Sarah Smith; Linda J. Ketcham and Sarah Baldwin

**Absent:** 2 - Victor T. Banks and Kat Koski

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Kamp, seconded by Ilstrup to Approve the minutes of March 1, 2021. Motion passed by Roll Call vote.

**Absent:** 2 - Victor T. Banks and Kat Koski

**Ayes:** 10 - Lindsay Lemmer; Michael J. Tierney; Kelly Beckett; Jason N. Ilstrup; Ulysses Williams; Katherine S. Kamp; Michele Doolan; Elena Haas; Linda J. Ketcham and Sarah Baldwin

**Abstentions:** 1 - Sarah Smith

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [64850](#) Public Comment

No general public comments

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Jason Ilstrup – paid lobbyist for Downtown Madison Inc.

A motion was made by Williams, seconded by Ilstrup to move item #3 ahead of item #2. Motion passed by voice vote.

## PRESENTATIONS

2. [64851](#) Updates from the Homeless Services Consortium (HSC) Shelter Provider's Committee

**Presenters provided a summary of various community shelter utilization, and shelter system's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Porchlight men's shelter and the Beacon day resource center pandemic collaboration and shooting incident discussed. Q/A regarding vaccination, men's shelter operation, and new men's shelter design considerations.**

3. [64852](#) Updates from the HSC Committee to End Youth Homelessness

**Attachments:** [Youth Experiencing Homelessness-CCHIC 4.5.21.pptx](#)

**Presenters provided an overview of the available services for youth, identified service gaps, housing challenges facing youth, system challenges, how homeless system is responding and various data points on the extent of youth homelessness. Q/A including rural homeless data, college homelessness, coordinated entry, Youth Homeless Demonstration Project funding opportunity, coordination of services between homeless services and other systems of care, and main challenges in serving youth.**

roll call

**Tierney departed meeting at 7:30pm.**

**Present:** 10 - Lindsay Lemmer; Kelly Beckett; Jason N. Ilstrup; Ulysses Williams; Katherine S. Kamp; Michele Doolan; Elena Haas; Sarah Smith; Linda J. Ketcham and Sarah Baldwin

**Absent:** 2 - Victor T. Banks and Kat Koski

**Excused:** 1 - Michael J. Tierney

4. [64853](#) Updates from the HSC Doubled Up Workgroup

**Presenters provided information on the number of doubled up households identified by the school district, their unique vulnerability and challenges. Presenters also shared ideas on how to better support the doubled up families, including re-evaluating how the homeless services coordinated entry system assesses doubled up households, creating a homeless specialist position focusing on households who are doubled-up or self-paying in hotels or motels, and creating funding specific to serving doubled up households. Q/A including the system level challenges, barriers to housing and services, and different systems' definitions of homelessness.**

### ACTION ITEMS

5. [64854](#) Discussion and possible recommendations regarding the updates from the HSC Shelter Provider's Committee
- Committee members requested a presentation from public health about vaccination for homeless population—how to prioritize one-dose vaccine for people who are experiencing homelessness and incarceration.**
6. [64855](#) Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the updates from the HSC Committee to End Youth Homelessness
- Committee requested staff report or presentation on the following items:**
- Shelter needs for parenting minors—licensing restrictions, what can be done city-, county-, and state-level to meet this need, other models in the state
  - Can hotel vouchers be provided for parenting minors beyond the pandemic?
- Committee will try to schedule an additional meeting in May to have a follow-up discussion on these items.**
7. [64856](#) Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the updates from the HSC Doubled Up Workgroup
- Committee requested staff report or presentation on the following items:**
- Coordinated Entry- who we are not serving, what can be done with the process to serve doubled-up households
  - More information on homeless families from rural and other urban communities –invitation to homeless liaisons from HEN

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

8. [64857](#) Discussion of and Planning for May Committee Listening Session
- Committee discussed how to make it easier for people who are currently experiencing homelessness to be able to speak at the listening session.**

### STAFF REPORT

9. [63944](#) COVID-19 response updates
- Staff provided updates on the COVID-19 responses including the Vulnerable Population Hotel programs, tiny homes, Medical Respite Center, and vaccination plan.**

### ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Doolan, and seconded by Kamp to Adjourn at 9:20pm. Motion passed by voice vote.**

**Respectfully submitted by Sarah Lim and Casey Becker**