



# 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, June 7, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

**Staff present:** Sarah Lim, Ben Doing, Jim O'Keefe, Linette Rhodes

**Others present:** Alder Abbas, Alder Bennett, Alder Harrington-McKinney, Alder Halverson

**Linda Ketcham called the meeting to order at 5:33pm with a quorum present.**

**Present:** 11 - Brian Benford; Yannette Figueroa Cole; Kelly Beckett; Jason N. Ilstrup; Ulysses Williams; Katherine S. Kamp; Michele Doolan; Elena Haasl; Sarah Smith; Linda J. Ketcham and Sarah Baldwin

**Absent:** 5 - Brian Benford; Kelly Beckett; Jason N. Ilstrup; Victor T. Banks and Kat Koski

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Smith and seconded by Kamp to Approve the minutes of May 17, 2021. Motion passed by voice vote.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [65800](#) Public Comment

**Attachments:** [RegistrantsReport-CCHIC 6-7-21.pdf](#)  
[Emailed Public Comments - CCHIC 6-7-21.pdf](#)

**Pearl Foster; neither support nor oppose; provided comments.**  
**Tim Jones; neither support nor oppose; provided comments.**

roll call

**Ilstrup joined at 5:38pm**  
**Benford joined at 5:42pm**  
**Beckett joined at 5:43pm**

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

## DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

Jason Ilstrup – registered lobbyist for Downtown Madison Inc.

## ACTION ITEMS

2. [65801](#) Doubled up families in Dane County

**Attachments:** [CCHIC 6-7-21 Presentation-Homelessness in Dane County Schools.pdf](#)

Outside of Madison perspective Presentation from:

- Kristin Aasen-Gowan (Cambridge school district);
- Keli Melcher (Stoughton school district); and
- Catherine Reiersen (Sun Prairie school district)

Presenters provided information on the number of students experiencing homelessness in Dane County outside of Madison and their living situations, unique barriers for each district, service gaps, strengths, and opportunities for rural areas. Presenters answered the committee member's questions about unaccompanied homeless youth, race and ethnicity information, resources for language barriers, considerations for the doubled up specialist position proposed by Homeless Services Consortium's doubled up workgroup, and strategies to connect people in rural communities to services.

Committee asked the staff to resend the email to the City of Madison Common Council and Dane County Board of Supervisors advocating for the Doubled up Homeless Specialist position along with the information presented by the presenters.

3. [65802](#) Emergency shelter options for parenting minors

**Attachments:** [CCHIC 6-7-21 Presentation-Emergency Shelter Options for Parenting Minors](#)

Presentation from:

- Shannon Wienandt & Jill Garfield (House of Hope, Green Bay, WI)
- Allie Grant (HSC Committee to End Youth Homelessness, The Road Home Dane County)

Shannon Wienandt and Jill Garfield provided information about House of Hope's Hope Center, the only shelter for parenting minors in the State of Wisconsin. Presenters also answered committee members' questions regarding other resources available for program participants, licensing, funding source, capacity, length of stay, and participant demographics.

Allie Grant provided followup responses to the committee's questions from the May 3rd committee meeting, including CPS resources for parenting minors and licensing limitations faced by youth shelter providers.

A motion was made by Haasl and seconded by Doolan to write a letter from the CCHIC to the State of Wisconsin Department of Children and Families advocating for changes in restrictive licensing requirements that make it difficult to serve parenting minors.

The motion was tabled to the next meeting to allow time to schedule a presentation from Briarpatch Youth Services, and connect with Wisconsin Association for Homeless and Runaway Services and DCF staff to develop a coordinated advocacy response.

4. [65803](#) Developing housing access for doubled up homeless population

**Attachments:** [CCHIC 6-7-21 Dane CoC Coordinated Entry Overview.pptx](#)  
[CCHIC 6-7-21 Presentation-Doubled Up Family Homelessness.pdf](#)

Maggie Carden; Neither support nor oppose; did not want to speak, available for questions.

Presentation from:

-Members of the HSC doubled up workgroup (Jani Koester, Bridget Rogers, and Lisa Hemauer)

Sarah Lim (City of Madison Community Development Division) provided an overview of the Coordinated Entry in Dane County Continuum of Care.

Members of the HSC doubled up workgroup presented on the limited resources available for doubled up homeless families and their limitations and ways to support doubled up households. Presenters answered the committee members' questions about demographics, income, and potential impact of the eviction moratorium ending.

5. [65527](#) Establishing Purpose Built Fulltime Men's Shelter Search Criteria

**Attachments:** [6-15-21 Written Public Comment 65527.pdf](#)  
[7-6-21 Written Public Comment 65527.pdf](#)

Bob Schaefer; neither support nor oppose; provided comments.

Registered in SUPPORT, did not want to speak:

Joe Clausius;  
Judy Bluel;  
Janet Hirsch;  
Bonnie Roe;

Sponsors of the resolution and city staff answered questions from committee members and Alder Bennett regarding the resolution #65527 Establishing Purpose Built Fulltime Men's Shelter Search Criteria.

A motion was made by Benford and seconded by Doolan to refer the resolution to a future meeting after three sites currently under consideration have been vetted. Benford AMENDS the motion and Doolan seconds to refer the resolution to the committee's September meeting.

Motion passed by roll call vote.

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

**Ayes:** 8 - Brian Benford; Yannette Figueroa Cole; Kelly Beckett; Jason N. Ilstrup; Ulysses Williams; Michele Doolan; Sarah Smith and Linda J. Ketcham

**Noes:** 3 - Katherine S. Kamp; Elena Haasl and Sarah Baldwin

#### STAFF REPORTS

6. [65495](#) Men's shelter update

**Bob Schaefer; neither support nor oppose; provided comments.**

**No further updates from staff, as Staff's updates sufficiently covered during previous agenda item #5.**

7. [65496](#) COVID-19 response updates

**Bob Schaefer; neither support nor oppose; provided comments.**

**Staff provided updates on the COVID-19 vaccination efforts.**

#### ADJOURNMENT

**A motion was made by Haasl and seconded by Doolan to Adjourn at 10:15pm.  
Motion passed by voice vote.**