



## Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors Meeting

August 7, 2024  
1:00-3:00 PM

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The HSC Board strives to prevent and end homelessness, by advancing Housing as a Human Right. We provide leadership, advocacy, planning, and management of program funding in order to promote accessible and equitable housing and homeless services.

### AGENDA

- Call to Order and Welcome
- Introductions

Board members in attendance: Michelle Hemp, Alicia Spry, Andrea White, Aurey Leslie, Kayla Every, Patti La Cross, Shanita Lawrence, Taylor Rozman, Chara Taylor, TaMaya Travis

Board members not in attendance: Claire Bergman, Arree Macon, Patrick Duffie, Sara Allee-Jatta, Rachel Kaiser, Andrea Gaines, Erin Kautz

Staff: Torrie Kopp-Mueller

Guests: Melissa Mennig, Sarah Lim, Takisha Jordan, Deanna Kloster

- Updates City, County, United Way, Lived Experience Council, Youth Action Board
  - City: rebranding with Rethke and Tree Lane, projected or funding that is at risk what that would translate into programming? No longer supporting the 45-unit PSA at Tree Lane, no specific right now but that was a city cost of \$300,000 of the \$438,000 cut needed
  - County: reviewing RFP applications, there is a \$15 million application for building affordable housing this week, doubled up is working on the platform, H2H
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- **Vote to approve Minutes from July 3, 2024** - Chara Taylor
  - Minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report – Shanita Lawrence
  - Reviewed and the HSC needs funds.
- **Action Item:** Advocacy Platform – Takisha Jordan



**Dane County Homeless Services Consortium**  
**2023 Education and Advocacy Platform**

The Homeless Services Consortium Education and Advocacy Committee proposes that the Homeless Services Consortium advocate for the following in 2023 to support those experiencing evicted, unsheltered, and doubled up homelessness, and self-paying in hotels. [The Education and Advocacy Committee will review Dane Forward's Five-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness to determine where advocacy efforts align with board strategies and connect with potential partners or voluntary items.](#)

1. Increased number of units of **affordable housing, including supportive housing**, in Dane County, especially the number of units designated for individuals at or below 50% of area median income, as well as for policies that reduce barriers and increase access to affordable housing for those experiencing homelessness.
2. Increased funding for **eviction prevention** services in Dane County.
3. Increased funding to expand and improve **shelter services**, including case management and housing navigation, **and rapid re-housing**. Address gaps in shelter services including but not limited to shelter for families, couples without children and for parents under age 18.
4. Funding for homeless services agencies to **build capacity** within their organizations to enable them to innovate, expand, and improve efficacy.
5. Reduced criminal responses to behaviors related to homelessness, mental health symptoms and/or substance use and increased funding for **mental health and substance use treatment** options that are accessible to individuals experiencing homelessness.
6. Expanded **cross-sector partnerships with community businesses and institutions** to increase and diversify funding for programs and services that will make homelessness brief, rare and non-recurring.

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- **Proposal:** Approve Advocacy Platform as presented.
- Takisha presented the Education and Advocacy platform, this has been updated and ongoing, Questions: proposal is passed as is.
- **Action Item:** City Referendum – What is HSC’s stance? – Education & Advocacy Committee
  - **Proposal:** Determine HSC’s stance/talking points for City’s proposed referendum
  - Stance on the Referendum - the city’s common counsel and the mayor are trying to address the budget deficit. Currently \$22 million, 5% budget cut or increase property taxes (~\$24/mo), increase fees and use rainy day fund to minimize the cuts and engage with the state to have a fair share back to the city of Madison ok for 2025 but it is 2026 budget \$438,000 would that go back to homeless services – hopeful for that to carry that over to men’s shelter services – talking points not supporting or opposed with the statement just keep these points in mind, likes 9
- **Discussion Item:** Update on Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Spend down/Mid-Grant Review

## YHDP Programs

### Youth Homelessness Demonstration Programs

#### **System Navigation (SSO)**

EverStrong Program by Outreach LGBT Community Center

#### **Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing (THRRH)**

Briarpatch Youth Housing Program

Urban Triage Youth Housing Program

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- YHDP Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project – started in 2021, grant update with spend down update, accomplishments 2 youth specific programs System Navigation and Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing

## YHDP Programs

### EverStrong System Navigation Program (as of June 30, 2024)

- Serving a total of 40 young people, with 4 being children to youth-led families
- Housed multiple people with supportive services alone
- Opened Drop In Center seeing 3-15 youth a day
- Purchased a van, used to transport clients daily
- 2 young parents housed during childbirth
- Developed donor sponsorships to gain resources and expand funding

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- EverStrong System Navigation Program - housed with supportive services, opened a drop-in center, please come and visit like showing off the space, job fairs and housing applications are always welcome, the program purchased a van that is used to transport clients, they have developed relationships that have increased resources and increased funding.

## YHDP Programs

### Between Both Housing Providers (as of June 30, 2024)

- Serving a total of 14 young people, with 4 being children to youth-led families
- Housing people with Rental Assistance and Move In Costs
- Started Partnerships between EverStrong and Briarpatch to offer short term rental assistance
- Briarpatch purchased a van, used to transport clients daily
- Urban Triage looking to purchase a van
- Looking at quick spend down options such as Rapid Move-In Funds

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- Demographics of the young people being served. Briarpatch purchased a van and Urban Triage is getting ready to purchase a van, not just rapid move in funds but getting creative.
- **Discussion Item:** Update from Board Committee working on grants/fundraising.
  - Update on grants and funding raising – no name of anyone because no one is chairing, nothing has been done, is someone available to take this role...Torie can start the doodle poll and Chara will send her the list.
- **Action Item:** Notice of Funding Opportunity – CoC Builds – Application process -Torie Kopp Mueller
  - **Proposal:** Approve first step in application process, as presented
  - Notice of Funding Opportunity CoC Builds Due 11/21/24 – slides were attached, add new units through one-time awards one application can be submitted, suggestion is to send out an interest form prior to September likes 9 live 0 uncertain 0 uncomfortable 0
  - Proposal passes.

Adjourn

Future Board Meetings, All meetings are 1-3PM

September 4 <sup>th</sup>	November 6 <sup>th</sup>
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	December 4 <sup>th</sup>

If you have topics, you think the HSC Board should discuss, please email them to [hsc@cityofmadison.com](mailto:hsc@cityofmadison.com).