



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Homeless Issues Committee

Monday, June 8, 2015

6:30 PM

CCB Room 354

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A. Call To Order

Present: 6 - ULYSSES WILLIAMS, DEEDRA ATKINSON, HEIDI WEGLEITNER, LELAND PAN, RONNIE BARBETT and LINDA KETCHAM

Absent: 4 - STEVE SCHOOLER, SUE KOZUBEK, LARRY PALM and MARSHA RUMMEL

Others present: Dave Peters, Amy Mendel-Clemens, Jeanne Erickson, Brenda Konkel, Casey Becker

B. Consideration of Minutes

1. [2015 MIN-014](#) 2015_0324 Homeless Issues Committee Minutes

Attachments: [2015_0324 HIC Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by PAN, seconded by WILLIAMS, that the Minutes be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 6 - WILLIAMS, ATKINSON, WEGLEITNER, PAN, BARBETT and KETCHAM

Absent: 4 - SCHOOLER, KOZUBEK, PALM and RUMMEL

C. Fund Transfers

D. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2015
RES-072](#)**HOMELESS DAY RESOURCE CENTER**

Attachments: [2015 RES-072](#)
[2015 RES-072 FN](#)

- Sup. Wegleitner updated committee on Day Resource Center proposal at Martin St. and impetus for introducing resolution.
- Discussion of funding and if it will be enough to locate a site. Sup. Wegleitner said city staff have indicated the amount would be enough to purchase a site and make renovations.
- Discussion of city-county efforts to find suitable site for the day resource center and other needs in the community including affordable housing and a new men's shelter.
- Discussion of benefits of a day resource center located downtown.
- Sup. Wegleitner noted Shine 608 had a lot of community connections and used those partnerships to make the temporary day resource center successful. Willing to bring an amendment forward at Health and Human Needs Committee to reflect importance of county partnering with advocate organizations and volunteers that helped make the temporary day resource center successful. Will also keep organizations up to date through Homeless Services Consortium.

Public Comment:

- Jeanne Erickson asked how partnerships will be organized and cultivated. Many organizations that do good work want to partner. She receives at least five calls a week from new mothers who need shelter.

A motion was made by PAN, seconded by WILLIAMS, that this Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval. The motion carried by the following vote: 6-0

Ayes: 6 - WILLIAMS, ATKINSON, WEGLEITNER, PAN, BARBETT and KETCHAM

Absent: 4 - SCHOOLER, KOZUBEK, PALM and RUMMEL

[2015
RES-076](#)**ADDRESSING THE NEEDS OF THE HOMELESS**

Attachments: [2015 RES-076](#)

[2015 RES-076 Fiscal Note](#)

Public Comment:

- Jeanne Erickson supports Res 76. Questions about oversight on van schedule, ways to make the van service more accommodating for families with infants. Supportive of \$100,000 in funding and would like to see more support for families with infants.
- Sup. Wegleitner pointed out that the intention of Res 76 funding is to support day resource center contingencies and/or additional gap services that may be needed due to lack of day resource center site. Upcoming agenda intended to bring about discussion of additional support for family shelter.
- Brenda Konkel feels transportation money should be used for bus passes instead of van services. Would like to see money for gap services put out for a request for proposals (RFP). In addition, homeless Individuals are in need of showers. She knows of a church that is willing to install showers. Does not feel library services should be a priority as it is used less in the summer; concerned with irregular staff hours at library.
- Discussion of oversight of the Porchlight van contract and accessibility for families. Casey Becker reports that the van is available for families. Families without a car seat can request to use one from Hospitality House. Van service reliability and other concerns are reviewed with Porchlight.
- Brenda Konkel favors a RFP process to allow opportunity for other providers to step forward and help provide solutions.
- Deedra Atkinson offers additional car seats for Hospitality House and Porchlight for van service.
- Discussion of priorities for gap services and the need to communicate importance of RFP process for contingency funding to Health and Human Needs Committee.
- Discussion of need for overnight family shelter as proposed in resolution.

A motion was made by KETCHAM, seconded by BARBETT, that this Resolution Requiring 2/3rds Vote be recommended for approval as amended. Add after line 16: BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that this additional funding be used to support showers, bus passes for the homeless population in general, and provide additional overnight shelter capacity for families currently being turned away. In the event that a site for the day resource center is identified that can be open by November 1, 2015 this funding should be prioritized for that use. The motion carried by the following vote: 6-0

Ayes: 6 - WILLIAMS, ATKINSON, WEGLEITNER, PAN, BARBETT and KETCHAM

Absent: 4 - SCHOOLER, KOZUBEK, PALM and RUMMEL

E. Items Requiring Committee Action**F. Presentations****G. Reports to Committee**

1. Issues related to the homeless in and around the City-County Building - sleeping out front, storage, portapotties; City County Liaison Committee Action: Sup. Wegleitner updated committee on City County Liaison vote on trespassing outside of the City County Building. City County Liaison vote tied and resolution to enforce trespassing failed. Williams expressed concern with temporary storage at the Madison Municipal Building. More storage is needed and would like facility to be locked to provide security for belongings. Additional pallets are needed to keep belongings off the ground. Discussion of storage alternatives. Discussion of adding storage issue could be added to the next committee agenda.

2. Update on Dane County Housing Summit and Affordable Housing Development Fund RFPs: Sup. Wegleitner updated committee on the status of the Affordable Housing Fund RFP. RFPs are currently open for bids. Feels RFPs reflect the needs that were communicated at public hearings for the fund. Housing Summit was held on May 27th and was well attended - presented the affordable housing needs study. Opportunity to get other private and municipal partners together to focus on affordable housing. Follow up meeting with steering committee members coming up on June 18th.

3. Possible use of City Property at Fairchild and Doty for Day Center Site: Sup. Wegleitner updated committee on the possible use of city property at Fairchild and Doty for Day Center Site. Building has a lot of deferred maintenance. Currently used for storage and vehicles. City staff taking a look at possibilities for the site. City staff did not think the site would be suitable for a temporary day resource center site. Sup. Wegleitner offered to organize a tour of Fairchild site for committee members.

H. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 7th at 6:30pm.

Topic: Shelter needs for families and pregnant women.

I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Dave Peters shared concerns with shower availability for individuals who are homeless. Up to eight people can use shower at Catholic Multicultural Center. He can't take showers at the Catholic Multicultural Center because of his work schedule. Would like to see more emergency overnight shelter for individuals and families. Concerned with lack of resources for people who work the night shift and cannot find a place to sleep during the day.

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

K. Adjourn

8:40 p.m.

Recorded by Casey Slaughter Becker