



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Homeless Issues Committee

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

6:30 PM

CCB, 210 MLK Jr Blvd, Room 354

A. Call To Order

Wegleitner called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Present: 8 - ULYSSES WILLIAMS, STEVE SCHOOLER, HEIDI WEGLEITNER, LELAND PAN, RONNIE BARBETT, LINDA KETCHUM, SUE KOZUBEK and MARSHA RUMMEL

Absent: 3 - DEEDRA ATKINSON, NICK ZWEIFEL and LARRY PALM

Others Present: Lynn Green, Carl Gloede, Brad Hinkfuss, Arnold Boone, Kristin Rucinski, Dave Peters, Al Muhaymin, John Heimlich, Daniel Callahan, Preston Patterson

B. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Dave Peters expressed his concerns about emergency shelter policies in extreme weather.

Arnold Boone would like to see more outreach to communities of color to increase the diversity of homeless issues committee meetings. There was discussion of ways to conduct outreach.

C. Consideration of Minutes

- B. [2014 MIN-147](#) 2014 MIN-147 0610 HIC Minutes

Attachments: [2014 MIN-147 0610 HIC Minutes.pdf](#)

A motion was made by KETCHUM, seconded by SCHOOLER, that the Minutes be approved as amended: Change "Marcia" to "Marsha" Rummel. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - WILLIAMS, SCHOOLER, WEGLEITNER, PAN, BARBETT, KETCHUM, KOZUBEK and RUMMEL

Absent: 3 - ATKINSON, ZWEIFEL and PALM

D. Fund Transfers

E. Referrals (Resolutions & Ordinance Amendments)

[2014
OA-047](#)

AMENDING CHAPTER 30 OF THE DANE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, REGARDING CONTRACTS FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER SERVICES

Attachments: [2014 OA-047 SHELTER RIGHTS.pdf](#)

Motion by Ketchum, seconded by Kozubek that this Ordinance be recommended for approval. Further discussion of intention of ordinance, impact of ordinance on provider operations, role of county ombudsman in hearing grievances, role of hearing examiner and how hearing is conducted, experiences with removal from shelter.

Wegleitner provided background and noted a few changes.

Preston Patterson and Brad Hinkfuss gave public comment expressing Porchlight's opposition to OA 47. Preston said he has no problem with third party review, but has concerns with the make up of the review panel and how it will address burden of proof. There was discussion of Porchlight's procedure for dismissal of a resident.

Wegleitner described the process leading up to a review panel.

Brad Hinkfuss provided additional information of Porchlight's appeal process. Expressed concerns with ordinance – providers should be allowed flexibility for their operations, provider assumes liability for decisions of third party panel, ordinance would create additional staff burden for agencies, victims will be unwilling to testify against attackers, admission provision has nothing to do with grievance procedure.

Brad Hinkfuss provided clarification on video recording procedures and postings at Porchlight in response to question from Marsha Rummel. There was discussion of the evidentiary burden Porchlight pursues.

Kristin Rucinski gave public comment expressing her concerns with provider liability under the ordinance. Has appreciated being able to provide input on the ordinance. Provides information on the Road Home's resident removal policy in response to question from Marsha Rummel.

Dave Peters gave public comment in support of the ordinance and a third party review process. Expressed concern for individuals who cannot seek shelter due to behavioral bans. There was discussion of the reinstatement process at Porchlight.

Al Muhaymin gave public comment in support of the ordinance. Said residents want to feel safe in shelter.

John Heimlich gave public comment in support of the ordinance. Wants to see oversight of shelter providers.

This Ordinance was amended as follows:

Delete entire section (6): Appeal to the Shelter Grievance Panel

Insert: new section (6): Compliance Data Collection and Periodic Review.

(a) Shelter providers shall maintain records necessary for the county to monitor compliance, including: (i) all requests for reinstatement; (ii) all notices denying shelter services; (iii) all notices denying reinstatement; (iv) all requests for grievance hearings; (v) all hearing decisions.

(b) The shelter shall provide compliance records to the county contract administrator on a semi-annual basis for preparation of a semi-annual compliance monitoring report to the Homeless Issues Committee. Names of shelter applicants and participants shall be redacted from records submitted to the county, but shall be retained on file by the shelter provider for a period of six (6) years.

Insert:

(8) Nothing in this ordinance shall limit the grievance and appeal rights and remedies of shelter applicants and participants under any other statute, regulation, ordinance or policy.

This Ordinance was tabled.

A motion was made by SCHOOLER, seconded by BARBETT, that this Ordinance be tabled. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - WILLIAMS, SCHOOLER, WEGLEITNER, PAN, BARBETT, KETCHUM, KOZUBEK and RUMMEL

Absent: 3 - ATKINSON, ZWEIFEL and PALM

[2014 DISC](#) OA 47 Discussion Attachments
[-019](#)

Attachments: [Porchlight letter.pdf](#)
[Salvation Army letter.pdf](#)
[YWCA Madison letter.pdf](#)

F. Items Requiring Committee Action

G. Presentations

Housing Strategy Report Presentation - Matt Wachter, City of Madison (10 min presentation, 10 minutes Q&A)

[2014](#) 2013 Housing Report - Affordable Housing Market
[PRES-062](#)

Attachments: [2013 Housing Report - Affordable Housing Market \(Final\).pdf](#)

H. Reports to Committee

Day Center and Gap Day Services Update and Recommendations (30 min)

Lynn Green provided an update on potential contingencies to provide homeless day services in the winter in light of the Town of Madison's zoning appeal to the Board of Adjustment of Dane County. There was discussion of contingency alternatives.

[2014](#)
[RPT-248](#)

County Funded Homeless Gap Services 2013-14

Attachments: [County Funded Homeless Gap Services 2013-14.pdf](#)

Action against people sleeping outside City County Building/Repositioning Trespassing Signs to Apply to the Terrace of the East Entrance (MLK, Jr. Blvd Doors) of the City County Building

Wegleitner informed members that the City-County Liaison Committee voted on Monday night not to turn the loitering signs around. Ulysses indicated that the homeless sleeping in front of the city county building are trying to control bad behavior among themselves.

I. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Budget discussion regarding gap services

Next Meeting: August 26, 2014, 6:30 p.m., CCB 354

J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

K. Adjourn

9:10 p.m.

Recorded by: Casey Becker