

## **Tamara D. Grigsby Office for Equity and Inclusion – Staff Report**

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#### Term/Vacancies

- Currently seven commissioners
- One commissioner resigned in January 2021
- One new commissioner appointed
- Two vacancies

Doodle Poll update – Majority of the meetings will be on Wednesday, except for two due to holidays.

Coronavirus update, how gaps are being supported

#### Mental Health

Per Todd Campbell, Adult Community Services Division Administrator, in Dane County there is a new Behavior Health Resource Center located on Madison's South side at 818 W. Badger Rd, Madison, Wisconsin. This is a place to go for support for mental health, substance abuse issues et al. A Clinician will complete a standard assessment, there will be case management, transportation and childcare assistance. Later there will be peer support from people with lived experiences. This is considered a "one stop shop".

#### Tenant Resources

County Executive and Mayor have joined Tenant Resource Center (TRC) Executive Director in creating a \$16.2 million emergency package to help with eviction prevention until more assistance can be provided.

#### Small Business

Dane County's Grant assistance with Small Business Pandemic Support Grant Program is another round of grants totaling \$4 million. This is being issued to assist with small businesses most impacted by the pandemic.

#### Other Countywide Actions/Initiatives/Discussions re: Community Based Program Funding, Community Engagement

Dane County has partnered with Madison hotels to provide housing for vulnerable populations, specifically people who had been living in shelters.

Dane County has partnered with Urban League to create an economic development project on Madison's South side for black owned businesses.

OEI has an ongoing Driver's Education Scholarship Program, to assist impoverished and disadvantaged youth.

OEI's contract compliance program collaborated with a woman-owned business to initiate a cohort pilot program for women and minority business owners working in construction.

Increase in the amount of meals being served to older adults, a transition to have meals delivered via drive through, and partnership with restaurants to assist with meal sights.