



# Dane County

## Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

### 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, April 5, 2021

5:30 PM

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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#### A. Call To Order

*Staff present: Casey Becker, Sarah Lim, Jim O'Keefe, Ben Doing*

*Others present: Preston Patterson, Joel Girard, Gloria Reyes, Allie Grant, Jani Koester*

**Chair Ketcham called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.**

**Present** 11 - KATHERINE KAMP, LINDA KETCHAM, MIKE TIERNEY, ULYSSES WILLIAMS,  
Supervisor SARAH BALDWIN, ELENA HAASL, MICHELE DOOLAN, SARAH  
SMITH, Alder LINDSAY LEMMER, JASON ILSTRUP, and KELLY BECKETT

**Absent** 2 - VICTOR BANKS, and KATHRYN (KAT) KOSKI

#### B. Consideration of Minutes

[2020](#)  
[MIN-544](#)

MINUTES FROM MARCH 1, 2021

**Attachments:** [2020\\_0301 CCHIC Minutes](#)

**A motion was made by KAMP, seconded by ILSTRUP, to approve the minutes.  
The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 10 - KAMP, KETCHAM, TIERNEY, WILLIAMS, BALDWIN, HAASL, DOOLAN,  
LEMMER, ILSTRUP and BECKETT

**Absent:** 2 - BANKS and KOSKI

**Abstain:** 1 - SMITH

#### C. Public Comment

*None.*

#### Disclosures and Recusals

*Jason Ilstrup, paid lobbyist for Downtown Madison Inc.*

#### D. Presentations

1. Updates from the Homeless Services Consortium (HSC) Shelter Provider's Committee (Preston Patterson, Joel Girard)

*Presenters provided a summary of various community shelter utilization, and shelter system's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Porchlight men's shelter and the Beacon day resource center pandemic collaboration and shooting incident discussed. Q/A regarding vaccination, men's shelter operation, and new men's shelter design considerations.*

2. Updates from the HSC Committee to End Youth Homelessness (Gloria Reyes, Allie Grant)

[2021](#)  
[RPT-016](#)

YOUTH HOMELESSNESS IN MADISON AND DANE COUNTY

**Attachments:** [Youth Homelessness in Madison and Dane County](#)

*Presenters provided an overview of the available services for youth, identified service gaps, housing challenges facing youth, system challenges, how homeless system is responding and various data points on the extent of youth homelessness. Q/A including rural homeless data, college homelessness, coordinated entry, Youth Homeless Demonstration Project funding opportunity, coordination of services between homeless services and other systems of care, and main challenges in serving youth.*

**Tierney departed the meeting.**

**Present** 10 - KATHERINE KAMP, LINDA KETCHAM, ULYSSES WILLIAMS, Supervisor SARAH BALDWIN, ELENA HAASL, MICHELE DOOLAN, SARAH SMITH, Alder LINDSAY LEMMER, JASON ILSTRUP, and KELLY BECKETT

**Absent** 3 - VICTOR BANKS, KATHRYN (KAT) KOSKI, and MIKE TIERNEY

3. Updates from the HSC Doubled Up Workgroup (Jani Koester)

*Presenters provided information on the number of doubled up households identified by the school district, their unique vulnerability and challenges. Presenters also shared ideas on how to better support the doubled up families, including re-evaluating how the homeless services coordinated entry system assesses doubled up households, creating a homeless specialist position focusing on households who are doubled-up or self-paying in hotels or motels, and creating funding specific to serving doubled up households. Q/A including the system level challenges, barriers to housing and services, and different systems' definitions of homelessness.*

**E. Action Items**

1. Discussion and possible recommendations regarding the updates from the HSC Shelter Provider's Committee

*Committee members requested a presentation from public health about vaccination for homeless population—how to prioritize one-dose vaccine for people who are experiencing homelessness and incarceration.*

2. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the updates from the HSC Committee to End Youth Homelessness

*Committee requested staff report or presentation on the following items:*

- *Shelter needs for parenting minors—licensing restrictions, what can be done city-, county-, and state-level to meet this need, other models in the state*
- *Can hotel vouchers be provided for parenting minors beyond the pandemic?*

*Committee will try to schedule an additional meeting in May to have a follow-up discussion on these items.*

3. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the updates from the HSC Doubled Up Workgroup

*Committee requested staff report or presentation on the following items:*

- *Coordinated Entry- who we are not serving, what can be done with the process to serve doubled-up households*
- *More information on homeless families from rural and other urban communities –invitation to homeless liaisons from HEN*

**F. Discussion Items**

1. Discussion of and Planning for May Committee Listening Session

*Committee discussed how to make it easier for people who are currently experiencing homelessness to be able to speak at the listening session.*

**G. Reports to Committee**

1. COVID-19 response updates

*Staff provided updates on the COVID-19 responses including the Vulnerable Population Hotel programs, tiny homes, Medical Respite Center, and vaccination plan.*

**H. Future Meeting Items and Dates**

**I. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda**

**J. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law**

**K. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by DOOLAN, seconded by KAMP, to adjourn. The motion carried by a voice vote 10-0.**

*The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.*

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Sarah Lim and Casey Becker.*