

A modern multi-story apartment building with a mix of orange and grey exterior panels. Each floor has balconies with glass railings. The sky is clear and blue.

Dane Forward

A Five-Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness

(2024 - 2029)

Community Plan Development

- HomeBase facilitated the process
- 2023-2024
- Three Phases
 - Project Launch, Data Collection and Analysis
 - Community Engagement
 - Plan Drafting
- June 2024 - Dane Forward adopted by the HSC Board of Directors

FIVE YEAR PLAN

To prevent and end homelessness in the next 5 years, we've developed the following goals:

- 1** Educate and empower the community while evaluating and addressing racial disparities in our homeless system of care.
- 2** Increase housing programs and solutions for residents experiencing homelessness.
- 3** Coordinate and strengthen the homeless response system.
- 4** Increase and diversify funding to expand available resources.
- 5** Expand regional coordination.



Goal 1 Accomplishments

Educate and empower the community while evaluating and addressing racial disparities in our homeless system of care.

- Voices of Dane County Committee established.
- Formal part of HSC structure.
- Appoints a representative to the HSC Board of Directors.

Goal 2

Accomplishments

Increase housing programs & solutions for residents experiencing homelessness.

- Education provided on permanent housing funding opportunities
- Researched innovative housing & service models. Recommendation to pursue options that pair existing programs.
- HSC member agencies are 1915i providers.



Goal 2 Accomplishments, cont.

- Landlord Engagement Committee made strides in partnering with an organization to launch a pilot program to assist participants with barriers to housing access.
- Community Development Authority received 10 Stability Vouchers, partnered with HSC to administer
- Secured funding for Eviction Diversion and Defense Partnership

Goal 3 Accomplishments

Coordinate & strengthen the homeless response.

- Updated Coordinated Entry assessment implemented in February 2025.
- Shelter Friends of Dane County developed to augment funding for operations of a new men's shelter.



Goal 4 Accomplishments

Increase and diversify funding to expand available resources.

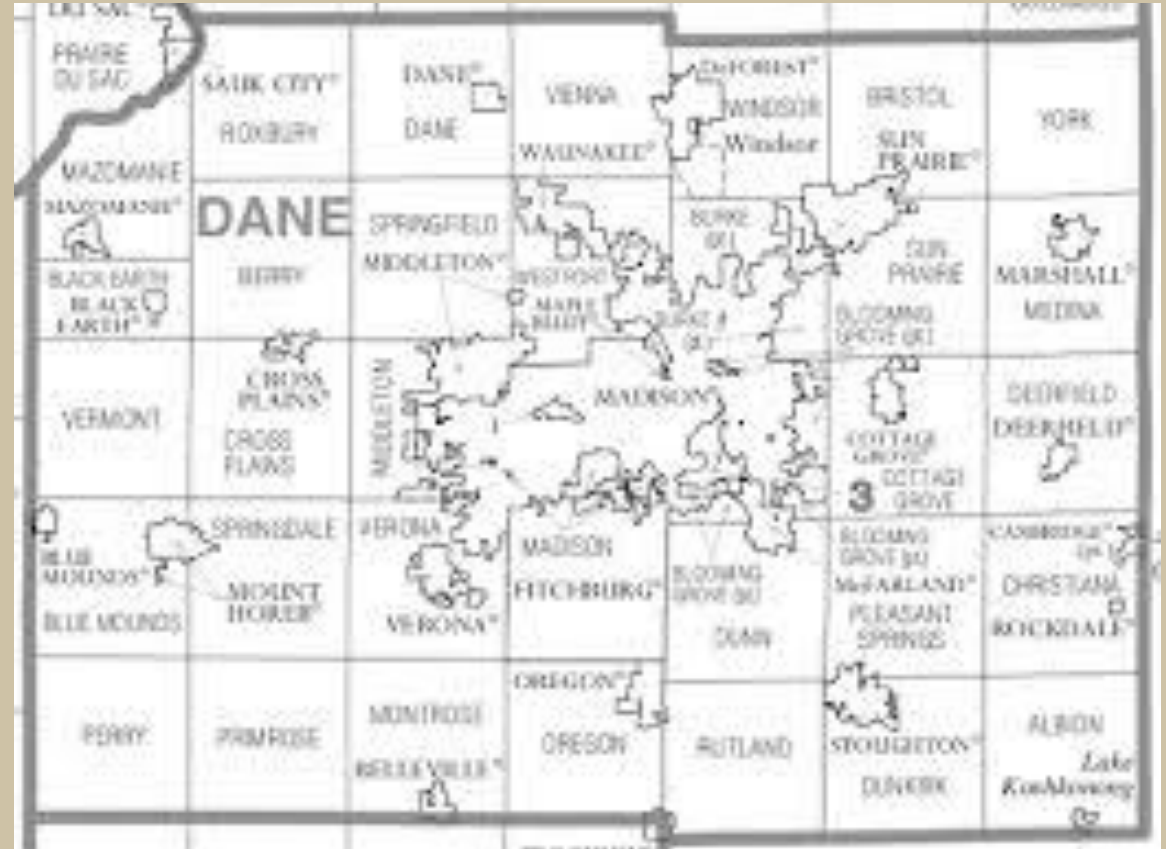
- Provided regular updates on Community Plan progress.
- Developing relationships with healthcare sector and criminal legal system.
- Funders Committee taking steps to form a Funders Collaborative.
- Successfully completed Doubled-up Pilot



Goal 5 Accomplishments

Expand regional coordination.

- Community Plan Committee developed communications plan to provide updates on progress.
- Lived Experience Council and Youth Action Board currently supported with HUD funding and donations
- Hosted annual Homelessness Awareness Summit



Opportunities for Involvement

- Review the Community Plan and determine where your agency fits in and communicate about that work to the Community Plan Committee
- Join HSC Committees – specifically Community Plan Committee and Voices of Dane County Committee
- Develop business partnerships
- Provide funding
- Join the HSC listserv to remain informed
- Donate to support compensation for people with lived experience

Contact

For questions and comments,
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