



Homeless Services Masterplan Subcommittee

Community Development Building

51 Winburn Way

March 12, 2024

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 5:30 p.m.

I. WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW: 5:30- 5:37 p.m.

- Attendance: All members were in attendance with the following exceptions: **Henigson-Kann** present via Zoom, **Leonard, Bloom, Price, Bachman, and VanEgdom** absent
- **Fields** starts the Agenda overview

II. PUBLIC FORUM: 5:37- 5:40 p.m.

Note: Anyone wishing to speak at any Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee meeting is encouraged to do so. If you wish to speak, please rise and, after you have been recognized by the Chair, give your name and complete address for the record. You will then be allowed to speak. Please note the public testimony may be limited by the Chair.

- No speakers for public forum present; a public memorandum from Dennis Kendig was circulated to Subcommittee members prior to the meeting

III. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS: 5:40- 5:43 p.m.

- **Kaplan** was unable to provide an update to council members at the last city council meeting due to a packed agenda and limited time, will share packet/subcommittee items but *cannot* discuss; **Rohde** asks questions re: the 24/7 shelter and the possibility of an ad-hoc shelter committee that has been spoken about outside the HSMS and coordinating with the ad-hoc committee once/if created

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 5:42- 5:43 p.m.

- "Announcements" section needs to be added to agendas/minutes going forward
- **Neiswander** announces that Rogue Retreat tours 8:30- 11am on March 22nd and those interested should speak with her about signing up

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 5:43- 5:47 p.m.

- Approval of previous meeting minutes with the following changes: Change "Bloom and Dylan" to "Bloom and Kaplan"; remove "elephant in the room" phrasing & clarify
- Additional discussion on the HSMS role with the night lawn is limited to listing it as a resource, but no decision making on its course of action

VI. RESPONSIBILITIES OF A CONTINUUM OF CARE: 5:47- 6:45 p.m.

- Presentation by Melissa Markos of Jackson County CoC; **presentation available**
- CoC: "Continuum of Care" is a HUD-mandated planning body for homeless services, designed to promote communitywide planning and strategic use of resources to address homelessness by improving coordination and integration with mainstream resources
- CoC meetings are public, available via zoom or in person
- CoC staff reside at ACCESS
- Jackson County's CoC Governing Board is required to have a person with lived experience





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of homelessness in the past 7 years

- Responsibilities for a CoC: Operate a Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Operate a Coordinated Entry System, Compile and Submit the Annual Collaborative Application, Complete an annual Sheltered Point in Time (PIT Count) and Housing Inventory Count (Unsheltered PIT counts are required Bi-annually), Hold Semi-Annual Public Membership Meetings, Complete an Annual GAPS Analysis (but not structured as to what to include in them)
- Good data needs to be updated and accurate; bad data is worse than no data
- CoC supports: permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, transitional housing, supportive services, prevention services, outreach & assessment, and emergency shelter
- MAC Groups are mandated and have continued system performance measures: Job & income growth, # of unsheltered, **successful placement in permanent housing, return to homelessness**, prevention, **length of episode**, and # of homeless persons for the first time; *bolded items are the parts with the most program/funding emphasis*
- Approximately 3,200 people are served by the Jackson County CoC
- Outreach definition vary; most \$ going to it possibly ever; now being tracked with KPI's
- CoC's are not linked but Jackson County started sharing data with 26 entities
- ACCESS checks in at 6 and 12 months after program exit
- No point in time (PIT) counts for unsheltered for 2024
- Housing inventory count (HIC) counts all sheltered people experiencing homelessness
- Coordinated Entry is used as a consistent, community-wide intake process to match people to existing community resources; assessed using a standard/objective assessment tool that identifies vulnerability and barriers to housing, those with the highest are prioritized to receive access to available housing programs
- Discussion on better methods to track homelessness and why we don't use them
- **Fields** asks how do the homeless experience the coordinated entry process?
 - Community member Debra with lived experience speaks to how she experienced the process and that no timelines were given, but the system worked well for her
- HUD provides self-assessment "programs"
- CoC began re-structure in 2023; new executive team formed in March 2024; coordinated entry to be revamped

VII. **GATHERING COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES:** 6:50- 7:00 p.m.

- Quick review of timeline; remaining discussion moved to next meeting

VIII. **DEBRIEF:** 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

- **Calvin** goes over instructions for the sign up for remaining spots on service inventory list; deadline to get this information turned in is April 2nd; homeless-specific programs only
- Move outreach section to next meeting

IX. **ADJOURNMENT:** 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting Dates: Wednesday, March 27th 5:30- 7:30 PM

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