



Homeless Services Masterplan Subcommittee

Community Development Building

51 Winburn Way

April 9, 2024

DRAFT MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 p.m.

I. WELCOME & AGENDA REVIEW: 5:31–5:35 p.m.

- Attendance: All members were in attendance except for: **Leonard and Neisewander**
- **Fields** goes over the Agenda

II. PUBLIC FORUM & ANNOUNCEMENTS: 5:35–5:37 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; comments from Dennis Kendig were circulated prior to the meeting
- **Rohde** has an announcement: *Johnson v. Grants Pass* on Earth Day & rallies to be held
- **Fields** recommends SCOTUS blog for live updates

III. DEBRIEF FROM CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION: 5:37–5:53 p.m.

- **Slattery** shares that the subcommittee members did a good job presenting but is worried about completing all the HSMS tasks in the timeframe given; states that council sounded like they want recommendations, but don't know what format that would be in
- **Bloom** might like to see recommendation in the form of rankings (ie. services) by the community and HSMS members; **Kaplan** didn't get the sense of the "silver bullet" and thought that people saw the timeline as realistic but is also aware of its limits & anticipates hearing information through the SWOT analysis lens; **Slattery** agrees
- **Price** would have liked to have seen more HSMS members in the audience to show diversity to the council; heard council wants "something" to take action on; Staff member **Reid** says she hopes we can capture the difficulties of the complex issues, diverse population, etc. that are included & distill into a product; process IS an action
- **Slattery** recommends mayor/council talk to HSMS and/or sit in on meetings, with **Kaplan** and **Bloom** in the meetings, only 1 additional council member could be present to avoid a quorum; **Calvin** is adamantly opposed to council/mayor being in the meetings as it could jeopardize the process, **Price** and **Slattery** disagree with **Calvin** as the councilors would be there to listen, not advise/direct; **Henigson-Kann** questions what the benefit would be, **Price** says to show appreciation for the process, **Slattery** states that it would allow the council members to observe the process, both agree with what staff member **Reid** said; **Allen** suggests a middle ground that council can watch the previously recorded meetings
- **Fields** suggests emailing staff member **Reid** by Friday with your thoughts on the matter



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IV. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL LIAISONS: 5:53–6:02 p.m.

- Council liaisons update HSMS that an ad-hoc committee for 2200 Ashland has been created and applications are available on the city website; the suggested council liaisons are Gina DuQuenne and Bob Kaplan; **Price** if council does not see the HSMS meetings then no value to operating in a vacuum, will ad hoc be parallel to HSMS? What will its composition be?; **Kaplan** council will decide members from applicants, **Price** feels that there would be a dropped ball if the 2 committees did not have member overlap; **Kaplan** says it is not ideal timing, should have been done a year ago, **Bloom** agrees
- **Bloom** talks about how he and the mayor were on JPR April 2nd
- **Fields** states that there is pressure being applied from the state level to do things quickly; discusses a misunderstanding regarding the ad hoc committee online in regards to admission to the committee (ie. must be invited, which is not true); date posted in council communications for decision was from the original meeting not the most recent one
- **Reid** questioned if the composition of HSMS was not the “correct” composition to have been used for the ad hoc committee and if the HSMS work should be part of the masterplan, **Bloom** states that there were variables at play that would have been a distraction to the original charge of the HSMS and other concerns about not getting to it

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: 6:02–6:05 p.m.

- Approval of previous meeting minutes as proposed; minutes were detailed which is good!

VI. SERVICE INVENTORY UPDATE: 6:05–6:07 p.m.

- service inventories need to be in by April 12th; staff member **Reid** to send some available ones to **Bachman**, and says that we have received at least half of the inventory back so far, would like to have inventories for ACCESS, Maslow, Rogue Retreat, Hearts with a Mission, etc. to fill in some of the still existing gaps

VII. REVIEW REVISED TIMELINE: 6:07–6:20 p.m.

- Packets that were at the meeting were not the correct version, the correct/updated version was emailed out ahead of the meeting; Review of the revised timeline by **Calvin** and asks for feedback on timeline, swapping items around, etc.
- **Calvin** will compile the inventories once completed; Surveys will be finished up, sent to staff, and then posted online; **VanEgdom** asks if we should limit the number turned in for **Calvin** to compile, **Calvin** says that the time is the limiter
- **Fields** asks if **Allen** is able to post surveys on the city website
- **Reid** adds that there would not be enough time for the street nurses to be able to get the information back to HSMS in time
- Audience member Dennis Kendig interjects that the HSMS is run by the Executive Group and other voices are secondary; claims ad hoc committee will be even worse and then leaves the meeting abruptly; **VanEgdom** tries to keep the meeting from being derailed
- **Slattery** wants clarification on what we are discussing at this moment, **Fields** clarifies we are talking about the timeline; **Fields** says that if no one is concerned about the timeline, then we can continue on as proposed without extra discussion, **Slattery** checks in on this, but then the group moves on without opposition; timeline is still on track for June



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completion as is; **VanEgdom** wants clarification for the agenda item coloring

- **Slattery** does not like having the Housing and Human Services Committee referred to as the “parent” committee because it infantilizes the HSMS members

VIII. **REVIEW AND SWOT ANALYSIS OF THE COC:** 6:20–7:45 p.m.

- **Calvin** explains instructions (brainstorm what is the ideal for the COC and what could we do different/better) for the break-out groups and numbers everyone off; **Turner** questions why we are critiquing the COC and if it would address the issue
- **Rohde** wants clarification around evaluating the COC in Ashland vs the county, but is wanting to focus on the city/local resources, **Calvin** explains the interdependency of the COC (at the county level) and Ashland; Staff member **Reid** suggests that critiquing the COC would highlight the strengths, gaps, and weaknesses that we could work from; **Rohde** thought that the COC funded the projects from federal money, but **Reid** clarifies that their role is more than that and mostly data-collection
- **Slattery** suggests simplifying and questions why we are doing this critiquing at this time; **Turner** agrees and says that the COC is too up in the clouds to do a SWOT analysis on it, wants to get out there and start doing the surveying of the population; **Slattery** worried about time and mismanagement of it
- Staff member **Reid** suggests that we need to look more regionally and less insularly; **Slattery, Turner, and Price** express opposition to not starting regionally originally
- **Henigson-Kann** moves to move on, states ACCESS has funding on a regional level that is used in Ashland; **Slattery** states that OHRA does it more than ACCESS in Ashland
- **Kaplan** states that there was a violent reaction to personality of the COC more than a concept of the regional context, offers the group to think about the categories outside of the COC context and find what the categories mean in that context
- **Sacks** states that there was a shock to the system by the timeline being change & he is too overwhelmed with the previous tasks (inventory and surveys) to take on new tasks; **Fields** points out this can be used for the SWOT analysis to include in final report
- 6:45 – Staff member **Reid** suggests that the group be given time to work on previous tasks; instead of working in the new break-out groups for the new task, members then break into their groups from the previous tasks to work together; those not in task groups (**Kaplan, staff member Reid, and Calvin**) will work on the new task that was assigned

IX. **FINALIZING COMMUNITY OUTREACH PLANS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- This item was not discussed due to refocusing efforts

X. **DEBRIEF:**

- No debrief

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** 7:45 p.m.

- Members had been flowing out of the meeting shortly after breaking into small groups

Next Meeting Dates: Wednesday, April 24th 5:30–7:30 PM

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