



## HSC Board of Directors Nominees November 2019 At-Large Seat

### 3 Seats Available

#### 1. Adam Van Spankeren

Nominated by Georgie Nazos  
Covering Wisconsin

Adam is interested in serving on the Dane County CoC Board of Directors as he wants to ensure improved access to healthcare and health insurance for Wisconsin, especially those who are most vulnerable and disenfranchised. Adam has worked for a variety of organizations all with a focus on healthcare over the years. These include: ABC for Health from 2006-2013, the Wisconsin Department of Health from 2013-2016 and currently Covering Wisconsin since 2016. He was the SW Wisconsin Regional Lead Navigator until October 1 when he became Covering Wisconsin's statewide Navigator program manager. Adam has also been an active member of Healthwatch for years and is currently a chair of Healthwatch Wisconsin. He leads a subcommittee focused on ensuring healthcare access to those experiencing homelessness called the Vulnerable Populations Subcommittee and brings together many other advocates from HMO's and clinics in the area around this dialogue.

#### 2. Alexander Malchow

Self-nomination  
Catholic Charities

My name is Alexander D. Malchow and I'd like to provide leadership in order to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives of the consortium. As the Housing and Community Educator/Website and Data Specialist representing *Housing Navigation Services, a Catholic Charities Program*. My bid for Member, Board of Directors will be categorized under At Large Seat.

I'd like to serve on the Homeless Services Consortium board to help further the cause for households to secure and retain safe, stable, and affordable housing in the greater Dane County community. My experience advocating for poverty alleviation led me to the AmeriCorps Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) program where I was assigned in the Housing Assistance System. As an AmeriCorps VISTA member I collaborated with the Metropolitan Denver Homeless Initiative (MDHI), and other community partners to establish a region-wide approach to assess the needs of those at-risk of experiencing homelessness, by prioritizing housing and service resources. Currently, I'm the Housing and Community Educator/Website and Data Specialist for the Housing Navigation Program. Housing Navigation recognizes that individuals and families face challenges to finding affordable housing. A limited number of affordable units, bureaucratic complexity, and personal challenges often complicate the process. The mission of Catholic Charities is to provide compassionate, caring service to help the poor and vulnerable in our community. We assist those who are housing insecure, newly homeless, or who have experienced chronic homelessness. Our program is welcoming, making the process as easy to understand as possible, and will include assessing the person's needs, preferences, and barriers to achieving housing. Our staff uses an individualized approach with each person or family, determine the level of assistance or case management needed when establishing a personalized housing plan. Additionally, resources such as employment and training, benefits, and overall health services are factored into housing plans.

### **3. Eldonna Hazen**

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
Self-nomination

I am interested in serving on the Board of Directors for the Homeless Services Consortium. I am the Senior Minister at First Congregational United Church of Christ in Madison. I would only be able to serve in an At-Large position. My contact information is below in the signature line.

The church and I personally, have been long committed to serving the population without homes. The church provides financial support and services to many people who find themselves without a home. The ministers of the church administer the funding. I currently chair the capital campaign for Healing House, and have long served on the committee that worked to make Healing House a reality. I also have a long commitment to the Memorial Service that is held annually on the longest night. I have worked closely with Linda Ketcham, Karen Andro, and others to find better ways to serve our brothers and sisters.

It would be my hope to learn more, and work to find better ways and more resources for the community. Of course, it would be great if we could alleviate the need, but in the meantime, services are of the greatest importance.

### **4. Jason Ilstrup**

Downtown Madison, Inc.  
Self-nomination

Desired Interest: As a leader of a membership based organization in downtown Madison striving to create the best quality of life for everyone I believe I am uniquely qualified to help bring different partners to the conversation on how to end homelessness. Our community will only be able to solve our challenges if the public, private and non-profit sectors all work together. As a natural collaborator I want to do everything I can to foster new solutions and bring different people to the table to help our most vulnerable communities in Madison.

Summary of Background: Jason Ilstrup is the President of Downtown Madison, Inc. (DMI), a member based non-profit working to create the best quality of life downtown for everyone. Prior to joining DMI, Jason worked in hotel management and development at HotelRED, the Iron Horse Hotel and the Madison Concourse Hotel. Before entering hospitality, Jason served as a legislative aide and legal counsel for several politicians including Rep. Martin Sabo and Rep. Barney Frank. He is also a returned Peace Corps Volunteer having served in Niger. Jason attended Boston University and the University of Minnesota Law School. He was raised near downtown Minneapolis.

### **5. Kathy Kamp**

Self-nomination  
Wisconsin Partnership for Housing Development (retiring early 2020)

I have served on the Board for the past two year and would love to continue as I feel like I am just learning what I need to know to serve as an effective Board member. In my capacity as a Board member, I am the representative from the HSC Board to the City County Homelessness Committee and have served on that committee for about 15 months. I would also like to continue to serve in this capacity. I am also involved with the Doubled-up Workgroup and am committed to working with this group to find solutions to this problem in our community.

I have been an Executive Director of a nonprofit for over 25 years. I have operated transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and homebuyer programs during that period. I currently work to develop affordable rental and ownership options for families and individuals across the state. In addition, I have worked with communities across the state for many years to assist in the development of affordable housing programs and loan funds. I work with a number of Dane County communities outside of Madison to identify housing needs and am part of the group that plans the Dane County Housing Summit. I have served on the HSC Board for the past two years and on the City County Homeless Committee. I enjoy using what I have learned over many years to contribute to my community. I think that I can be a truly at large member, representing the community and not an agency on the HSC Board.

## **6. Kim Kennedy**

Nominated by Georgie Nazos

Community Development Authority (CDA) – Housing Operations

From Kim, "I am passionate about this work because I see how much of a need there is in Madison, how social service "rich" the area is, and I want to be a part of ensuring that everyone in need of housing can be referred to the type of housing that would be the best fit for where they are at in their lives so that they can be supported as much or as little as needed and will be set up for success, however that may look for each individual and their situation. I think this can be done in Madison if agencies partner together and coordinate efforts to utilize everyone's time and resources and expertise in a way that makes sense so not to duplicate efforts wherever possible or create unnecessary barriers for folks, as we all know these types of programs have limited funding and capabilities and can be very frustrating and confusing for those in need to try and navigate, so I believe we need to be smart about it to get the most out of what little we have so that we can help as many people in need of housing as possible."

From Kim, "I have worked in the affordable housing field for 8 years. 5 years doing compliance for Section 42, HOME, Rural and PBV properties. Some of those properties had layered financing and partnered with other organizations such as Movin' Out to house adults with disabilities, Fresh Coast Partners at an assisted living property and the CDA for PBV units, all layered with tax credits. Others were just tax credit properties for either the elderly or families and some were just market rate units/properties. I have now been working in admissions and eligibility with the CDA for the past 3 years, so I have had the pleasure of working with all different types of people, at all different income levels and all different types of housing programs throughout my career in housing."

I'd add: Kim has been a proactive partner with those of us who provide direct supportive services in the HSC. She is always accessible and engaged and tries to ensure transparency to ensure that families and individuals are able to access housing. She thinks outside the box to ensure we're all partnering to minimize harm to families in crisis.

## **7. Lisa Hemauer**

Nominated by Mike Bruce

Joining Forces for Families

Lisa Hemauer provides prevention and early intervention services for families in Dane County out of two office locations. One covering West Madison located at 7011 Flower Lane Apt. A. Additionally, Lisa covers the Verona Area School district from her office at 1200 E. Verona Ave. (Contact Info: Lisa Hemauer – [Hemauer@countyofdane.com](mailto:Hemauer@countyofdane.com) OR her office phone: 608.848.2108.)

Lisa will be an amazing addition to this board and she brings a wealth of experience and insight to the table. She has worked with JFF for over 8 years. During that time she has worked with hundreds of families to find or maintain housing. Lisa has built relationships with landlords, community partners, faith-based organizations, housing service providers, and most importantly residents. These connections have greatly enhanced her effectiveness and ability to support families on their journey to stability. Lisa's calm and approachable demeanor, the care she puts into her work, and the thoughtfulness of her case planning with families have made her extremely successful in helping families with a variety of housing issues.

I am nominating Lisa today because she is highly interested in applying her experience and passion around housing and homelessness into the greater homeless services community. Lisa's comprehensive experience with housing support along with her demonstrated experience navigating collaborations of all shapes and sizes, will be an asset to the HSC. Additionally, Lisa's connection to both the City of Madison, as well as, Fitchburg and Verona offer a nuanced understanding of how issues of homelessness play out in a variety of communities.

In reflecting upon this nomination, I can't help but recall all of the work Lisa has engaged in with countless individuals and families experiencing the dual threat of homelessness and hopelessness. Lisa has systematically been able to help

families obtain necessary documents, apply for subsidized & private apartments, advocate with landlords, manage appeals related to application processes, and ultimately help families secure housing. A shorter way to say this is that Lisa has been a source of hope for families in some of their darkest days. I cannot think of a better person to have on the Homeless Services Consortium Board!

**8. Rev. Dr. Marcus Allen**

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Senior Pastor  
Self-nomination

I am interested in serving on the Homeless Services Consortium Board of Directors due to my concern for the homeless population in Dane County. As the pastor of one of the largest African American churches in the city, I come in contact with many who are homeless individuals. Our church is committed to helping but I believe being on this board will give us various resources to be more effective. With African Americans being the largest population that is homeless, I am confident that many attend my church. I have been the pastor of Mt. Zion of three years now. Moving here has given me a higher responsibility to be devoted to helping the vulnerable.

**9. Rev. Dr. D. Jonathan Grieser**

Grace Episcopal Church, Rector  
Self-nomination

Our community struggles to provide adequate resources for people experiencing homelessness. We have deep and persistent racial inequality that is particularly evident in the disproportionate percentage of people of color among those who experience homelessness. Religious communities have traditionally played an important role in Madison and Dane County efforts to combat homelessness and as we seek new solutions for persistent problems, it is vital that representatives from those religious communities are active participants in the conversations around solutions.

As Rector of Grace Church since 2009, I have been actively involved in ministry and advocacy around homelessness. Whether it is through building relationships with homeless people who seek my counsel and assistance, through Grace's long-standing partnership with Porchlight, or my early involvement in efforts that culminated in the Beacon and Healing House, I have engaged in efforts to improve and innovate services and advocated for a greater role from the public and private sector in addressing the needs of the most vulnerable members of our community. My breadth of experience and knowledge, my relationships with clergy across Madison, and my passion for creating a community in which all Madison's residents have the opportunity to flourish, make me a good fit for the HSC Board of Directors.

**10. Lane Hanson**

The Center for Patient Partnerships, UW-Madison  
Nominated by Kristin Rucinski

Desire to be on HSC Board in Lane's words: Based on the work I have done over the past four years with the Center for Patient Partnerships as the coordinator of a local resource program that addresses how social and legal needs impact health, I have become a strong advocate for issues related to housing insecurity and homelessness. Every day I witness how these issues directly affect people's health. I would like to bring my experience and knowledge to the HSC in order to help improve programs and services, which will ultimately lead to increased health equity in our community.

Summary of background and experience from Kristin's perspective: I believe Lane is a tireless advocate for the individuals and families she serves. She sees the immediate connection between housing insecurity and negative health outcomes. She is also committed to improving racial disparities in both the health and housing systems in our community. She does not accept the status quo and is always looking for ways to improve access and support for all.

**11. Keri Bybee**

Nominated by Georgie Nazos

Currently stay-at-home mom while working towards continuing her education to become a Certified Peer Specialist and thereafter a counselor

Keri is interested in servicing on the Dane County CoC Board of Directors because she is interested in gaining a career in the non-profit sector someday to serve others. Keri is excited about learning more about the way Dane County Homeless Services' system currently works and try to continue to support improvements and additions as needed to ensure everyone can gain and maintain safe housing.

Keri is compassionate and dedicated to the success of others whom have experienced hardships such as homelessness, domestic violence, mental health issues or substance dependency. She has always wanted to become a counselor for youth whom are lacking support and may be struggling with addiction. Keri is always a positive force in the world and seeks to make others laugh and experience joy. She naturally cares for others in her day-to-day life, including individuals whom are currently experiencing housing instability and are seeking a safe place to stay so she is very in tune with the current systems and resources available as seen by an individual currently seeking housing.

#### **12. Stormie Williams**

Nominated by Georgie Nazos

Currently employed in Security and a mother of four beautiful children

Stormie is passionate about ending homelessness and coming up with continually creative solutions that reach everyone with housing instability. She is continually problem-solving and collaborating with neighbors, schools, landlords, advocates and others to find alternatives that improve her neighborhood and our community. Stormie is a natural leader and it would be hugely beneficial for her to be one of the driving members of the Dane County CoC.

Stormie has experienced homelessness with her four-children in Dane County and worked with a variety of organizations during that time. She also has experienced with a supportive housing program and understands how family housing programs operate both on the Coordinated Entry entry point and in actual operations. Ms. Williams volunteers and leads community building activity and thinks of and implements creative activities at her current residence to benefit everyone. Ms. Williams is knowledgeable about a variety of resources and needs in our community. She often serves and supports others who are experiencing housing instability or need affordable housing options to help them navigate the complicated systems. Stormie has years of experience as a parent to young children and teenagers and knows of the challenges and opportunities they face. She has years of experience working in Security and IL and now works for JBM here and this has provided another lens of expertise for Stormie as well.

#### **13. John Brown**

Unify Madison

Nominated by Wanda Smith

I'm nominating John Brown, he serves the homeless everyday , He is a powerful community leader , he has a nonprofit call Unify where he connects people to resources. He being a black man Know the struggles black men face in one of the racist state in the country. His decision making skills and experience makes him to be the perfect candidate to hold a at large seat or vice chair on the board . We work together in the community his compassion for the homeless keep me motivated, with him having experience being homeless he knows solutions for accountability and sustainability. I nominate John Brown to hold a open seat on this board. The board is missing a black male voice at the table. I have been partnering with him on many levels to produce seeds of Love. John knows this city inside out and with lived experience he is part of the solution. He has a huge network of friends, family and a community that respect and love him. He can help us on so many levels dismantle this system of oppression plaguing the black community. We have been working together problem solving tenant and landlord disputes. John Brown loves the homeless community and would be a great asset to the board with his big heart.