

## Homeless Services Consortium Membership Meeting Minutes Tuesday June 15, 2021

- **Board & Committee Updates** - Board Members, Committee Chairs

**Governance and Nominating Committee** – Will be presenting later in this meeting. Upcoming work includes reviewing the Board of Directors code of conduct. We will be meeting today at 2:30 right after this meeting. Matt Julian and I (Liz Duffie) co-chair the committee. As I mentioned, most of our time today will be used to discuss the Board of Directors Code of Conduct, which is one of the documents the committee is assigned to review and revise biannually.

**Committee to End Youth Homelessness**– The Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) Notice Of Funding Opportunity was released in May, and applications are due July 27th. The committee has established a YHDP workgroup to organize stakeholders, gather information and write the application for our CoC. There was a request for Lead Agency applications by the HSC Board which closed last Friday, and the Board will select the Lead Agency soon, although I'm not sure on the exact timeline. If selected as a YHDP community, our CoC will go through a process to create a plan to end youth homelessness, receive technical assistance from HUD, and a minimum of 1 million dollars that is renewable every 2 years dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness for youth and young adults 24 and under. If you are interested in being involved or learning more, please contact CoC Coordinator Torrie Kopp Mueller ([TKoppMueller@cityofmadison.com](mailto:TKoppMueller@cityofmadison.com)).

**Written Standards** – The meeting scheduled for 6/17 is canceled.

**Doubled Up Work Group** – Still working on advocacy and raising awareness in the community. Diane Nilan ([www.hearus.us](http://www.hearus.us)) will be in the community and offered to produce a video about doubled up households and those who are self-paying in hotels. The group is excited about the video that will be coming.

**HSC Board of Directors** – Meeting next Thursday (6/24) and will be hearing from applicants who applied to be lead agency for the YHDP, as well as hearing from the EHH review committee regarding their funding recommendations.

**Core Committee**– Reviewed the community plan to prevent and end homelessness and summarized the accomplishments that committee contributed to. There was also a discussion about DedicatedPLUS and 100% Dedicated (which are regarding eligibility status for permanent supportive housing projects and the definition of chronic homelessness).

**Funders Committee** - Finalized the gaps analysis and will get information out soon. They would like to hold focus groups in the future for groups that may have been missed. The participant survey is available in English, Spanish, and Hmong. The group hopes to have all data analyzed by December.

**Education and Advocacy Committee** – No update.

**Youth Action Board** – There are some very engaged youth getting ready to take part in the YHDP application.

**Community Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness Oversight Committee** – Trying to figure out ways to find funding to develop a new community plan, which will hopefully happen next year. The group is working on summarizing the current plan and will get that finalized. The group also tabled a proposal from Ald. Halverson to expand the search criteria of the men’s homeless shelter until next September. There are three sites in current radius, but the group felt that the proposed search criteria could hinder progress.

- **EOTO Certified Peer Specialist Presentation - Tara Wilhemi**

Tara is the Founder and CEO of EOTO – Presented about EOTO CPS - peer support specialist program and services. The PowerPoint presentation will be included when the notes are sent out.

- **HSC Election Timeline Proposal - Liz Duffie, Matt Julian**

Proposal would involve change in bylaws and will be voted on in the next membership meeting.

Overview of the proposal – Move the HSC elections from December to October. Terms would still begin in January.

Rationale – December elections does not allow much time for onboarding and learning new positions.

Proposed timeline:

August – email the HSC with open positions, election timeline, job description, etc. Elections discussed at the membership meeting – September – nominations, nominees submit bios and answer questions, their interest will be sent out to the membership – October – candidate slate and information sent out one week before membership meeting, vote during and/or immediately following the membership meeting – November – elected board members complete current orientation, elected members encouraged to sit in on November Board meeting, incoming membership chair and co-chair meet with outgoing chairs – December – elected board members complete additional onboarding and training, elected member encouraged to sit in on December Board meeting – January – elected board member and chairs begin their terms

Actual changes to the bylaws would be in the following sections:

Section 6 – Meetings and Annual Meeting

Appendix A – Election Process

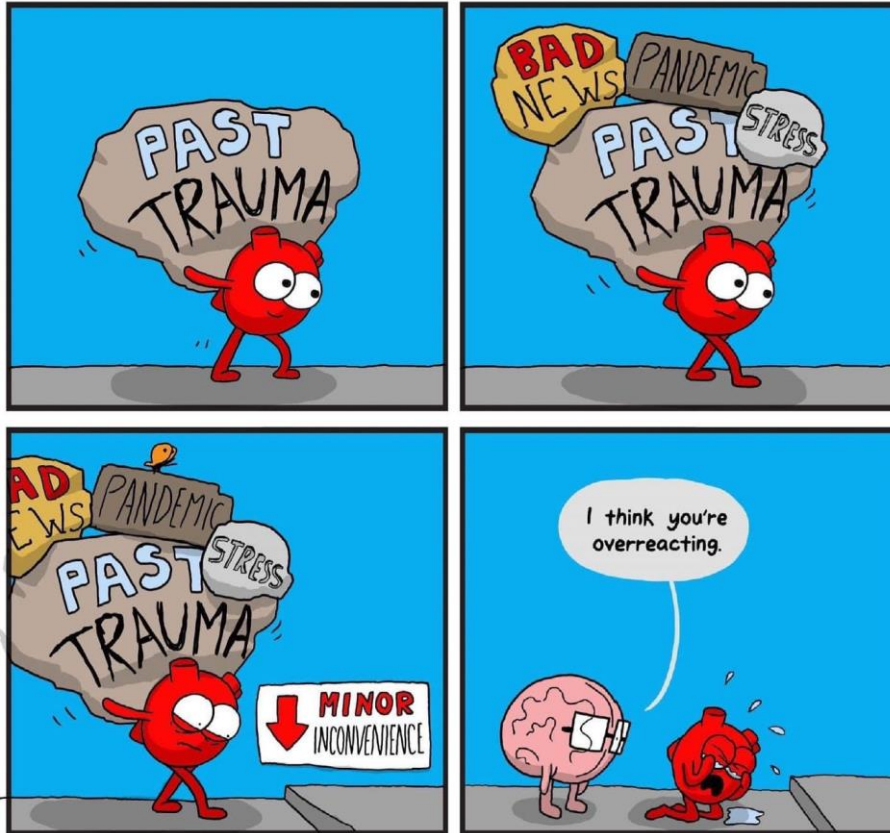
Next steps:

July – vote on the proposed changes

If passed, changes implemented for 2021 HSC election

If voted down, feedback solicited and considered for a future year

- **Membership Temperature Read - Jael Currie**



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Jael opened the discussion with the above image and created space for members to share current thoughts, struggles, feelings, etc. A lot of providers unconsciously push away our own thoughts and feelings because of who we are and what we do. We don't take much time to dig into how we are doing. Jael will continue to look for ways to incorporate space for support into the membership meeting.

- **Announcements – Everyone**

- Jael will send out an email to gauge interest for an in-person HSC get together.
- No other announcements.