

## **Shelter Providers Meeting Minutes**

### **10/6/21 9:00am – 10:30am**

- **Introductions**  
Preston Patterson, John Adams, Lisa Hemauer, Jalateefa JoeMeyers, Sarah Lim, Belinda, Fares Fares, Peter Twiss, Kim Sutter, Queen, Bridget Rogers, Lucía Ledesma, Madeline Martino Fox, Kim Neuschel, Casey Yanta, Jael Currie, Michelle Hemp, Rosa Rhoden, Nici Hawkins, Kimberly Tesch, Michael (CFC), Jani Koester, Mac Byer
  
- **Review of August Meeting (summary of minutes)**
  - Admitting 17 year old individuals into adult shelter
  - Funder Community's participant survey
  - Looking at gaps in service with homelessness and mental health crisis continuum
  - MRC updates
  - Permanent shelter updates
  - Misc.: masks, outreach connections, VI-SPIDAT process
  
- **Plans for entering winter months**
  - Potential cold weather nights in October
  - Exceptions on cold weather nights: guests who have been suspended from DIS
  - Ask Preston to be on list for Homeless Consortium weather notification list
  
- **Update on New Permanent Shelter**
  - Common council passed motion for Thier Road as temporary site.
  - We will move next summer or fall
  - City property on Bartillon: potential men's DIS or tiny house village
  - Potential RFP for developing next temporary site into permanent site

- Reindahl Park- identify alternate site and then close park for encampment
- First potential alternate site - Dairy Drive – near Dutch Mill park and ride.
- Plan: pallet shelters of 64 sq. ft. with electricity/showers and bathrooms/30 units/ready in mid-November
- RFP to identify operator by end of the month for Dairy Drive site -to be established as campground by city
- Plans to have campground staffed with support and resources for mental health, physical health, etc.
- Bartillon site- being purchased to benefit people experiencing homelessness

- **Update on COVID-19 related issues**

- Expect updated booster information from Kim Neuschel today 10/6/21
- Booster shot be based on self-determination
- Only for Pfizer patients currently
- Public Health does not plan to bring booster shots into shelter
- Boosters will be available at drop-in vaccination clinics
- Alliant Energy will be open again
- Beacon, Reindahl Park, and Men's shelter continue to have vaccinations weekly
- Testing moved to Mondays
- Multiple weeks in a row with no positive tests, but we are still seeing cases among the homeless population
- Procedure in place for families that have a positive case of Covid and nowhere else to go- MRC
- People being sent to shelter from hospital before being screened: everyone should be tested at the hospital, sent to MRC if positive, gaps in communication lead to positive cases ending up back at shelter
- Come up with a way for addresses used by homeless population to be flagged in healthcare system so all staff knows to use MRC

- **Miscellaneous issues**

- Couples in the winter who are unwilling to separate- how can we serve them adequately?
- Salvation Army planning to establish overflow locations for when temp. drops below -20 degrees - will send updates
- CFC as bridge for unsheltered people to the shelters
- Can we begin safely using the shuttle system again from The Beacon to other locations for homeless services
- Men's DIS will close at 8 am since Beacon opens at 8 am. No gap
- Outreach at Porchlight through the end of the year
- Call John for outreach instead of leaving voicemails!  
-<http://www.danecountyhomeless.org/hsc-community-resources>  
Directories-Street Outreach Providers
- Outreach active until ~11 p.m.

- **Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**

- People with 3<sup>rd</sup> shift jobs, how can we provide them with the option to sleep since they work during the open hours of shelter? Solutions at Beacon
- Couples who are staying in their cars- how can we provide for them especially on cold weather nights?