

CJCC Jail & Jail Alternatives Committee

Supportive Housing Workgroup

November 18, 2022 10:00 AM

Present: Crystal Hegge, Tim Hunter, Audrey Rivenburg, Kalene Engel, Heather Stillwill, Linda Soderstrom, Marie Kovecsi, Nancy Brown, Maureen Holte, Chris Meyer

1. **Welcome**

2. **Recap of Housing Institute Programs:** The focus of the 3rd Institute was strategic planning and legislative advocacy. There was also a presentation on Supportive Housing from Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH). We had some good discussions and created planning charts.

3. **Updates on Projects:**

- a. Supportive Housing: Catholic Charities has hired a controller but still does not have an accounting time, thus, hiring new staff is not currently on the agenda. Hiawatha Valley Mental Health Center would be interested in taking on the Supportive Housing Project because they are already providing similar services, the project fits within HVMHC's mission and the staff could fit into HVMHC's current housing structure. They, like Catholic Charities, would want the County to apply for the Community Living Infrastructure Grant in the spring. From HVMHC's perspective, the biggest barrier is to work off the coordinated entry list¹ for occupants. Tim had a discussion with the county to see if there was any way that they would be able to do the project without pulling from the coordinated entry list and it sounds like that is possible. Audrey has talked to Laura Petterson at the County about shifting the grant from Catholic Charities to HVMVC and she did not think it would be a problem and would not require county approval as long as the scope of the work does not shift.

HVMHC is reformulating its local advisory council of persons with lived experience and would plan to have that group engaged in the project, to provide formalized input on policy changes.

- b. Local Housing Trust Fund: Nancy has done more research into the possibility of Winona Community Foundation holding the trust fund and confirmed that the Foundation could hold the fund. Rochester has a similar fund called Coalition for Rochester Housing and has also obtained bylaws from a similar entity. She wanted confirmation about the scope of the fund. Kalene confirmed that the fund was larger in scope than the supportive housing project, in that it could be set up to fund workforce housing, first time homebuyer assistance, rental assistance, rental rehabilitation and more. The larger the scope of the fund, the more donors and other supporters (like the Chamber of Commerce) would be interested in supporting it. Nancy is excited about the possibility of sponsoring such a fund and plans to reach out to JoMarie Morris, who is the head of the Rochester fund.

4. **Education/Publicity about HI Projects/HI Homework:** Kalene described the format of the January 14th CJCC Elected Officials Outreach Event. The event is not a place where the team could do a formal presentation on the projects, but it is a place where concept papers/white papers on the project could be

¹Long Term Homeless beds must be pulled from the coordinated entry list and Water's Edge has had a hard time finding people to fill those beds, as the people being pulled from the coordinated entry list are not local and do not want to live in in Winona. PWD (Person's with disabilities) beds do not need to be pulled from the coordinated entry list.

distributed. It is also a place where local officials could be asked about their support for such projects. Tim agreed to review and update the Supportive Housing FAQ paper that Kalene drafted. Rosemary was assigned the task of converting the Housing Trust Fund document into a concept paper.

Next steps:

- Tim updated Supportive Housing FAQ and convert into a concept paper
- Rosemary convert LHTF document into a concept paper
- Audrey/Tim work with County to transfer ARPA grant to HVMHC
- Nancy speak with JoMarie Morris to gather more information about Rochester's LHTF
- Crystal circulate the LHTF documentation to all members

Meeting adjourned: 11:25 p.m.

Minutes by Kalene Engel