



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes

Housing and Human Services Advisory Board

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Thursday, December 14, 2017

6:30 PM

Washtenaw County Building, 200 N. Main
St., Lower level conference room

CONVENE MEETING

Convened at 6:35pm

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Daniel: Earlier today, a report came out that in Ypsilanti, there was someone that died in a group home. Is there any sort of oversight for this?

Mercedes Brown: This could be something that CMH will look into.

T. Gillotti: It was a private landlord.

R. Sarri: Why wasn't it the home licensed? We need to find out more about it.

T. Gillotti: We'll try to follow up with you with more details.

Larry David: Who's overseeing the rest of the people?

T. Gillotti: CMH will relocate people in the meantime.

Chris Brown: Are there any plans for the RFP for funds from affordable housing from the Library Lot/Millage?

T. Gillotti: A subcommittee is reviewing the Affordable Housing Fund policy currently, but we won't see the actual funds until 2019. We'll be planning for it in 2018.

A. Erickson – There is an open RFP going, but no funds available.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved

NEW BUSINESS

A HUMAN SERVICES UPDATE

M. Brown: First, for some historical background, the county and city merged Community Development functions years ago, and in 2012 several county departments were merged to become OCED. OCED addresses human services and needs in 3 ways: direct services, collaborate efforts, and investing in systems of care.

Direct services – There are 3 services presented:

- ☐ **The Senior Nutrition Program** oversees congregate and home delivered meal programs for seniors.
- ☐ **The Foster Grandparents Program** engages older adults in tutoring, mentoring, and related support service to children with exceptional needs.
- ☐ **The Weatherization Program** provides energy-saving home improvements to eligible residents across Washtenaw County.

A. Bannister: Is there any sort of background check for the Foster Grandparents Program? Also, is the stipend for that program for materials?

M. Brown: Yes, we do background checks. We do not monitor the stipend use as it's for personal use.

M. Brown: The Weatherization program does most of their work on the east side of Washtenaw County, but does provide services in Ann Arbor and county-wide.

Z. Ackerman: Affordable housing and climate action each get 40% of the recently-passed county millage. Weatherization would be eligible to get assistance for the climate action portion.

T. Gillotti: We've been advertising and campaigning the weatherization program through the AATA buses, so that should

help get the word out.

Z. Ackerman: It says that 5 projects were done in the city of Ann Arbor. Is that the number of demand or eligibility? **T. Gillotti:** Often in Ann Arbor, incomes are higher than the threshold for the weatherization program.

A. Foster: In Detroit, there's a program called Greening of Detroit for high school kids to learn how to do weatherization work. Also, is there a component for the program to safely use warming things like space heaters?

T. Gillotti: We'll try to find out.

M. Brown: For collaborative efforts, a big one is Barrier Busters. They are a group of over 80 local social service provider agencies committed to improving services for Washtenaw County residents in need through access to a collection of public and private dollars to assist clients with crisis assistance. Of 300 local residents that received assistance through Barrier Busters, 78 were from the city of Ann Arbor.

A. Foster: Does that number mean 78 individuals? **M. Brown:** It means 78 households.

M. Brown: Next are the systems of care.

- ☐ **Homeless Services & Housing Response System** - There are 4 types of services provided:
 - o Emergency Shelters
 - o Transitional Housing
 - o Rapid Re-Housing
 - o Permanent Supportive Housing

A. Bannister: I've been doing a case study and for Ward 1 residents, some of them have been on a waitlist for housing for 5+ years. How can we go about this?

M. Brown: Technically, we don't have a waitlist. Our list is based on priority where people of higher priority needs get help first because we have finite limited resources that we must give out to the highest priority needs applicants.

Next is the housing response system through Housing Access for Washtenaw County (HAWC). When clients call, the staff determines if the caller is housed, at imminent risk, or homeless.

A. Foster: What about people who don't fall exactly into those categories? For example, how would they assist young people at risk for homelessness?

M. Brown: HAWC would automatically refer them to partner organizations that would be able to assist them..

For some housing and homelessness updates, we submitted a CoC funding application for nearly six million dollars in renewable funding. We received the Emergency Solutions Grant Award which gave us an additional \$50k in financial resources. Our annual point-in-time count is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31st. It'll run from 4am-8am that night to February 1st. Last year, the count was 300 and it's gone down the past few years. Next, Built for Zero is a joint OCED and WHA initiative to "functionally" end chronic and veteran homelessness in Washtenaw County. We have housed over 700 chronically homeless individuals and veterans since we started in 2015. There are currently 99 veterans and individuals on our list that are remaining to be housed. Amanda will present the WHA update.

A. Carlisle: WHA (Washtenaw Housing Alliance) is a coalition of 30+ non-profit and government entities providing services and housing to people who are homeless or at-risk of becoming homeless. Our 4 main focus areas include:

- ☐ Shepherding Blueprint to End Homelessness to success
- ☐ Sector Leader for Coordinated Funding
- ☐ Promoting system efficiencies and best practices
- ☐ Advocacy and public education

M. Brown: Lastly, due to time, I'll skip on ahead to our last point. We are looking for Coordinated Funding RFP review team volunteers who will review agency-submitted RFP operations applications. Generally we have about 4 volunteers – 2 councilmembers and 2 from this board that help.

E. Pollack, A. Bannister, A. Foster, and J. Steiner (pending availability) volunteer.

**B DISCUSSION OF COUNTY MILLAGE AND CITY OF ANN ARBOR
PRIORITIZATION OF PUBLIC SAFETY FUNDING: (ACTION)**

T. Gillotti: As you can see in the City of Ann Arbor resolution, for the portion of the county millage funding to be “returned” to the City of Ann Arbor as they have their own police force, the City of Ann Arbor has chosen to redirect those funds in the following manner - 20% of funding will go to improve pedestrian safety, 40% will go to affordable housing, and 40% will go to Ann Arbor’s climate action plan.

The Chair had requested related to the millage funds going to county mental health that we request regular updates from the County on the planning and implementation.

T. Jabzanka: How often would we want updates for the mental health portion? We want to have some accountability for how funds are being used.

J. Steiner: How often would regular updates be?

Members discuss whether updates would come biannually, quarterly, or other.

G. Pratt: I have some concerns for the resolution passed in July, for the funding that we said would be used for public safety. Why is that money used for being used for other reasons?

Z. Ackerman: The Sheriff’s Office already takes out from the general fund a lot, so the bigger importance would be to help reform their procedures.

Members talk about how money from millage would be used.
Due to time, members decide to discuss motion at a subsequent meeting.

C 2017 DRAFT WORK PLAN (ACTION)

T. Gillotti: For our 2018 workplan, some things we want to hit on are:

- ☐ Recommended policy changes to advance affordable housing including some policy and ordinance recommendations to City Council
- ☐ Ann Arbor Housing Commission updates

- ☐ Affordable Housing/Equity Leadership Team updates
- ☐ Coordinated Funding updates
- ☐ Homelessness response updates
- ☐ Housing & Human Services emergent issues

Motion to approve the work plan: W. Leaf moves, G. Pratt seconds.
Vote is unanimous.

D 2017 CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE FORM (ACTION)

Members fill out form

E APPROVAL OF 2018 MEETING SCHEDULE (ACTION)

Motion to approve the calendar: G. Pratt moves, A. Erickson seconds. Vote is unanimous.

F ELECTION OF OFFICERS (ACTION)

Members propose T. Jabzanka and A. Erickson renew terms of Chair and Co-Chair respectively.

Motion to approve the proposal: A. Carlisle moves, E. Pollack seconds. Vote is unanimous.

CITY COUNCIL (COUNCIL MEMBER UPDATE)

Z. Ackerman: I have a few updates. The final iteration for the Library Lot needs 6 votes and the money won't come until around 18 months. At the Glen spot near Ann and Catherine, the developer offered to give \$500,000 to the affordable housing fund. The fund will also receive \$900,000/year from the millage rebate. For the Y Lot, Dennis Dahlman didn't do anything so City has first right of refusal and could buy the land back for \$4 million.

Also, the City Council had a meeting with the Human Rights Commission and came up with a final report. They'd like to start a new police oversight program that would all them access to Profession Standards in the Sheriff's Office. They would also advise Chief of Police and Council for policies and training.

Anne Bannister notes that she looks forward to providing regular updates at future meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

A. Carlisle moved to Adjourn; A. Erickson seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:38pm

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