



City of Ann Arbor

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Housing and Human Services Advisory Board

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Thursday, September 8, 2022

6:30 PM

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

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I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Foster convened the meeting at 6:35 PM

II. ROLL CALL

Staff: 5 - T. Gillotti, N. Voght, J. Hall, M. Boydston, T. Cohen

Present 10 - Anna Erickson, Amanda Carlisle, Travis Radina, Anna Foster, Linh Song, Paul Sher, Skylar Woodman, Karen Wanza, Sharif-Ahmed Krabti, and Jean Leverich

Absent 3 - Emily Canosa, Ella Hall, and Mary McMahon

III. PUBLIC COMMENT

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion passes unanimously.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

V - 1. [22-1516](#) Approval of Minutes from July 14, 2022

Attachments: July 14th HHSAB Minutes FINAL.pdf

Approved as amended by the Board and forwarded to the City Council.

VI BUSINESS

a. New Human Services Partnership Update

Morghan Boydston, Wash. Co. OCED presented on the New Human Services Partnership

Questions about discrepancies with the due date on the website, and what "COFU" stands for.

J. Leverich asked why can't applicants have received funding previously? M. Boydston said applicants can have received funding, but majority of previous would not be eligible anyway.

P. Sher asked for information on the disruption to the social service agencies? How much have you all looked at that. And, how will you measure racism and equity issues? M. Boydston responded the funding is over next 5 years, and not sure how often people may re-apply. She will use the evaluators to assist with how these will address the issues. We expect this to be a long game. Outcomes won't be immediate.

M. Boydston continued that there is a huge impact with a systems change to the organizations, and OCED acknowledges that. But we want to see change, want to see the root causes addressed.

L. Song appreciates school lunches example of systemic insecurities. She is concerned that we are still in a pandemic, and we can all agree working toward racial equity and justice are worthy. Cost of providing services and labor are increasing, so she is concerned that we are trying to achieve all this locally with less resources.

J. Hall has same concerns as L. Song, that the conversation is about agency, and not the people. The goals are good, but it's so much bigger and so much more money needed to address major institutional problems, yet we're talking about local people that don't have food or housing. Given recent ARPA funding reviewed by the County last night, she's asking what are we going to do about the real loss of services to real human beings that need, services, housing and food? Where do we send people? She needs support services for the people that the housing commission helps.

T. Gillotti responded that COFU had between 4-5M per year for operating grants, and there's much less in the new funding, so fewer awards. Can we provide more funding within this model?

A. Erickson had a question on evaluation. The Opportunity Index is one measure to evaluate effectiveness of funding, but how will we know if one

organization is having that impact, vs. the other? She would like to hear from the organizations about how we should evaluate.

Further board discussion on new funding model and concerns about serving those in most immediate need.

Question on funding per year, T. Gillotti stated it's generally \$2.5M per year.

Question how organizations are being supported within this transition to new funding. T. Gillotti incorporated various comments from last summer into the framework.

Mini Grants close on Sept. 23rd, for \$40,000, but other grants are up to \$250K for five years.

b. Changes to Coordinated Entry in Homeless System of Care

HAWC was the coordinated system for entry into care. But with a change in their phone system, there were some challenges with a big delay in the turnover. OCED helped out at that time, and then decided to disengage with them, and followed up with MSHDA, and it was a difficult transition. They've had some community sessions for feedback, but this is also an opportunity. What is the standard we want? 12 hour service, vs. 9 to 5. RFP will be released next week, with one agency with satellites in some locations for referrals.

P. Sher upset to learn about this in the paper. How can we address larger issues if we can't get single point of entry right? It seems like there's a way forward, but will this work?

Further Board discussion on challenges with single point of entry system.

Zackariah Farah joined the meeting and was promoted to Panelist.

A. Foster asked why the Count wouldn't take on these services permanently. T. Gillotti said we don't have staffing or the expertise.

c. Proposed changes to City ordinance – Payment in Lieu of Taxes

This presentation was postponed to a future meeting.

d. Bylaws – reaffirmation so we can send to council

Board skipped to this item, as Teresa dropped.

J. Hall clarified anything under \$25,000 from the Trust Fund they had to review, but City did change it's requirements for 3 quotes for between \$25k and \$75K, but could still be approved by this Board. But Board still needs to review requests \$25K and under.

T. Gillotti rejoined the meeting. She said they can add back in the By Laws that the Board still review Trust Fund applications under \$25K.

Move by Sharif Krabti (2nd Jean Leverich) to approve the By-Laws. J. Leverich asked why someone living with assisted living can't serve on the Board. T. Gillotti thinks maybe this could change. J. Hall commented this could be a conflict, but maybe they could recuse themselves from the vote.

The Board agreed to remove Ethics Item #4, Pg 13. The motion carried with that change.

- e. Presentation – Affordable Housing / Millage Fund Policy

This presentation was postponed to a future meeting.

VII. UPDATES

- f. Affordable Housing Fund balance

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

- g. Renters' Commission Liaison report

Zackariah Farah is the Chair of the Renters' Commission, and updated the Board on the Ordinance is being developed. Right to Renew Ordinance being developed, to fix loopholes to fix last year's ordinance.

Z. Farah presented on the Renters' Commission and why it was established. Renters sometimes not allowed to renew their apartments, which leads to lack of stability. He presented the details of the proposed ordinance, and the protections afforded renters.

J. Leverich asked questions about certain scenarios.

Councilmember Radina discussed certain provisions in the ordinance related to Cause. Sudden increases in rent a concern. Z. Farah

discussed state laws related to rent control and how much a landlord can raise rent.

The Board discussed ways landlords may try to get around requirements.

T. Gillotti talked about approval timing at Council, and they should weigh in now, as it may get sent to Council prior to next meeting.

Motion by K. Wanza (2nd S. Krabti) to approve Resolution, and the motion passed unanimously.

Whereas the renters commission has been working closely with University of Michigan Graduate Employee Organization (GEO), area housing providers and heard of issues from renters related to leasing, renewals, and rent increases

Whereas we understand changes specific to affordable housing with local, state and federal restrictions are forthcoming to the Ordinance.

Resolve HHSAB supports adoption of the Right to Renew ordinance as with expected changes as presented by the Renters Commission in coordination with the City's legal team.

Approved unanimously.

VII. CITY COUNCIL (Council Member Update)

T. Radina and L. Song discussed things they are working on, DTE energy, and utilities.

VIII. GENERAL UPDATES

Saturday Black Asian event in Pittsfield Township at Montpellier Park from 1 to 5 pm

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Sharif Krabti Moved to adjourn at 9:05, 2nd Jean Leverich, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

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