**Agenda**

**Homeless Shelter Task Force**

Hovde bldg. 122 W. Washington Ave. 1st floor board room

February 5, 2020

4pm

**In attendance:** Marqueda Stewart, Karla Thennes, Liz Duffie, Vikki Enright, Meggan Allen, Jonathan Grieser, David Lyon, Major Andrew Shiels, Casey Becker, Kim Sutter, Melissa Sorenson, Eli Judge, Linda Vakunta, Mike Carter, Anthony Cooper, Mike Carter, Ariel Robbins, Jim O’Keefe, Jason Illstrup.

**Guest:** Dean Mosiman

1. Welcome/Susan Schmitz
2. Review/approve minutes from January 8th meeting

Karla Thennes, Eli Judge motion to approve the minutes. Passes unanimously.

1. Project Manager agreement and information on DMPI/Susan

Downtown Madison Partners Inc., will serve as the fiscal agent for the steering committee and will be able to accept funds to pay for project management.

Steering Committee is a volunteer group currently.

1. Observations from Study Group Presentation & Rotary video on Affordable Housing

* 40% of shelter guests (est. 1200) stay less than 7 days.
* Diversion as a program intervention and its possibilities for men’s shelter in our community.

1. Group discussion/”What we have learned to date”

**How can we strengthen connections between homeless services and the public housing authorities?**

* + Possible action item here.

**What role will Porchlight play?**

Karla: Porchlight will not look for a location or raise capital funds. Would apply for an operating RFP to run the new shelter.

**Who is driving the ship to find a location for the new shelter?**

When considering location, may be helpful to talk with developers and others who have a stake in how neighborhoods are growing and if a shelter fits the vision for that neighborhood.

Who is the leader of the organizational structure for the group to develop the new shelter?

How to determine how much staffing is needed for the program based on potential size of the shelter.

Strong operations plan will be necessary before site search or pursuit of permits.

Community outreach efforts for the provider and the new shelter must be sustained throughout the life of the shelter, not just on the front end when developing the model.

* **What collaborations can be made on the front end to provide a wide variety of services that would be located at the men’s shelter.**
* **What does the data tell us about who is being helped?**
* **Diversion—a strategy to look at for a new shelter?**
* **Get plugged in to those working on affordable housing?**
* **Additional partners?**
* **What is missing in the current homeless men’s system?**

1. Timeline/Strategies for moving forward/group discussion & agreement
2. Additional items for discussion and next agenda
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