

Homeless Services Advisory Board
August 21, 2023
Record Mtg via Zoom

1. Call to Order – Anthony Ducote at 3:35PM

2. Roll Call –

In Attendance			
Joshua Chaney		Ti'eri Lino	X
Candice Garman	X	Nova Paden	X
John Brown		Anna Schlecht	
KayVin Hill	X	Anthony Ducote	X
Tammie Smith	X	Keylee Marineau (staff)	X
Stephanie Reinauer	X	Jessica Olson (staff)	X
Leslie VanLeishout	X	Linsay Hil (PiPE)	X

2. Approval of Agenda – Ti'eri moved, KayVin seconded, unanimously approved

3. Approval of Minutes – Stephanie moved, Leslie seconded, unanimously approved

4. Questions, Updates, and Clarifications – Keylee asked everyone to briefly review and read out the norms.

5. Authentic Introductions – Anthony described the process of presenting an “Authentic Introductions”. Ti'eri explained the origin of the process belonging to her participation in the YWCA's Intercultural Foundations cohort program. All present spent 2-4 minutes presenting their own Authentic Introductions. The recording was paused for most introductions to preserve member's privacy when discussing personal experiences.

6. Lived Experience Housing Steering Committee – PiPE Presentation – Decision

KayVin summarized the purpose of this agenda item: to approve the recommendation of Partners in Prevention Education (PiPE) be granted the Lived Experience Housing Steering Committee (LEHSC) contract to the Regional Housing Council on Wednesday, August 23, 2023. Linsay Hil from PiPE introduced herself, her experience and qualifications and her intent to act as the co-facilitator of the LEHSC. Linsay shared that Charlia Messinger, Executive Director of PiPE, will be providing the administrative support for the LEHSC through this contract, and Linsay direct service as facilitator. Linsay assured the enthusiasm of PiPE in holding the contract and that PiPE also had capacity to carry the contract.

HSAB members asked Linsay questions and asked for clarification. Linsay stated that she and Charlia will be attending the LEHSC in-person meeting on August 28th to meet the entire LEHSC members.

KayVin moved to approve the recommendation to grant PiPE with the 2023-2024 contract to provide administrative support and facilitation of the LEHSC. Anthony seconded, unanimously approved.

7. SideWalk Funds - Decision update –

On August 2, 2023, Office of Housing and Homeless Prevention (OHHP) staff received informal notification of Sidewalk's intent to close their doors and cease all provision of services. On Monday, August 21, 2023, OHHP staff received formal notice that Sidewalk will not be moving forward with the contract due to the agency shutting its doors permanently.

OHHP staff explained that the \$40,000 could be redistributed and offered some options:

1. Re-distribute \$40,000 to another agency contracted with OHHP Housing Basic Needs
2. Split the \$40,000 between agencies contracted with OHHP for Housing Basic Needs
3. Not re-distribute the funds

A discussion ensued regarding the options. Keylee also shared that Olivia Hickerson had preemptively reached out Family Support Center to see if they had the interest and capacity to take the funds and provide diversion activities for the single adult population. It was the understanding of OHHP staff that Family Support Center indicated that they could.

A discussion occurred regarding what services were like diversion. There was a question regarding ROOF and Rebuilding Together receiving funds for rent assistance, and whether they should be considered.

Motion 1: Leslie moved that the \$40,000 originally awarded to SideWalk for diversion services to the single adult population be awarded to Family Support Center with the stipulation that the diversion funds follow the scope of the SideWalk contract.

Discussion:

Tammie opposed and suggested that Rebuilding Together receive \$12,000 to award them their full ask, and the remaining \$28,000 to go to Family Support Center.

Motion 2: Second motion that Rebuilding Together receive \$12,000 and the remainder go to Family support center for Diversion activities. Anthony seconded.

Discussion: Primarily the will of Sidewalk was for their diversion funds remain diversion funds for the single adult population. Also discussed was that the diversion funds can be used for a "ride Home" program like Sidewalk's Ride Home program.

Motion 1 unanimously approved.

8. Consolidated Homeless Grant Inflationary Funds – Keylee provided a brief overview of the CHG Inflationary funds options for distribution:

1. 3rd party – OHHP would contract with a third party to distribute CHG Inflationary Funds. Front line staff would apply for stipend in a similar manner as the stipends distributed by Commerce in 2022.
2. Distribution based on % or # of direct service staff FTEs working within the HCRS and who are currently contracted with the county for homeless services programming..

Discussion – agenda topic next month.

9. Adjourn – 5:04pm