**DRAFT MINUTES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

February 5th, 2021

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Public Meeting Location: Virtual through Teams

*Voting members: Ashley Odom (chair), Karin Ford, Tim Wilson, Ben Brustkern, Crissy Canganelli, Alex Freeman, Dennis Lauterbach, Dax Oberreuter, Gary Wickering.*

**Resources** (<https://www.iowafinance.com/homelessness/homeless-service-agencies/iowa-council-on-homelessness/>):

Chair Ashley Odom opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was achieved.

1. Introductions
   1. Voting members:
      1. Ben Brustkern
      2. Tim Wilson
      3. Ashley Odom
      4. Karin Ford
      5. Dax Oberreuter
      6. Crissy Canganelli
   2. Other participants:
   3. Mollie Brees
   4. Amber Lewis
2. Approval of Agenda – *Action Item*
   1. Motion: Karin
   2. Second: Ben
   3. Unanimously approved
3. Strategic Planning
   1. Ashley noted that the committee needs a plan for review of the RFI responses for Council Strategic Planning. The group agreed to use the scoring rubric that was sent out previously. Ben noted he used this already for reviews and it worked well. Dennis also already finished. As tentatively planned before, reviewers will include Karin, Ben, Crissy, and Dennis. Amber will also review for IFA’s part in this.
   2. Timeframe for reviews: If everyone sent their scores to Crissy, she could tabulate them together. This could be done next week, and then have the scoring group meet next Friday. If needed, phone conferences could be planned the following week with any vendors. Then the scoring group can have recommendations to the full Exec. Cmte for their meeting next on February 19th.
4. Old Business
   1. None
5. New Business
   1. Crissy introduced a discussion of the proposed Iowa Senate Bill 1079 and House Bill 171.
      1. The bills will allow landlords to discriminate against applicants for having Section 8 or similar as a source of income. There is a Policy and Planning Cmte next week, at 1:30 on February 10th, and Crissy would like to discuss then as well with the committee. Crissy is proposing that the Council review this bill and note their opposition against it. This is particularly problematic during the pandemic. Will disproportionately impact households that are seniors, have disabilities, or are minority households. Noted that many landlords all over the state are currently accepting public funds through the IFA and federal eviction prevention programs, which doesn’t match the spirit of these bills.
      2. Dennis noted it would be helpful to be able to share with the whole Iowa Council on Homelessness. And also to develop some kind of policy in the future for reviewing legislative items like this.
      3. Members also discussed the larger recent housing-related bill. May be some merit in reviewing both.
      4. Members also discussed reaching out to some other IFA staff members to discuss these issues. Crissy noted she has contacted two other IFA staff members already to share her concerns with these bills.
      5. The committee also discussed the appropriate role of the Council as a state board, regarding education and advising about legislation, and making sure it was following its role appropriately.
      6. Members agreed the appropriate next step was for the Policy and Planning Committee to take up this discussion more fully at its upcoming meeting.
   2. Amber introduced a discussion of some additional funding available from the Iowa Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) program; funding which has not yet been obligated but needs to be obligated by a federal deadline next month. It’s possible IFA will open up the ESG-CV2 competition again with some very limited parameters. Amber suggested that in the past, the Council’s Policy and Planning Committee has sometimes reviewed ESG planning and provided input. It was agreed that the topic will be added to the agenda for the upcoming Policy and Planning Committee meeting.
   3. Tim shared with the committee that Barb Kellogg, former Council member, has passed away recently.
6. Public Comment: None
7. Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Friday, February 19, 2021.
8. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

*Draft minutes submitted by Amber Lewis*