**DRAFT MINUTES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

April 16, 2021,10:00 AM, Virtual meeting through Teams

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

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

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

1. Introductions
	1. Voting members:
		1. Ashley Schwalm
		2. Dax Oberreuter
		3. Alex Freeman
		4. Gary Wickering
		5. Karin Ford
		6. Tim Wilson
		7. Crissy Canganelli
	2. Others:
		1. Amber Lewis
2. Approval of Agenda – ***Action Item***
	1. Motion: Dax
	2. Second: Tim
	3. Unanimously approved
3. Approval of Minutes from 2/19/21 – ***Action Item***
	1. Motion: Crissy
	2. Second: Karin
	3. Unanimously approved
4. Committee Updates
	1. Nominating Committee (Tim Wilson)
		1. The committee met earlier this week. Notices were sent to members with terms expiring soon. Ben spoke with someone in the governor’s office involved with boards and commissions. There is recognition there that we do have a Nominating Cmte, according to our governing documents, and that if the Council puts forward recommendations, that may enhance chances of getting folks on board that the Council supports. Next meeting is May 12th at 1:30. Ashley noted we are trying to focus on underrepresented groups on the Council.
	2. Policy and Planning Committee (Crissy Canganelli)
		1. The committee has not met recently, but Crissy and Jim Cain are working on a draft letter to the governor. A meeting may be scheduled sometime in May.
	3. Public Awareness Committee (Alex Freeman)
		1. Continues to meet monthly. Working on a Day on the Hill document to go out. Will send to this group for review soon. A little generic in terms of hard asks or specific positioning, since we have not had much full Council discussion about specific priorities.
		2. Also working on strategizing for public awareness visits in 2021. Would like to come up with a list of potential sites this year, and will bring to Council and this committee for input.
5. Strategic Planning with Bronner Group
	1. Ashley provided an update. A few committee members met recently with the Bronner Group to start the project. Scheduled to meet bi-weekly going forward.
6. Old Business
	1. None
7. New Business
	1. Amber shared information about a potential new opportunity to join with the national group, Community Solutions, for their Built for Zero initiative. <https://community.solutions/our-solutions/built-for-zero/> Amber had a call earlier this week with the CEO of this organization, and another call with them and some Des Moines representatives yesterday. Members discussed and were receptive to learning more. Members noted it could potentially be a partnership involving both the Iowa Balance of State CoC and the Council. Next steps:
		1. Amber will share some information with the Iowa Balance of State Continuum of Care Board.
		2. Amber will forward any additional information she receives from Community Solutions.
	2. Members also discussed any connection an initiative like this could have to the new upcoming HOME Homelessness funding recently approved through the federal American Rescue Plan. This new funding will provide about $29 million to the state, plus additional direct allocations to several cities. HUD still needs to issue regulations for these new funds, which may not come until the fall or possibly even later. Next steps:
		1. Crissy will convene a meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee and plan to address HOME Homelessness funding recommendations for Iowa.
8. Agenda for Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting: Friday, May 21, 2021 (virtual)
	1. Tim says the committee is working on having a slate of membership recommendations for the Council ready for this meeting.
9. Public Comment
	1. None
10. Next Executive Committee meeting: Friday, June 18, 2021 (virtual)
11. Adjourn
	1. Motion: Tim
	2. Second: Crissy
	3. Unanimously approved; meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

*Minutes submitted by Amber Lewis*