

# *The Iowa Council on Homelessness*

## MINUTES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

December 17, 2021

10:00 AM, Virtual through Teams

*Voting members 2021-2022: Ashley Schwalm (Chair), Karin Ford (Vice-chair), Tim Wilson, Ben Brustkern, Crissy Canganelli, Dennis Lauterbach, Gary Wickering*

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

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

- I. Introductions
  - a. Voting members:
    - i. Ashley Schwalm
    - ii. Ben Brustkern
    - iii. Dennis Lauterbach
    - iv. Tim Wilson
    - v. Gary Wickering
    - vi. Karin Ford
  - b. Non-voting members:
    - i. Amber Lewis
- II. Approval of Agenda – **Action Item**
  - a. Motion: Tim
  - b. Second: Dennis
  - c. Unanimously approved
- III. **Public Comment Period:** A public comment period for the meeting will be held at this time to accommodate visitors. This period is limited to 2 minutes per person and 10 minutes in total.
  - a. No comments
- IV. Approval of Minutes from October 15, 2021 – **Action Item**
  - a. Motion: Tim
  - b. Second: Ben
  - c. Unanimously approved
- V. Committee Updates
  - a. Nominating Committee (Tim Wilson)
    - i. The committee last met December 8<sup>th</sup>. Kristin Hanks-Bents, legislative liaison from IFA, joined the meeting to provide an update on the proposed code changes. These have been submitted to the code editor for review.

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There is a process next to approve or reject any of their changes. Might know something by the January meeting, but more likely later. If the changes are approved by the legislature, they would be slated to go into effect next July 1. There was discussion about how the new members would be recommended to the governor's office by the Nominating Committee set up at that time, which would be the group of state agency representatives (who would otherwise be non-voting members).

- b. Policy and Planning Committee (Crissy Canganelli)
    - i. Crissy wasn't present but provided this written update in advance: "The full committee did not meet, however, a subgroup continued to work with Terri Rosonke on the IRUAP RRH Pilot. The pilot has been given the green light by Director Durham. We are now waiting an official announcement by Governor Reynolds. Information regarding the approval of the pilot should not be shared beyond the Executive Committee until the public announcement has been issued."
  - c. Public Awareness Committee (TBD)
    - i. Ashley noted there isn't yet a new chair for this committee. There was some discussion about the future role of this committee, given the likely changes to the membership of the council. Especially with a smaller council in the future, may need to engage some non-council members.
- VI. Strategic Planning
- a. Ashley noted that Tim, Karin, and Crissy had volunteered during the last meeting to lead strategic planning. Karin and Tim shared there has not been progress yet.
- VII. Old Business
- a. There was some brief further discussion of the anticipated new Rapid Rehousing pilot program. Once (assuming) this is fully approved by the governor's office, there may be a tight turnaround to get things ready to go as quickly as possible. Amber noted the likely limitation on the number of grants to regions that can be supported (no more than one per region). Gary briefly shared the plan to provide additional support for Coordinated Entry.
- VIII. New Business
- a. Ashley shared that Jodi Royal-Goodwin has agreed to be on this committee; will be added to the invitation list for next time. Ashley noted there is one additional member needed to fill all nine roles. There was also some discussion of how the chairperson and vice-chairperson roles will be filled this year, with the likely code changes.
- IX. Plan for next Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting: Friday, January 21, 2022
- a. Amber will not be present for this meeting; Mollie will be providing support. Ashley also will not be present; Karin will chair the meeting.

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- b. Gary noted it would be good to add some information about the upcoming Point-in-Time Count. This is an especially important count this year since many communities skipped it last year. HUD will be strict this year and will require interviews rather than observations.
  - c. Ashley acknowledged everyone's fatigue these days and asked if there was some kind of speaker the group would want to bring in. Tim suggested Tamara Wright, the new USICH regional representative that led the listening session in November. There was some discussion of having someone that could speak about self-care and mindfulness, etc. No specific speakers nor plan for this was identified.
- X. Next Executive Committee meeting: Friday, February 18, 2022
- XI. Adjourn
- a. Motion: Gary
  - b. Second: Dennis
  - c. Unanimously approved; the meeting adjourned at 10:51a.m.

*Minutes submitted by Amber Lewis*