**MEETING MINTUES**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

October 20th, 2023

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

*Voting members 2023: Ashley Schwalm (Past Chair), Tim Wilson (Chair), Hope Metheny (Vice-chair), Ben Brustkern, Crissy Canganelli, Dennis Lauterbach, Terri Rosonke*

**Resources** ([https://www.iowafinance.com/homelessness/homeless-service-agencies/iowa-council-on-homelessness/](about:blank)):

Chair Tim Wilson opened the meeting at 10:05 am. A quorum of members was achieved.

1. Introductions
   1. Voting members present:
      1. Tim Wilson
      2. Ben Brustkern
      3. Dennis Lauterbach
      4. Crissy Canganelli
   2. Others present:
   3. Mollie Brees (IFA)
   4. Sarah Sorensen (IFA)
   5. Terri Rosonke (IFA)
2. Approval of Agenda – ***Action Item***
   1. Motion: Ben Brustkern
   2. Second: Dennis Lauterbach
   3. Unanimously approved
3. Approval of Minutes- ***Action Item***
   1. Motion: Dennis Lauterbach
   2. Second: Ben Brustkern
   3. Unanimously approved
4. **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.
   1. None
5. Nominating Committee Updates
   1. Tim asked the committee if Maria Torres had been approved for the council. Ben stated that he is unsure but stated that the committee plans to meet next week to discuss the strategic plan and how to engage members with lived experience. Tim stated that it may be beneficial to consider changing the time and format of the council meetings to engage those with lived experience since most are working hourly jobs and are unable to attend the meetings. The committee will continue the discussion at their workgroup meeting next week.
6. Strategic Planning
   1. The committee discussed how the council would continue to operate if eliminated at the state level. The committee discussed how data would continue to be made available for review and discussed a need for lobbying. They also asked who the spokesperson for homelessness on a statewide basis would be. Tim stated that Courtney with the Balance of State CoC has discussed how their role will change and the need for a lobbyist came up on two separate occasions. Dennis stated that he's not aware of any other state that has gone through this type of process and reports that this is going to be a brand-new experience. Crissy asked if the Housing Partnership has come up in any of the conversations and asked if the Iowa Housing Partnership has been effective. Tim stated that they may be able to provide some guidance to the council as they have similar goals and interests. Crissy responded that the Iowa Housing Partnership is a membership-based organization and showed interest in following their model. Terri responded stating that their chair is Tracey Achenbach and encouraged the committee to reach out for guidance. Crissy will reach out to Tracey for guidance.
7. Old Business
   1. None
8. New Business

* Feedback from informal Zoom discussions
  + Tim stated that the need for a lobbyist was discussed on each Zoom discussion. He stated that it may be beneficial to have a conversation with all Iowa CoC’s to discuss how to move forward on a collaborative basis.
* Other
  + Crissy asked if the appropriation funds set aside for the council would be eliminated if the council were eliminated. Terri stated that it is the expectation that funds will be eliminated but that no confirmation has been received either way.

1. Plan for next Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting: Friday, November 17th, 2023
   1. Tim stated that he was curious about massive disenrollment of those on Medicaid and asked what impacts service providers are seeing on those served. He stated that the assumes that there would be a negative impact as those that had health insurance no longer do. Crissy stated that staff have not discussed any issues with her but will circle back to the group. Ben stated that he will also reach out to his staff. Tim stated that he received an article about the change in eligibility for those on Medicare and Medicaid. He reports that the article discusses delivering medications to unhoused individuals. Crissy stated that they have noticed an impact on people they are trying to house due to landlords not acknowledging housing choice vouchers as income. She reported that individuals are still required to demonstrate 300% income for rent. Crissy shared that there was a fire at an encampment and stated that they received 13 denials on housing applications. Terri stated that it would be helpful to have a list of examples in other communities to be able to take the concerns to government affairs. Crissy will obtain examples to report at the next Iowa Council on Homelessness meeting.
2. Next Executive Committee meeting: Friday, December 15th, 2023
3. Adjourn
   1. Motion: Dennis
   2. Second: Crissy
   3. Unanimously approved; the meeting adjourned at 10:47 am

*Minutes submitted by Mollie Brees*