**MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 25, 2023, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**VIRTUAL:**

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

* **Introductions**
  + Ben Brustkern
  + Lori Miller
  + William Berning
  + David Hagen
  + Mollie Brees (IFA)

The meeting opened with Tim providing a recap of the status of the council stating that the Governor appointed a committee to review the boards and commissions in Iowa. The recommendations from the committee include combining some boards and eliminating others. The ICH is recommended for elimination. The recommendations were approved by the Governor with some minor changes. All recommendations are subject to change by the legislature. If the recommendations are approved, the council will no longer exist.

* **Identify, Discuss, Solve Issues, Opportunities**
  + The committee discussed ways to implement and recruit members with lived experience. Ben stated that the council may want to consider a lived experience advisory board. Tim responded stating that the council tends to look for people whose lived experience is recent and most of those individuals are working hourly jobs making it hard for them to attend scheduled meetings. Lori asked the group how the council is currently reaching out to people for recruitment. Ben stated that it might be beneficial to have conversations with agency directors rather than sending a general message as those are sometimes not read thoroughly. David asked the group if it would be beneficial to provide a diagram outlining what they are trying to accomplish by recruiting individuals with lived experience. The group agreed that it would be helpful. Tim stated that there are models out there that could be helpful for the committee and suggested speaking with members of the youth advisory board for guidance. Ben asked the group if there is another path to recruitment they aren’t thinking about. David stated that the committee may want to look at subpopulations such as schools, veterans, and individuals that timed out of foster care. Lori asked what it is that we want the lived experience advisory board to do. Ben stated that the advisory board could help give perspective to those in case management. Tim added that it might be beneficial to create more opportunities for case managers to meet to discuss any issues or solutions.
* **Next Steps**
  + David will create a draft process for implementing the lived experience advisory board. Ben will consider inviting members of the CoC’s to discuss next steps.
* **Conclude**
  + Meeting concluded at approximately 10:00 a.m.

*Meeting minutes submitted by Mollie Brees*