

Task Force on Shelter Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2022; 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Meeting held via Zoom

1. Welcome and Roll Call

Chair Julie Jeppson welcomed everyone and took roll call for the meeting.

Members Present: **Andrea Simonett**, Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS); **Ariana Daniel**, Servants of Shelter-International Falls; **David Hewitt**, Hennepin County; **Jason Urbanczyk**, public member; **John Bradley**, Freedom from the Streets; **Judy Moe**, Richfield Disability Advocacy Partnership; **Jules Duvall**, member of the public, **Julie Jeppson**, Blaine City Council/Anoka Stepping Stones; **July Vang**, public member; **Kate Erickson**, Minnesota Department of Corrections (DOC); **Laura Birnbaum**, St. Louis County; **Lauren Ryan**, Minnesota Department of Public Safety (DPS); **Mary Riegert**, Minnesota Tribal Collaborative; **Nancy Bokelmann**, City of Mankato; **Paul Williams**, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs (MDVA); **Reed Olson**, Nameless Coalition-Bemidji; **Rinal Ray**, People Serving People-Minneapolis; **Ron Elwood**, Legal Services Advocacy Project; **Sam Juneau**, Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT); **Sherry Shannon**, public member; **Tamara Stark**, Tubman; **Tyra Thomas**, Street Voices of Change

Guests Present: Kristina Krull, Mongkol Teng, and Stacy Sjogren (MMB); Cathy ten Broeke, Eric Grumdahl, Elizabeth Dressel and Sue Hite-Kirk, Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness (MICH)

Note: Guests attending via YouTube livestream or on the phone were not identified

Agenda Review

Questions/Comments: none

2. Small orders of business

- a. Approval of Minutes: approved by consensus

3. Revisit Task Force values and ground rules

Members discussed what values and ground rules are 1) especially important to our success and 2) missing but really important to add?

- a. Value Statement 7
- b. Value Statement 2
- c. Volunteering for Logistics Team
- d. Decision making process
- e. Active voice and targeted engagement for Tribal Nations and People with Lived Experience, LBGTQIA2S+, etc.
- f. Stakeholder engagement timeline
- g. Structure of meetings and barriers to participate
- h. Open discussion and listening session for people with lived experience

- i. Plain language to be used
- j. Define role of government representative members
- k. Consensus decision making
- l. Standard review breakout group for only members who have lived experience of homelessness
- m. All members bring unique perspective
- n. New members are assigned and invited to small work group(s)
- o. Monthly meeting: hybrid, reasonable accommodations, COVID concerns

Discussion summary: there are many issues/questions that need to be answered in the “how to do.” Members will review issues raised and provide feedback.

4. Check-in and reflections on Task Force work to date

This agenda item was discussed as part of Item 3 discussion.

5. Shelter oversight values

In the interest of time, this agenda item was not discussed.

6. Review additional draft standards

In the interest of time, this agenda item was not discussed.

7. Stakeholder engagement update

Members reviewed the three methods of stakeholder outreach, i.e., online comment form, virtually facilitated conversations. Adjustments suggested were:

- a. Members should be encouraged to participate in virtual meetings of their choice
- b. Virtual meetings should be longer than one hour
- c. Draft standards are not in plain language; handouts distributed need to be in plain language
- d. Implement person-centered and trauma-informed approaches as we welcome people to provide feedback

8. Close Out and Next Steps: The minutes from today will be posted on the website in a couple weeks. The Zoom chat file will be saved appropriately to the files. Kristina will be reaching out to members for further feedback on discussions today as well as review of new standard that was provided to members.

Next Meeting: August 15, 2022; 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.