

Hillsdale Community Foundation
Regular Board Meeting
November 22, 2021
Video conference call

Directors Present: Amy Houchen (chair), Dick Hausken (treasurer), Dave Hawkins (Web Manager), Jennifer Bonas, Eamon Molloy (secretary)

Directors absent: Spenser French

Directors Emeriti present: Rick Seifert, Michael Reunert

Guest: Multnomah County Commissioner Sharon Meieran, MD

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Homelessness and Meth Abuse Discussion

Sharon Meieran began the discussion and gave an overview. (Much of the discussion was based on the Atlantic article by Sam Quinones

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2021/11/the-new-meth/620174/> and the OPB Think Out Loud interview with Sam Quinones <https://www.opb.org/article/2021/11/01/the-formulation-of-meth-has-changed-it-may-be-contributing-to-this-countrys-mental-health-crisis/>).

As an emergency room physician and volunteer with Portland Street Medicine, Sharon has worked with many who are experiencing homelessness and meth abuse. A significant portion of homelessness is driven by substance abuse, particularly meth. The meth now available is different from the meth available 10-20 years ago. It is also easier to make and is very cheap. Unlike opiates, there is no drug treatment (methadone for example) available.

What resources can be used towards drug treatment in this population? To Sharon's knowledge she doesn't know of any but has a meeting tomorrow and plans on asking this question.

There was a discussion about solutions other cities are pursuing. Built for Zero from Rockford, IL was outlined by Rick. In short, every houseless person identified and known by name. Teams of people help each person through their issue/problems. Sharon commented that she and Community Solutions have been advocating that the county pursue this option. HAT is, in a way, doing this. Sharon said that relationships can be built at a very small level to help a lot. We Shine (<https://weshinepdx.org/>) is a group working on

October 25, 2021 Minutes

The October 25, 2021 Minutes were reviewed. Dave moved approve the minutes, Dick seconded. Motion approved unanimously.

Treasurer Report

Not much change from last meeting.

Graffiti Removal

Todd has identified the needed graffiti washer. The machine he identified costs approximately \$400. Dave moved that Dick is authorized to spend up to \$500 for the machine. Dick seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Potential Board Members

Chris Reid is still busy settling her mother's estate. She is interested in learning more about board service after the estate work has been completed. LeeLa Coleman was suggested as was Jessica Kaplan.

Jennifer moved to adjourn meeting, Dick seconded. Next meeting is Oct 25, 2021 at 7pm. Board meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.