



SHS Advisory Committee Meeting

April 11, 2024 | 3:00-4:30 pm

Attendance: Yvette, Johnnie, Ria, Jessica M., Jessica H, Jamar, Desiree', Cheryl, Xenia, Sandra

STAFF: Anna Johnson, Cristal Otero, Cristina Castaño

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/ Action
Welcome Land and Labor Introductions SHS Updates	<p>SHS Recruitment Process:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● There's a lot of time in the application process—can we move up the timeline for having folks join? Can it be sooner than August? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recruitment team will evaluate if there is wiggle room to move the timeline up. The time between the application deadline and selecting members (May 10-June 24) is when we are reviewing applications and conducting interviews. ● Can we try to have representation from folks with disabilities, including folks from the deaf community? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The recruitment team can include disability rights organizations in our outreach plans <p>Metro Request for Qualifications (RFQu)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Can you apply as an individual? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, you can apply as an individual but may need to have business documentation to receive a contract. ● Was there an email that went out? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Yes, but we will resend the info early next week ahead of the April 18 deadline. <p>Retreat Scheduling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The retreat will take place on our normal meeting day in June (Thursday, June 13), hopefully in person. 	<p>Action: SHS team will resend RFQu information</p>

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	<p>Requesting feedback on length of time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Doing training of new staff currently so it's harder to get away ○ Not sure about in person but the day would work ○ 4-5 hours feels like it would be too long. 	
<p>System Improvement Recommendations</p>	<p>The committee created these recommendations after discussions we had with JOHS staff from Coordinated Access. The recommendations take a look at the need to decrease wait times for shelter and increase accessibility, in particular for folks with disabilities because many shelters don't have ADA bathrooms, wheelchair ramps, etc.</p> <p>Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A member requested that language about neurodivergence be added to the recommendations. ● Other members expressed a desire to talk about this more as a committee before incorporating it in the document. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is there a broader conversation about neurodivergence as a barrier to access? ○ What would the broader neurodivergent community like to see? Their perspective should inform our decisions. ○ How are we defining neurodivergent? <p>Feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Question about public use of substances and how that relates to low barrier shelter. Changes to public use laws might be happening. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Shelters do not allow active/open use in the shelter space. ○ Most treatment centers require passing a drug test, so folks who are on a spectrum of use and are receiving varying levels of treatment would be ineligible for many services. Recovery often is not linear. ○ If you have to leave housing and come back, the stress of being houseless is detrimental to the recovery process. ○ It's about being able to access housing even if you aren't completely off of something. ○ Detox is getting trickier with fentanyl—the length of detox is sometimes not sufficient. 	<p>Action: SHS team & co-chair will strategize how to continue the discussion around disability at the co-chair meeting on 4/18</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When we talk about housing from a housing first perspective, it is rooted in the belief that housing is a human right whether or not someone is using. Evidence shows that use is greatly reduced once someone is housed. ○ Once people are housed they become stabilized and a lot of that public use is decreased. This definitely has a lot of intersections with identity and social/systemic issues. Those intersections are hard to address without a roof over your head. ● Suggestion: Can we include something about families/people with children/single parents/people taking care of other loved ones? Different types of families/scenarios–have choice and autonomy about who can stay with people in shelter? Making sure families of all kinds have access to shelter and housing. ● Suggestion: Can we add language about equity in how people with lived experience are treated/employed because they are often exploited by larger organizations? ● Group consensus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ SHS team will make the changes suggested in this meeting, and we will continue the discussion and vote in May. ○ Will also talk with JM at our next co-chair meeting about how to continue the conversation about folks with disabilities who experience homelessness. 	<p>Action: SHS team will make the changes suggested today and will bring back a new draft to May meeting for review/vote</p>
<p>FY 2025 SHS Annual Work Plan</p>	<p><i>See slides for content</i> <i>Ran out of time for discussion and will revisit in May</i></p>	<p>Action: Revisit for discussion in May</p>

ZOOM Chat:

From Xenia Gonzales to All Panelists 03:05 PM

Hey y'all I got leave at like 415 today

From Cristal Otero to All Panelists 03:05 PM

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hello, I am having trouble with my sound

From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 03:15 PM
Congrats Zina

From Desiree' DuBoise to All Panelists 03:24 PM
Can we have the link to the application sent to us as well?

From Xenia Gonzales to All Panelists 03:24 PM
Will do

From Me to All Panelists 03:24 PM
Yes, I will share the application link when it is ready.


From Xenia Gonzales to All Panelists 03:25 PM
Thank you

From Cristal Otero to All Panelists 03:26 PM
Great idea Anna!!!

From Xenia Gonzales to All Panelists 03:27 PM
I can't hear rea either

From Desiree' DuBoise to All Panelists 03:32 PM
What does that stand for again?

Me to Jessica Harper (Direct Message) 03:32 PM
Request for Qualifications (RFQu)

From Desiree' DuBoise to All Panelists 03:32 PM


From Ria Tsinas to All Panelists 03:35 PM
I dont know why my audio isnt working, but Ill just write here- my name is ria, I go by she/her pronouns. I am a person with lived experience of houselessness, SUD, neurodivergence, and physical disability. I work at Outside In Syringe Exchange but am not representing them here. Its lovely to see all of you after having missed the past few meetings due to hospitalizations. Same and thanks

From Breanna Flores (she/they) JOHS to All Panelists 03:37 PM
We are looking at Thursday, June 13th from 12-4pm or 1-5pm.

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From Me to Everyone 03:38 PM

This is the day our usual committee meeting would be held so the retreat would be in lieu of the regular meeting.

From Jessica Harper to All Panelists 03:55 PM

I am comfortable with the list as is

From Ria Tsinas to All Panelists 03:56 PM

When it comes to the hiring of "peers", which I am not a fan of that term so much- I am wondering if there will be a way to ensure that those people wont be exploited for their expertise without being given mentoring opportunities, leadership opportunities, and advancement opportunities

So glad you named that Jessica!

From Johnnie Shaver to All Panelists 03:57 PM

agreed. as an AuDHD person

From Sandra Comstock to All Panelists 04:01 PM

I am comfortable with the list

From Johnnie Shaver to All Panelists 04:03 PM

There's no shelters that allow open use

From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 04:05 PM

I'm cool with the list ideas

From Yvette Hernandez to All Panelists 04:07 PM

I'm good with the list too

From Johnnie Shaver to All Panelists 04:08 PM

I'm good with the list

From Cheryl Carter to All Panelists 04:08 PM

Invest in more buildings motels and behavior centers

From Jessica Mathis to All Panelists 04:08 PM

I do think we have to be savvy about the way it's framed, because there is so much animosity towards folks using and that is impacting the way people make decisions.

From Jessica Harper to All Panelists 04:12 PM

I think we should vote today

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From Jessica Mathis to All Panelists 04:12 PM

Yes, I think we should vote.

From Sandra Comstock to All Panelists 04:13 PM

I would like to have some work put in in the areas we discussed and have a chance to review the written changes

From Desiree' DuBoise to All Panelists 04:14 PM

Agreed, Sandra.

From Johnnie Shaver to All Panelists 04:14 PM

agreed

From Jessica Mathis to All Panelists 04:14 PM

I do feel like we should have a completely separate conversation around disability and leave that for another recommendation.

From Ria Tsinas to All Panelists 04:17 PM

Nope!

Sorry!

From Yvette Hernandez to All Panelists 04:19 PM

Hi All, I need to get off, I just received an urgent call.

From Desiree' DuBoise to All Panelists 04:23 PM

Thank you!

From Johnnie Shaver to All Panelists 04:23 PM

evening yall

Jessica Harper: Sorry for the delay on responding - Regarding a retreat, I think my question would be what we are covering for 4 hours because that is a big amount of time. Regarding the date, I would prefer it to be aligned with our normal meeting schedule (in place of a typical Thursday meeting) as you recommended. Thanks!

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