

Local Homeless Coordinating Board Fall Retreat

October 20, 2020 Summary

Background

On October 20, 2020, the Local Homeless Coordinating Board (LHCB) held a public retreat virtually. Below is a summary of items discussed and next steps.

Items Discussed

Opening Thoughts & Reflections on March Retreat

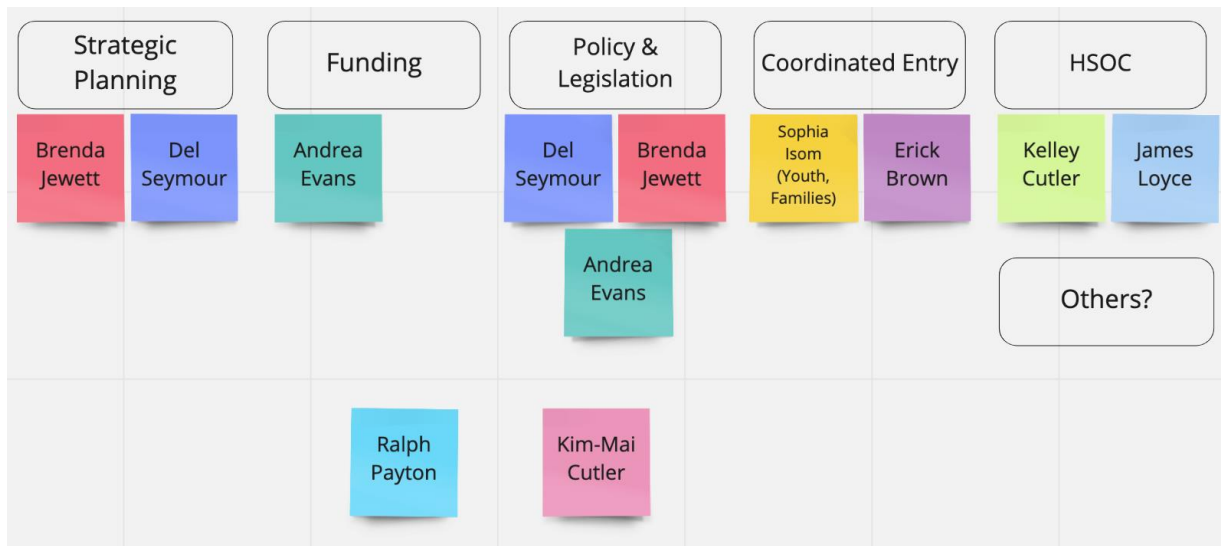
- COVID-19 brings forth LHCB as an advocacy body: Question of how the board can be more effective as advocates
- Board members are looking forward to working with subgroups
- Need to clarify roles and responsibilities, in addition to the board's authority
- Need to reeducate members and the public
- Members expressed disappointment at being a "listening body" as opposed to having decision-making power. The board should be a link between CBOs, community members, and city government
- Last retreat recognized deep commitment amongst Board members to homelessness resolution and that the board carries a collective weight
- Emphasize fostering transparency and accountability

Revisit Committee and Officer Terms

- Pick specific delegate to be LHCB's liaison to HB/HSB
- Members would like more active committees
- Need to balance commitment to involvement whilst not spreading board members too thin
- Focus on committees that have the greatest bearing to housing

Committee Leads

Below is a table of board members who expressed interest in leading a committee:



Next Steps

The following action items were identified from the meeting:

- Assemble Steering Committee to ensure momentum from the retreat is not lost
 - Address committee chairs, elections, annual calendar, and future advocacy
 - Hold monthly check-ins (move to quarterly once goals are achieved)
- November/December meetings:
 - Set date for standing annual retreat
 - Vote on an interim co-chair in place of Chair Payton (majority vote)
 - Vote on committees and for future co-chairs
 - Establish term expirations and fill any vacant seats
 - Set an annual welcome meeting