



ALLIANCE FOR HOUSING

Alliance for Housing General Membership Meeting Minutes 7.6.2022

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Attendance: Leah McCall, Audrey White, Holly Gauthier, Ashley Burton, Julia Steinberg, Tiffany Jones (Alliance for Housing), Michele Watkins, Diandra Gourlay, Paula Banks (Volunteers of America), Holly Douglas (Oakland Schools), Trish Swan, Brianna Agnello, Sarah Neuenfeldt (Lighthouse), Brian Wright, Rebecca Fitzgerald (HOPE Shelters), Chaka McDonald (OCHN), China Aquino (MCEDSV), Elyse Bender (Common Ground), Evette Szajna, Michelle Edwards (MSHDA), Gina Misuraca, Natalie Wojcickij, Taylor Eberhart (CHN), Jayne DeBoer-Rowse, Sandra Elanges (OCHD), Joella Bush (Gianna House), Kathleen English (HFHM), Monisha Scott (VA), Rebecca Tallarigo (MDHHS), Benjamin Ogden (SOCH), Stephen O'Donnell, Melissa Felice (Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development), Rochelle Beckemeyer (Echo Christian Fellowship/Safe & Sound Ministries), Susan Williams (MCAH), Sian Washington (DNEM), Tara Irwin (JFS), Bridget Terry

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Holly Gauthier; second: Taylor Eberhart. Unanimous approval.

New Business

- Agency Presentations:
 - Michele Watkins, VP of Housing, Volunteers of America Michigan
 - Mission Statement: To provide a haven in which everyone has the potential to grow, achieve dignity, and find purpose for a fulfilled life.
 - Vision Statement: We envision a Michigan in which every person has sanctuary, dignity, and purpose.
 - Programs include: Adopt A Family, Cars Helping People, Health Profession Opportunity Grants, Operation Backpack, PSH, Senior CommUnity Care of MI PACE, Thrift Store, Transitional Housing for Homeless Veterans, SSVF, Social Services.
 - Housing types include: Seniors, Families, Persons with Disabilities.
 - <https://www.voami.org/> or mwatkins@voami.org for more info.
 - Monisha Scott, HCHV Coordinated Entry Specialist, John D. Dingell VAMC
 - Healthcare for Homeless Veterans (HCHV)
 - The central goal of HCHV programs is to reduce homelessness among Veterans by engaging and connecting homeless veterans with healthcare and other needed services.
 - Target chronically homeless Veterans, especially those with serious mental health diagnoses and/or substance use disorders. Provide outreach, case management and community based residential services to ensure that Veterans have access to programs that provide quality



housing and services that meet the needs of these special populations.

- Services include HCHV case management; HCHV outreach services; HUD VASH; HCHV Contract Residential Services and Coordinated Entry Initiative.
- Work with Coordinated Entry System, HARA, SSVF Prevention.
- VCRRC (Veterans Community Resource & Referral Center): 313-576-1580, Sunday-Saturday 8am-8pm
- VA follows Housing First model.
- Use of By-Name List (BNL) to coordinate info about veterans experiencing homelessness.
- Goal: Ending Veteran Homelessness
 - Benchmarks:
 - Chronic homelessness among veterans has been ended
 - Veterans have quick access to permanent housing
 - The community has sufficient permanent housing capacity
 - The community is committed to housing and providing service-intensive transitional housing to veterans experiencing homelessness only in limited instances
- MSHDA ESG 2022-2023 New Application
 - MSHDA application has been released and allowing new applicants for shelter. Exhibit 1 submitted; next step is application, due to HUD August 12.
 - RFP for (new) shelter providers:
<https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/mshda-esg-2022-2023-1>
 - Due back to Alliance Friday, July 15.

Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports and Financials – Group reviewed.
 - To join a committee or workgroup, please contact [Leah McCall](#).
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers presented by Holly Gauthier.
 - January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022:
 - Total Disposition Referrals in 2022: 239 (177 active).
 - 46 chronic, 49 non-chronic 12+ months, 144 other.
 - HMIS Breakdown in 2022:
 - 14 in Permanent Supportive Housing, 22 in Rapid Re-Housing.
 - Shelter List Breakdown in 2022: 126 total referrals (94 active).
 - 23 housed, 20 deactivated.
 - Veteran BNL Breakdown in 2022: 36 total referrals (15 active).
 - 4 housed, 11 deactivated.
- Veteran Updates (SSVF and BNL) presented by Monisha Scott and Chaka McDonald.
 - Veteran Village, TH for veterans, breaking ground in Pontiac with homes and community center, especially for female veterans with children, looking for feedback from VA, CoC, and community.



- PATH Team- Outreach Calendars.
 - Updated monthly on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>.
 - Contact Gina Misuraca (gmisuraca@chninc.net) to coordinate additional locations for PATH team to canvas.

Old Business

- Alliance Annual Retreat
 - Meeting Minutes can be found on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/alliance-annual-retreat>
 - Three additional upcoming meetings with C4.

Announcements:

- Susan Williams with MCAH announced upcoming training:
Topic: Working with Sex Offender Populations
Time: Jul 18, 2022, 1:00 PM in Eastern Time
<https://mihomeless-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUqd-mhrz8sE9CkSj2FWgXAI9VUmzocR8YD>
Description: The webinar will provide information about Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) convictions in Michigan. Attendees will learn types of offenses, Sex Offender Registry requirements, and common barriers faced by people with CSC convictions. Attendees will also hear about housing provided for people on parole funded by Michigan Department of Corrections through its Offender Success (OS) program. People in OS-funded housing with CSC convictions face additional barriers to reentry. The information will benefit anyone who provides housing services to people who may have a CSC conviction, as well as anyone with an interest in learning more about the topic.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: September 7, 2022

Location: Oakland County Executive Building, Conference Center