



Alliance for Housing General Membership Meeting Minutes 1.4.2023

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Attendance: Leah McCall, Audrey White, Holly Gauthier, Ashley Burton, Julia Steinberg (Alliance for Housing), Gina Misuraca, Shawna Reynolds, Kim Diggan, Michelle Malmgren, Gisele Wallace, Taylor Eberhart, Natalie Wojcickij, Sarah Muhich, Dana Paglia-King (CHN), Melissa Felice (Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development), Joseph Rusher (Common Ground), Clay Bell (Salvation Army), Rhi Sehl, Brianna Agnello (Lighthouse), Timzetta Dickson, Anita Scott-Meisel (Lakeshore Legal Aid), Tara Irwin (JFS), Baila Lakatos, Christina Ramirez (HAVEN), Monisha Scott (VA), Theresa Anasti (Oakland University), Julie Walker (Kirk in the Hills), Chaka McDonald (OCHN), Susan Williams (MCAH), Dustin Kane

Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- Motion: Taylor Eberhart; second: Michelle Malmgren. Unanimous approval.

New Business

- Agency Updates/Announcements:
 - Community Housing Network, Lighthouse of MI, and Lakeshore Legal Aid have been working together to provide a variety of trainings to housing providers. These are free trainings offered via Zoom every other Friday for community partners to attend.
 - MCAH Training for January: Grounding Strategies Jan 9, 2023 01:00 PM
 - https://mihomeless-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_or1I0EPfS16FZfhhITk7jw
 - Learn more about grounding strategies as a tool to combat stress and find calm. After this webinar, you will be able to define what grounding strategies are Learn multiple grounding strategies to determine which may work best for you. Understand how stress is connected to our health and productivity. As well as understand differing grounding strategies, how to make the most of them and how they are tied to improving wellbeing. This webinar is appropriate for anybody and everybody!
- Agency Presentation: Rhi Sehl, Lighthouse; and Taylor Eberhart, CHN Present Housing Stability Services (HSS) Rollout
 - Transitional program to help the community after CERA.
 - Provides **in-depth** case management to help clients reach housing stability.
 - Screenings and referrals for other programs.
 - Connection to Legal Services.
 - Assistance applying for SER, Food Assistance.
 - Helping create emergency budgets and long-term stability budgets.



- Finding alternative housing situations (affordable, temporary/long-term).
- Continues until the household is stably housed.
- No financial assistance currently.
- HSS General Eligibility:
 - Under 80% Area Median Income (AMI)
 - Resident of Oakland County
 - Renter Households
 - **Housing Instability**
 - ***Court Involvement (Demand for Possession / Notice to Quit, Summons, Judgment, etc.)***
 - Doubled Up
 - Fleeing Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking
 - At Risk of Homelessness
 - Literally Homeless
 - ***Homeless Preference HCV holders***
 - Moderate risk households - based on CoC Prioritization Thresholds
- Homeless Prevention:
 - Case management and short-term rental assistance to prevent homelessness
 - Eligibility:
 - HUD Cat 2 Definition and/or At Imminent Risk
 - Below 30% AMI (some below 50% AMI)
 - Additional Info:
 - Unit Inspections
 - FMR and Rent Reasonable requirements
 - Require landlord participation
 - 1-6 months of arrears depending on the program
 - Very High-Risk Households – based on CoC Prioritization Thresholds
- HSS and HP - Prioritization Criteria:
 - Prioritization ensures we serve those with the highest risk factors first. Everyone who is eligible is added to the appropriate registry.
 - Some criteria include:
 - Large households (5+)
 - Individuals with disabilities
 - Seniors
 - Previous evictions
 - Households impacted by:
 - Domestic Violence
 - Human Trafficking
 - Foster Care / Child Protective Services
 - Justice system involvement
 - Previous CERA clients (*for Stability Services only*)
- Coordinated Entry Process:
 - Complete Assessment: HRC: 248-269-1335; Webforms on Lighthouse & CHN websites.
 - Agencies Interpret Results: Provide resources during call or via email afterwards.



- Referred to Registry if appropriate: Eviction Prevention or Housing Stability Services.
- Additional Information:
 - HSS Court Pre-Trial Attendance (Southfield, Pontiac, Oak Park)
 - Lakeshore Legal Aid Workshops
 - *Landlord-Tenant Negotiation*
 - *Tenant Rights / Responsibilities*
 - Addressing Points of Diversion
 - Eviction Diversion
 - Shelter Diversion
 - Additional questions from community partners can be directed to either:
 - Gisele Wallace, gwallace@chninc.net
 - Rhi Sehl, rsehl@lighthousemi.org
- Centralized Housing Registry Policy Updates
 - Group reviewed the policy changes.
 - Threshold is 9.
 - Participants are assigned to one program at a time.
 - Veterans will be pulled for VASH or SSVF unless ineligible.
 - Prioritization Criteria:
 1. Chronic
 2. Homeless Start date
 3. Unsheltered/Sheltered
 4. VI
 5. Referral Date
 - Communication Attempts Policy.
- PIT Count
 - Point in Time count of sheltered and unsheltered individuals will take place on Wednesday, January 25, 2023, 7pm-11pm.
 - 6 teams more needed.
 - 2 deployment sites identified: Lighthouse in Pontiac and Royal Oak City Hall.
 - Rapid COVID test kits needed.
 - Volunteers are needed to canvas Oakland County.
 - For more info and to volunteer: email aburton-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org or visit website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/point-in-time>.
- Landlord Engagement Event
 - Landlord Engagement group meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month.
 - This group is planning to host an in-person or virtual event for engaging landlords.
 - Group is developing a list of landlords to invite.
 - The landlord mitigation fund is called Unlocking Doors Oakland.
 - Send landlords' contact info to [Leah McCall](#) to add to the list.

Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports – Group reviewed.
 - To join a committee or workgroup, please contact [Leah McCall](#).



- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers presented by Holly Gauthier.
 - Year End 2022:
 - Total Disposition Referrals in 2022: 494 (206 active).
 - 46 chronic, 23 non-chronic 12+ months, 137 other.
 - HMIS Breakdown in 2022:
 - 40 in Permanent Supportive Housing, 198 in Rapid Re-Housing, 11 HCV, and 64 Other - Self Resolved.
 - Shelter List Breakdown in 2022: 126 total referrals (8 active).
 - 79 housed, 113 deactivated.
 - We have stopped taking shelter referrals and currently working on winding down the shelter list.
 - Veteran BNL Breakdown in 2022: 44 total referrals (13 active).
 - 20 housed, 16 deactivated.
 - Veteran Updates Presented by Monisha Scott
 - Mr. Thomas Mengesha, VBA Legal Administrative Specialist will be available every 3rd Thursday of the month, 9:00am-1:00pm at: VCRRC 301 Piquette Detroit, MI 48202 (No appointment or referral needed.)
 - Suicide Prevention Training:
 - Offered quarterly with Suicide Prevention Coordinator (SPC) via Microsoft Teams.
 - Contact: Bethany Piccinato @ Bethany.Piccinato@va.gov
 - VCRRC Staff Changes:
 - Linda Dati- POC for Oakland County Homeless Veterans- Retired December 31, 2022.
 - Position posted for hiring. Will share with CoC once position is filled.
 - Coverage for Oakland County Homeless Vets: Rotated between 3 VCRRC social workers:
 - Adrine Ross
 - Thasha Murphy
 - Steven Beverly
 - Chief Baker from the VCRRC will coordinate with CES to rotate veterans between VCRRC social workers.
- PATH Team- Outreach Calendars.
 - Updated monthly on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 1, 2023

Location: Oakland County Executive Building, 41 West Conference Center, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford Twp, MI 48328