

# Alliance for Housing, Oakland County Continuum of Care

**Board Meeting Minutes** 

Date:	4.19.2023	Start Time:	1:30pm	Stop Time:	2:30pm	Location:	Zoom Conference Call
Members Present:		Holly Douglas, Anne Harpe, Rachel Densmore, Marc Craig, Brian Wright, Stephen O'Donnell, Jeff					
		Cook, Susan Benson					
		Leah McCall, Ashley Burton, Julia Steinberg					
Members Absent:		Jenny Poma, Jill Anderson, Sylvia Clark, Beth Baker, Sam James, Dayna Swindell					

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

Quorum: 8/14 – Quorum met.

#### **STANDING ITEMS**

#### **Public Comment**

• No public comment.

# **Introductions & Agency Announcements**

• CHN's annual fundraiser is next week in-person.

# Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: October, February

• Marc Craig motion to approve; Susan Benson second. Unanimous approval.

# Review Financials: September, October, November, December, January, February

- Anne Harpe provided summary review.
- Marc Craig motion to approve; Susan Benson second. Unanimous approval.

#### **Summary Reports**

- Group Reviewed.
- Updates:
  - o Landlord Engagement Workgroup/Landlord Mitigation Fund
    - Program information has been shared with agencies and landlords; about 6 have reached out about the program but none have been eligible to utilize the fund.
    - More promotion is needed; a September event is being planned for landlords to learn more about fair housing and other available housing programs.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Vice President
  - Marc Craig has agreed to fill the Board Vice President role.



- 2. Retreat
  - Alliance Annual Retreat is April 26<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3:30pm at the Oakland County Executive Building.
  - Agenda includes an overview of the work at the Alliance, partner agency updates, PIT count data, speaker from C4 on racial equity roadmap/next steps, lunch from La Marsa.
  - Board members are invited to attend.
- 3. Gap Analysis
  - Hiring a consultant to review gaps relating to different federal and state grants, needs for housing and homeless services, shelter beds, funding, and services.
  - Kickoff will be at the May 8<sup>th</sup> Outcomes Committee meeting.
  - Email Leah or Julia for meeting invite.
- 4. Web App Update
  - Partnering with Reciprocity to develop a web app to streamline shelter intake process.
  - App will bring partners together to share info about available funding, shelter beds, intake processes, and will screen and connect individuals to resources and shelter space.
  - We received a grant for \$50,000 and we're able to use \$20,000 to begin this work.
  - We are also meeting with and applying to other funding sources to support this effort.
  - This will be a tool that the police departments could also utilize to connect individuals to available services in real time.
- 5. United Way Basic Needs Grant
  - Of the \$50,000 grant, \$20,000 is dedicated to the Web App development, and the remaining \$30,000 will be available for unmet needs in the community, to continue services such as emergency shelter, Transitional Housing, Supportive Housing, utility assistance, eviction prevention, housing relocation, and housing stability.
  - Grant runs from July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024.
  - Developing a process for membership agencies to apply on behalf of their clients, up to \$1,000 per household.

# OLD BUSINESS:

None.

Next Meeting: June 21, 2023; 1:30pm-3:00pm Location: Virtual