



Alliance for Housing
General Membership Meeting Minutes
9.4.2024

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

Attendees: Audrey White, Holly Gauthier, Ashley Cuniberti, Julia Steinberg (Alliance for Housing), Cameron Underdown (Reciprocity), Steve Rideout (Oakland County Clean Slate Program), Kevin Bogg (TTI), Monisha Scott (VA), Clay Bell (Salvation Army), Melissa Preville (OCNHD), Chaka McDonald (OCHN), Peter Keating (CCRT), Marlo Sheppard (Easterseals MORC), Heather Herbert, Anita Scott-Meisel, Courtney Marshall, Miriam Halprin (Lakeshore Legal Aid), Shawna Reynolds, Taylor Eberhart, Sarah Muhich, Courtney Diehl, Daniela Arroyave (CHN), Kelly Phillips (Oakland Schools), Cayte Boyer, Princess Staples Lighthouse), Lojen Al-Sheikh, Mary Jo Wisneski (Mary's Mantle), Katie Schafer, Emily Wallath (OLHSA), Eric Basner (Meridian Health), Ki-Jana Malone (Aetna Better Health), Kimber Bishop-Yanke (Kids Empowered on the Move), Sarah Rennie (The New Foster Care)

Approval of March Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Shawna Reynolds; second: Courtney Marshall. Unanimous approval

New Business

- Agency Presentations:
 - Clean Slate Program Presented by Steve Rideout
 - Oakland County Michigan Works! & Oakland County Workforce Development received a grant from the state to launch and operate the program
 - Funds cover: staff time, documentation, and court fees
 - Program goals:
 - Assist Returning Citizens in expunging eligible convictions from their criminal record to aid them in their pursuit of full-time, self-sufficient employment
 - Expand the pool of potential employees to employers that are restricted on who they can hire based on criminal record
 - Eligibility:
 - Must be current Oakland County resident
 - Only State District and Circuit Court convictions can be set aside
 - Convictions can be anywhere in Michigan
 - Convictions must be eligible under Michigan statutes to be set aside
 - Cost to Participants:
 - The only cost to participants in the Clean Slate Program is the cost of obtaining a complete set of ink fingerprints which ranges from \$15 to \$30
 - Free legal representation from the application stage through the hearing on the set aside request(s)
 - Reasons for Ineligibility:



- An individual may only have up to three (3) felony convictions on their record
- More than five (5) years must have passed from the discharge of probation for one (1) felony or a first-offense impaired driving conviction
- More than seven (7) years must have passed from the discharge of probation for more than one felony
- More than three (3) years must have passed from the discharge of probation for misdemeanors
- Any conviction where the term of imprisonment is life
- Crimes against children, murder, CSC, etc.
- How to Apply for Assistance:
 - Submit a Request for Expungement Services from the Clean Slate website at www.oakgov.com/cleanslate
 - A check of the requestors criminal record will be run to determine eligibility but please be specific in the Request on what convictions the requestor wants assistance with
- Expungement Presented by Heather Herbert, Pro Bono Director, Lakeshore Legal Aid
 - Lakeshore Legal Aid fights poverty and injustice through advocacy and by providing meaningful and dignified access to the legal system
 - Lakeshore has provided free civil legal services to Michigan older adults, people with low-income, survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking for over 56 years
 - Fees:
 - Lakeshore services are free. There may be court costs, but we ask courts to waive fees, and most are waived
 - Financial eligibility guidelines can vary because our funders may have different requirements
 - An Applicant's eligibility is determined through an intake process
 - Who we help:
 - People with low-income
 - Older adults (60+)
 - Survivors of sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, and older adult abuse
 - U.S. citizens, legal permanent residents, and some other people who are not documented (including survivors of domestic violence and trafficking)
 - NOTE: Because Lakeshore is a non-profit organization funded by grants, services may be limited by the availability of attorneys & other resources
 - Eligibility:
 - Most individuals receiving public assistance qualify for our services (e.g., food stamps, social security, disability, etc.)



- In Macomb, Oakland, and St. Clair counties, Lakeshore is funded to assist seniors aged 60 and older who are not considered low-income. Services may be limited by the availability of attorneys and other resources
- Expungement
 - Family Law (divorce, custody, child support, parenting time, paternity)
 - Guardianship/Conservatorship
 - Housing (eviction defense, leases, landlord/tenant issues, mobile homes, security deposits, subsidized housing, mortgage & tax foreclosures, land contracts, lead paint hazards)
 - Income Tax (Earned Income Tax Credit, innocent spouse relief, tax refund, garnishment)
 - Protection from Abuse (domestic violence, stalking, personal protection orders, senior exploitation-including financial and physical abuse)
 - Public Benefits (cash assistance, food stamps, Medicaid, Social Security, Social Security Disability, Supplemental Security Disability (SSI))
 - Unemployment Benefits
 - No Criminal or Traffic-Related
- Expungement Eligibility:
 - Must be current Wayne, Oakland, Macomb resident or have case in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb County
 - Must be low income or senior over 60 for Oakland and Macomb
 - Convictions can ONLY be in Wayne, Oakland Macomb County
 - Convictions must be eligible under Michigan Statutes to be set aside
- Cost to Participants:
 - The cost to participants is the standard fees associated with an expungement application:
 - \$50 Michigan State Police (MSP) fingerprinting background check
 - The cost of obtaining certified records-typically, \$10 for certification and \$1 per page
 - The cost of obtaining a complete set of ink fingerprints which ranges from \$15 to \$30
 - Free legal representation ranging from advice to pro se assistance on the application to full representation from the application stage through the hearing on the set aside request(s) based upon availability of resources
- How to Apply for Assistance:
 - The best way: call our Counsel & Advocacy Law Line (CALL) (888) 783-8190. CALL is staffed by attorneys and provides complete confidentially
 - Apply online @Michiganlegalhelp.org, then click on the "Guide to Legal Help"



- Lakeshore's Pro Bono Department also hosts expungement clinics throughout the tri-county areas. All clinics will be listed on Michigan Legal Help: <https://michiganlegalhelp.org/events>
- Community Resource Day
 - Event will be on October 9th, from 4-7pm at Genesis the Church in Royal Oak
 - The purpose is to connect local residents with agencies and services
 - Planning to have services and resources such as voter registration, free vaccines, the Secretary of State mobile unit, etc.
 - Register your agency here: <https://forms.gle/erTHn3ckANU1YsUR7>
- Alliance for Housing is requesting Proposals for new HUD Bonus dollars
 - RFP - New or Expansion Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Project Bonus
 - RFP - New or Expanding Supportive Services Only – Coordinated Entry (SSO-CE) and or Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Domestic Violence (DV) Bonus Project(s)
 - Please visit <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/hud-fy2024> for all Alliance/HUD FY2024 related documents
- ReciproCity Updates Presentation by Cameron Underdown
 - Presentation of early stage website and online intake form
 - ReciproCity will be looking for up to 5 individuals to actively participate in the process of developing parts of the website
 - Alliance.reciprocityapps.com

Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports – Group reviewed
- Agency Funding Spending Updates:
 - CHN Short Term Programs: RRH, Homeless Prevention, , HNP, HCV Mobility
 - RRH almost at end of fiscal year and wrapping up spending and will start back up October 1
 - Prevention CDBG-CV funds wrapping up
 - ESG prevention funds wrapping up and will start back up October 1
 - HCV Mobility program works with families that have held vouchers for 2+ years, with dependent aged 17+, below 30% AMI, in non-opportunity area. Program helps to move them into opportunity areas
 - HOP program extended until January
 - HNP program for chronic individuals
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers presented by Holly Gauthier
 - January 1 – August 26, 2024:
 - Total Disposition Referrals: 499 (327 active)
 - 101 chronic, 43 non-chronic 12+ months, 101 other
 - Active Disposition Family Status: 153 families with children, 174 single households without children
 - Active Disposition Program Assignment: 92 assigned to program, 235 awaiting program assignment
 - HMIS Breakdown: 230 housed



- 30 in Permanent Supportive Housing, 165 in Rapid Re-Housing, 10 HCV, and 60 Other - Self Resolved
- Deactivated Breakdown: 186 deactivated
 - 137 no contact, 3 moved to another program, 6 incarcerated, 11 over income, 10 moved out of county, 2 non-compliance, lack of verification, 1 blank, 12 other (locked file, not eligible, funding criteria timeline, passed away, joined another household)
 - Housing Navigation Program (HNP) participants currently enrolled: 12
 - Housing Older Persons (HOP) participants currently enrolled: 16
 - Veteran BNL Breakdown: 67 total referrals (23 active)
 - 12 housed, 32 deactivated
- Veteran Updates Presentation from Monisha Scott (sent out with meeting minutes)
- PATH Team- Outreach Calendars
 - Updated monthly on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>

Old Business

Updates and Agency Announcements

- Lighthouse & OLHSA are partnering to provide Water Utility Assistance
 - Prescreening: <https://forms.gle/BYejtr1GRpzWNEvJ6>

Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 6, 2024

Location: Virtual meeting only