



ALLIANCE FOR HOUSING

**Alliance for Housing
General Membership Meeting Minutes
3.6.2024**

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

Attendees: Leah McCall, Audrey White, Holly Gauthier, Ashley Cuniberti, Julia Steinberg (Alliance for Housing), Genny Bull, Shawna Reynolds, Kimberly Diggan, Jamie Sherwood (CHN), Melissa Preville (Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development), Tara Irwin (JFS), Kimber Bishop-Yanke (Kids Empowered on the Move), Jackie Curry (Nation Outside), Chris Powers (Reciprocity), Jayesh Patel (Street Democracy), Miriam Halprin, Anita Scott-Meisel (Lakeshore Legal Aid), Kelly Phillips (Oakland Schools), Marlo Sheppard (Easterseals MORC), Liz Lucas, Alicia Powell (OLHSA), Julie Walker (Kirk in the Hills), Barb Williams (CCRT), Christine Cook (DNEM), Rebecca Tallarigo (MDHHS), Monisha Scott (VA), Brittany Coronado (Informed by Data), Russ Russell (Russell Communications Group)

Katherine Kondek, Donna Bunin, D'Asia McDonald, Benjamin Ogden (SOCH), Brian Wright (HOPE Shelters), Kevin Bogg (TTI), Julia Costigan (Honor Community Health), Ki-Jana Malone (Aetna)

Approval of January Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Liz Lucas; second: Shawna Reynolds. Unanimous approval.

New Business

- MCAH's Advocacy Day on April 23rd
 - Group reviewed flyer for the 8th annual Advocacy Day in Lansing.
- Outcomes Focus Area Survey Link - Brittany Coronado
 - Brittany reviewed survey questions and answered clarifying questions.
 - Three topic areas include: communication, landlords/housing, & staffing.
 - Group individually filled out the survey anonymously using a QR code/link provided by Brittany: <https://forms.office.com/r/vbthz4zFVy>.
 - Group reviewed initial survey results.

Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports – Group reviewed.
- Agency Funding Spending Updates:
 - OLHSA has funding available for clients with HIV+ to help with security deposit, first month's rent, back rent, and utilities. Call Liz Lucas at 248-209-2672 for referrals.



- CCRT has funding for Pontiac residents only for security deposit, back rent, utilities, vital docs.
- JFS can help with case management and last resort emergency assistance. Contact their Resource Center: 248-592-2313.
- VA SSVF providers (OLHSA, DNEM) has funding for veteran support services, rapid rehousing, & homeless prevention.
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers presented by Holly Gauthier
 - Year End 2023:
 - Total Disposition Referrals: 544 (224 active).
 - 112 chronic, 80 non-chronic 12+ months, 352 other.
 - HMIS Breakdown: 593 housed
 - 102 in Permanent Supportive Housing, 356 in Rapid Re-Housing, 76 HCV, and 60 Other - Self Resolved.
 - Veteran BNL Breakdown: 86 total referrals (35 active).
 - 26 housed, 16 deactivated.
- Veteran Updates Presented by Monisha Scott
 - Achieved CY 2023 Goals:
 - Permanently housed 439 Vets (122% goal).
 - Prevent returns to homelessness (100% reengaged).
 - Engaged 304 unsheltered Vets (122% goal).
 - New Coordinated Entry Specialist: Rustine Janiszewski
 - HCHV Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist: Derrick Moss (derrick.moss@va.gov; 313-204-1949)
 - Suicide Prevention Training, open to all CoC members, offered virtually quarterly.
 - Next training is April 19.
 - Contact Bethany.Piccinato@va.gov to register.
 - Legal Aid for Veterans
 - Every Thursday 9am-4pm at Detroit VA Medical Center, Room A1012, 4646 John R., Detroit, MI
 - Free civil legal advice and representation for low income Veterans experiencing homelessness or at risk.
 - Veteran Benefits Administration (VBA) every Monday 8am-12pm at Detroit VA Healthcare System B2 South/Room2251 and 1st Monday & 3rd Thursday monthly 8am-2pm at VCRRC.
- PATH Team- Outreach Calendars.
 - Updated monthly on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>.

Old Business

- PIT



- Thank you to the 100 volunteers that participated!
- Official PIT count numbers may be available in late April or early May.

Updates and Agency Announcements

- Job Fair for Veterans or formerly incarcerated individuals at Prospect Church at 10am-3pm on Saturday, March 9 with Green Shield Deck Builders.
- Jayesh Patel with Street Democracy, which does legal services for homeless, is working on alternative sentencing/alternative disposition for homeless individuals. Jayesh asked which agencies would be willing to work with the courts to advocate/provide proof that individuals are connected with housing agencies/programs. Jayesh plans to ask the courts to accept program participation in lieu of court fine & fees, etc. Email: jayesh@streetdemocracy.org if your agency would be interested in participating.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Alliance Retreat May 1, 2024

Location: Oakland County Executive Building, 41 West, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford Twp.