



Alliance for Housing
General Membership Meeting Minutes
7.2.2025

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

Attendees: Ashley Cuniberti, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Darnell Obamwonyi (Alliance for Housing), Melissa Preville, (Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development), Miriam Halprin, (Lakeshore Legal Aid), Liz Lucas, Michelle Huckaby (OLHSA), Mary Jo Wisneski (Mary's Mantle), Hani Barghouthi (Give Directly), Cameron Underdown (Reciprocity), Monisha Scott (VA), Travia Crawford (TNFC)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Melissa Preville; second: Miriam Halprin. Unanimous approval

New Business

- Agency Presentations:
 - Getting Vets off the Streets: A Nationwide Initiative to Support Unsheltered Veterans – Presented by: Monisha Scott, VA
 - Two Goals:
 - Host Dedicated Outreach Surge Events
 - Move Unsheltered Veterans to Interim & Permanent Housing
 - Rx Kids – Presented by: Hani Barghouthi, Give Directly
 - Give Directly is the industry leader in delivery of unconditional cash transfers
 - Rx Kids recipients in Pontiac will be eligible to receive:
 - A one-time prenatal payment of \$1,500 at or after 16 weeks of pregnancy
 - Up to 6 monthly payments of \$500 per infant during baby's first year of life
 - Contact Give Directly at: [Givedirectly.com/support](https://givedirectly.com/support)
 - Email team at: support@rxkids.zendesk.com
 - Visit resource page at: <http://linktr.ee/rx.kids>
- MSHDA S2S
 - The Alliance was allocated \$150,000 from MSHDA for a grant called Housing and Community Development Fund Steps 2 Stability (S2S)
 - S2S is a one-year, statewide initiative that provides funding for program staff, flexible financial resources, and administrative support to improve housing stability across Michigan
 - The Alliance is partnering with Community Housing Network (CHN) and two shelter providers—Lighthouse MI and Hope Shelters—to implement this program.



- Two dedicated staff members will be hired: one based at CHN and one serving the shelter partners. These positions will focus on providing direct assistance to individuals in need of housing support
- Admission/Landlord Event
 - The Alliance hosted a successful Landlord Link Up event where Admission was rolled out to landlords on June 18
- Reciprocity Shelter App
 - Cameron Underdown presented the roll out of the Reciprocity Shelter App
- Upcoming Trainings hosted by the Alliance for Housing:
 - Shelter Diversion: August 19 & 20
 - Registration: <https://forms.gle/cjEKmx4qxkie8UZj7>
 - This training covers the goals and strategies of shelter diversion, emphasizing its role in the homeless response system. Participants will learn engagement techniques, conduct problem-solving conversations, and practice through scenario-based exercises and role-plays.
 - Ethics in Action: October 9 (Registration to follow)
 - This interactive training explores the NASW Code of Ethics, focusing on ethical issues related to housing and homelessness services. Through case studies, discussions, and role-playing, participants will deepen their understanding of ethical decision-making in social work practice.
 - Trauma-Informed Care: February 11, 2026 (Registration to follow)
 - This training is designed for professionals who work with individuals experiencing homelessness. It emphasizes understanding the effects of trauma and how to provide services that are safe, supportive, and empowering. Key principles include safety, trustworthiness, choice, collaboration, and empowerment. Participants will learn to recognize triggers, avoid re-traumatization, and support recovery through a strengths-based approach.

Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports – Group reviewed
- Agency Funding Spending Updates:
 - No updates available
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers presented by Rebecca Fitzgerald
 - January 1, 2025-June 25, 2025:
 - Total Disposition Referrals: 316 (353 active)
 - Total Housed: 159 housed



- 24 in Permanent Supportive Housing, 23 in Rapid Re-Housing, 14 in Transitional Housing, 43 in Shelter Plus Care, 3 Housing Choice Voucher/Other Housed Program
- Total Deactivated: 24
 - 16 no contact, 2 moved out of county, 6 other
- Veteran BNL Breakdown: 23 total referrals (25 active)
 - 23 housed, 10 deactivated
- PATH Team- Outreach Calendars
 - Updated monthly on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>

Adjournment

Next Meeting: September 3, 2025

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