



Alliance for Housing
General Membership Meeting Minutes
9.3.2025

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

Attendees: Ashley Cuniberti, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Darnell Obamwonyi, Leah McCall, Holly Gauthier, Julia Steinberg (Alliance for Housing), Melissa Preville, (Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development), Miriam Halprin, Anita Scott-Meisel (Lakeshore Legal Aid), Liz Lucas, Sara Rupert, Virginia Wright (OLHSA), Monisha Scott (VA), Natalee Hessell, Isabella Levitt (HOPE), Kathleen English (Habitat MI), Genny Gull, Shawna Reynolds, Gisele Poole, Kate Deughton, Taylor Eberhart, Katie Bateman (CHN), Kierstan Hansen, Sarah Claxton, Stephanie Longley, Princess Staples, Karen Caffery (Lighthouse), Rebecca Tallarigo (MDHHS), Clay Bell (Salvation Army), Ki-Jana Malone (Aetna), Kelly Phillips (Oakland Schools), Chaka McDonald (OCHN)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

New Business

- Agency Presentations:
 - Oakland County Veteran Taskforce Updates – Presented by: Monisha Scott, VA
 - VA & Oakland County CoC Surge Event taking place:
 - September 23, 9am-1pm
 - VA SAVE Suicide Prevention Training
 - The 3rd Friday of every month from 11am-12pm
 - VA and Soldiers Angels Veteran Food Pantry
 - September 11, 2025:
https://soldiersangels.formstack.com/forms/detroitfoodpantry0911_2025
 - September 25, 2025:
<https://soldiersangels.formstack.com/forms/detroitfoodpantry0925>
 - Secretary of State Mobile Office at Detroit VA Hospital
 - September 8, 10am-3pm
- Michigan State Housing Development Authority Steps to Success (MSHDA S2S)
 - Pilot program for Shelter Diversion (and rapid exit) and housing navigation
 - Focusing on individuals that don't meet criteria for the Centralized Registry
 - 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: one based at CHN (Kate) and one serving the shelter partners (Tom). These positions will focus on providing direct assistance to individuals in need of housing support



- Funds can assist with: utilities, groceries, rent forward, etc.
- Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Updates
 - Received 47 HCVs in May and 47 in August
 - Two-prong process: bridging short term Rapid Rehousing subsidy program and eligible individuals on the Centralized Registry list
 - The Registry group meets in-person on the second Tuesday of each month @ OCHN building
 - This month the group will be discussing how to tweak and revamp the eligibility criteria and process for prioritizing and pulling individuals
- Shelter Oakland App
 - [Shelteroakland.com](https://shelteroakland.com) is up and running for locating and applying to enter shelter in Oakland County
 - Submit ideas for naming the new platform for Oakland County shelter and housing resources at the webform found here:
<https://forms.gle/yHctMfWhrkfhRuXM9>
- Upcoming Trainings hosted by the Alliance for Housing:
 - 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:
 - CHN is pulling slots as they open up when folks graduate from the program, and when Moving Up Vouchers are available to allow PSH slots to open, RRH funding and homeless prevention funding begins Oct 1st for pulling slots, also have CDBG funding, SHU, and PBV
 - Connect to Centralized Registry by calling HARA to be screened for eligibility: 248-269-1335



- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers presented by Rebecca Fitzgerald
 - January 1, 2025-August 27, 2025:
 - Total Disposition Referrals: 448 (429 active)
 - Total Housed: 159 housed
 - 25 in Permanent Supportive Housing, 67 in Rapid Re-Housing, 20 in Transitional Housing, 3 Housing Choice Voucher/Other Housed Program, 77 Other/Self Resolved
 - Total Deactivated: 286
 - 252 no contact, 8 moved out of county, 17 other, 6 incarcerated
 - HCV – Pulled 47 in May, 2025
 - 12 leased up, 21 voucher issued, 13 in process, 1 denied
 - Veteran BNL Breakdown: 33 total referrals (23 active)
 - 34 housed, 9 deactivated
- PATH Team- Outreach Calendars
 - Updated monthly on website: <https://forms.gle/yHctMfWhrkfhRuXM9>

Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 5, 2025

Location: Virtual Meeting