



**Alliance for Housing**  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**9.1.2021**

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

**Attendance:** Audrey White, Holly Ellis, Julia Steinberg, Leah McCall (Alliance for Housing), Tara Irwin (JFS), Deirdre Mercer, Taylor Eberhart, Jessica Keenan, (CHN), Gina Misuraca (PATH, CHN), Suzanne Kimmerly (Neighborhood House), Rebecca Fitzgerald (HOPE), Barbara Burke (Vincent de Paul, St. Fabian), China Aquino, Donna Bunin, Megan LaForge, Alicia Powell (SSVF, OLHSA), D'Asia McDonald, Tim Higgins (OLHSA), Kathy Williams, Melissa Felice (Oakland County), Amanda Cookson, David Permaloff (Common Ground), Marlo Sheppard (Easterseals), Erinn Johnson, Shannon Smith (Lighthouse), Benjamin Ogden (Welcome Inn-SOCH), Deborah Briggs (Legal Aid), Pamela Harmon (CNS Healthcare), Evette Szajna (Szajna and Associates), Janet Smith (VA), Susan Benson (Oakland Schools), Allison Green (Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness), Kimber Bishop-Yanke, Michael Fraley, Jeanine Yard

**Approval of July Meeting Minutes** - Motion: Janet Smith. Unanimous approval.

**New Business**

- HUD Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
  - Federal grant for RRH, PSH, TH.
  - Group reviewed timeline that was sent out on the listserv.
    - Renewals will be available for agencies that currently receive funds.
    - Opportunity for bonus dollars available for new agencies or additional RRH or PSH projects, and for DV provider services.
    - FRP for HUD Bonus and DV Bonus applications will be sent out on September 15.
    - DV bonus grant will be around \$800,000 for 1-year grant.
    - New bonus dollars will be around \$300,000.
    - Prioritization group consists of non-funded Board Members.
- C4 In-Person Meeting
  - Working on racial equity in our community.
  - Looking at agency level and CoC level changes in the work we do, the way we look at data and prioritization.
  - Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 29 at the Oakland County Executive Building from 12:30pm-5pm. Virtual option as well.
  - Please contact [Leah McCall](#) if you are interested in attending the C4 workgroup meeting.
- Board Term Expirations
  - Alliance Board has positions opening up for Secretary and Treasurer.
  - Members on the Board for at least 1 year are eligible to fill one of the open roles.
  - Open invites to join the Board are coming soon.
  - General Members will elect the Treasurer & Secretary at the end of the year.

**Committee and Workgroup Reports**

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports – Group reviewed.
  - Please contact [Leah McCall](#) if you have questions or are interested in joining a committee.
  - CERA update –
    - The majority of applications are received through the online portal.
    - We are projecting to spend 65% of our allocated funds (\$47 million) by the end of September, and will be asking for additional funds for financial assistance.



- EHV update –
  - Out of the 56 MSHDA vouchers:
    - 2 are leased-up
    - 37 are briefed or ready to be briefed. Housing stock is the biggest barrier.
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers presented by Holly Ellis.
  - January 1, 2021 through August 26, 2021:
    - Total Disposition Referrals in 2021: 302 (148 active).
      - 70 chronic, 36 non-chronic 12+ months, 196 other.
    - HMIS Breakdown in 2021: 169 total housed.
    - Shelter List Breakdown in 2021: 120 total referrals (57 active).
      - 17 housed, 46 deactivated.
    - Veteran BNL Breakdown in 2021: 30 total referrals (13 active).
      - 4 housed, 13 deactivated.
  - For screenings and program referrals, call the Housing Resource Center: 248-269-1335. This is a voicemail line and a call specialist will return the call within 2-3 business days.
- Veteran Updates (SSVF and BNL) presented by China Aquino.
  - VA gave every SSVF grantees additional funds for shallow subsidies.
    - SSVF will identify RRH or prevention veterans to be candidates for shallow subsidies and receive a portion of their rent paid by SSVF for 2 years to allow the stability to seek better employment and possibly increase their household income.
  - Megan LaForge will be taking over facilitating the veteran outreach meetings and BNL meetings.
- PATH Team- Outreach Calendars
  - Updated monthly on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>.

### Updates and Announcements

- MCAH has trainings coming up this month:
  - Registration for Ruth Ellis training on Collecting Expanded Gender Data for Better Housing Outcomes, September 9<sup>th</sup>: <https://rebrand.ly/9CoC>
  - Registration link for Ruth Ellis training on Collecting Expanded Gender Data for Better Housing Outcomes, September 17<sup>th</sup>: <https://rebrand.ly/17Partners>
  - Registration link for Free Eviction Report Webinar, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 1PM-2:30PM: <https://rebrand.ly/EvictionReport>
  - MCAH YouTube channel with all recorded trainings: <https://rebrand.ly/MCAH-videos>
- Janet Smith's last day working with the Veteran team will be September 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Reminder that homeless eligibility is different for students under the McKinney-Vento legislation: students, families, unaccompanied minors are considered homeless when doubled-up, living in motels, or with other families. Each school district has a trained liaison, or you can call Holly Douglas or Susan Benson at Oakland Schools to be connected with the liaison.

### Adjournment

**Next Meeting: November 3, 2021**