



ALLIANCE FOR HOUSING

**Alliance for Housing  
General Membership Meeting Minutes  
3.2.2022**

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

**Attendance:** Leah McCall, Audrey White, Holly Gauthier, Ashley Burton, Julia Steinberg (Alliance for Housing), Michelle Malmgren, Jessica Keenan, Gina Misuraca, Kimberly Diggan (CHN), Brian Wright (HOPE), D'Asia McDonald (OLHSA), David Permaloff (Common Ground), Barbara Burke (Vincent de Paul, St. Fabian), Tara Irwin (JFS), Mary Jo Wisneski (Mary's Mantle), Monisha Scott (VA), Eisha Branner (E-Community Outreach Services), Susan Williams (MCAH), Evette Szajna (MSHDA), China Aquino (Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence, MCEDSV), Ernestine McRae (HAVEN), Jenna Graham, Stephanie Rowden (Blue Cross Complete of Michigan), Melissa Felice (Oakland County Housing Counseling), Rebecca Tallarigo (MDHHS), Takisha Jones (Salvation Army), Sian Washington (Disability Network Eastern Michigan), Benjamin Ogden (South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless, SOCH - Welcome Inn Day Center/Welcome Home), Stephen O'Donnell (Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development), Rochelle Beckemeyer (Echo Christian Fellowship/Safe & Sound Ministries)

**Approval of January Meeting Minutes**

- Motion: Holly Gauthier; second: Brian Wright. Unanimous approval.

**New Business**

- Agency Presentations:
  - Eisha Branner, CEO & Founder, E-Community Outreach Services
    - E-Community Outreach Services is a nonprofit focusing on engaging parents and youth.
    - Recently opened Parent Empowerment Center in Waterford which provides case management and youth programs including basketball, volleyball, dance, mentorship, and connects families to community resources.
    - Main focus is to provide wrap around services connecting families to resources and staying connected for 6+ months to provide assistance.
    - Parent Network engages over 4,000 and partners with organizations across the county.
    - Looking to expand but most families and resources are centered in Oakland County.
    - To connect, either call the center or fill out request form on website: <https://www.ecommunityoutreach.org/>
- C4 Innovations
  - Working on racial equity in services throughout Oakland County.
  - Service providers, agencies, community partners, residents are all welcome to join in and participate in this work.
  - The next meeting will be a virtual community meeting.
  - Annual Retreat is planned to be in-person on May 11.

**Committee and Workgroup Reports**

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports and Financials – Group reviewed.
  - To join a committee or workgroup, please contact [Leah McCall](#).
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers presented by Holly Gauthier.
  - January 1, 2022 through February 28, 2022:



- Total Disposition Referrals in 2022: 69 (260 active).
  - 10 chronic, 16 non-chronic 12+ months, 43 other.
- HMIS Breakdown in 2022: 24 total housed.
  - 3 in Permanent Supportive Housing, 21 in Rapid Re-Housing.
- Shelter List Breakdown in 2022: 43 total referrals (65 active).
  - 1 housed, 3 deactivated.
- Veteran BNL Breakdown in 2022: 11 total referrals (26 active).
  - 0 housed, 1 deactivated.
- Registry Referral Process.
- Veteran Updates (SSVF and BNL) presented by Monisha Scott.
  - Case Management Grant offered through DRMM.
    - New program working with veterans who are not receiving services through HUD VASH or SSVF.
    - No income limit and offers case management up to 6 months after individual is housed.
    - Open to all veterans in Oakland, Macomb, St. Clair, and Out-Wayne Counties.
    - For referrals, see attached referral form and send to:
      - Cathy Louis-GPD Liaison with Detroit VAMC: [Cathy.Louis@va.gov](mailto:Cathy.Louis@va.gov)
      - Ms. D'Mouchelle Gore-DRMM: [dgore@drmm.org](mailto:dgore@drmm.org)
      - Monisha Scott-CES with Detroit VAMC: [Monisha.Scott@va.gov](mailto:Monisha.Scott@va.gov)
  - Director of Homeless Programming, Dr. Curley, will be leaving the Detroit VA.
    - A replacement has not yet been identified.
  - VA SAVE training offered by Suicide Prevention Team will begin again soon.
- PATH Team- Outreach Calendars.
  - Updated monthly on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>.

### Old Business

- PIT Count Update presented by Ashley Burton, Grants and Community Manager at Alliance for Housing.
  - With the help of the community, Ashley coordinated a successful PIT count that took place on January 26.
  - Thank you to all the volunteers and those involved with the PIT count.
  - HMIS team is working on putting together the data to report out soon.

### Announcements:

- Susan Williams with MCAH announced upcoming trainings:
  - Active Engagement and De-Escalation (March 28, 1PM-2:30PM) <https://mihomeless.org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpcemorj8iHNw8t70ccH9oKGYrRKluz-Jw>
  - March 23rd Leadership Training Series/Decision Fatigue (March 23, 1PM) <https://mihomeless.org/index.php/2022/02/18/march-23-leadership-training-decision-fatigue/>
  - Approaches to Becoming Trauma-Informed & Inclusive Organizations (March 16, 2PM-3:30PM) \$40 or \$30 if a member of MCAH. <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1519162650794099215?source=CoC>
- Eisha Branner from E-Community Outreach Services would like organizations to send information about their resources for families to be included in their monthly newsletter.
  - You can send all community resources to the Parent Empowerment Center email at: [pec@ecommunityoutreach.org](mailto:pec@ecommunityoutreach.org). Put in subject line community resource to be added.



- Evette Szajna, Section 8 MSHDA Housing Agent for Macomb and Oakland Counties will be doing another pull from waitlist; paperwork must be processed within 90 days or will be deactivated.
  - Community Housing Network- Housing Resource Center contacts: 248-269-1335 or email: [hrc@chninc.net](mailto:hrc@chninc.net).
    - All Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) and Independent Management Services (IMS) applications should be sent to [HCVapplications@chninc.net](mailto:HCVapplications@chninc.net).
      - HCV documents attached.
- [CERA 2 updated eligibility guidance](#).

### **Adjournment**

**Next Meeting: Annual Retreat on May 11, 2022**

**Location: Oakland County Executive Building**