



Alliance for Housing
General Membership Meeting Minutes
11.6.2024

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

Attendees: Leah McCall, Audrey White, Holly Gauthier, Ashley Cuniberti, Julia Steinberg (Alliance for Housing), Genny Bull, Sarah Neuenfeldt, Gisele Poole, Sarah Muhich (CHN), Melissa Preville (Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development), Tara Irwin (JFS), Kimber Bishop-Yanke (Kids Empowered on the Move), Miriam Halprin, Anita Scott-Meisel, Courtney Marshall (Lakeshore Legal Aid), Kelly Phillips (Oakland Schools), Christine Cook, Sian Washington (DNEM), Monisha Scott (VAMC), Katie Bopp-Bull, Maggie Ramsey (CMA), Jennifer Llewellyn (Workforce Development/MI Works!), Sarah Rennie (The New Foster Care), Kathleen English (Habitat for Humanity MI), Princess Staples (Lighthouse), Sarah Lagpacan (Oakland County Transit Division), Clay Bell (Salvation Army), Rochelle Beckemeyer (Safe & Sound Ministries), Rev. Laura Kelsey, Karen Caffery (First Presbyterian Church), Eric Basner (Meridian), Bridget Terry (Blue Cross Complete)

Approval of September Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Rev. Laura Kelsey; second: Kelly Phillips. Unanimous approval

New Business

- Agency Presentations:
 - Community Management Associates, Inc. Housing Choice Voucher Mobility Pilot Program Presentation: Katie Bopp-Bull
 - Mobility Pilot Program is MSHDA's program for voucher holders to move their HCV vouchers into opportunity areas
 - CHN is doing case management for this program
 - There is \$2,000 incentive for landlords to accept vouchers and up to \$5,000 for tenants to use toward past due utilities, fees, security deposits, etc.
 - More info here: <https://www.michigan.gov/mshda/rental/housing-choice-voucher/housing-choice-voucher-mobility-pilot-program>
 - Next Mobility Meeting will be Thursday, November 7, 2024 10:00am via Zoom, Webinar ID 831 4178 9393
 - Oakland County Community Transit Plan Presentation: Sarah Lagpacan
 - Review of how to use the Oakland County transit system including dial-a-ride
 - Review recent transit improvements and expansions including [free rides for Veterans](#)



- Free tool for finding carpool and other alternative transportation options: <https://commuterconnectmi.org/>
- Current planning efforts to further improve the transit system and how you can participate:
 - smarter-mobility.org
 - Oakland Transit invites you to share your thoughts and ideas on the Oakland County Community Transit Plan
 - Thursday, November 14, Times: 12:00 PM & 5:30 PM
oakgov.com/community/community-transit-plan
 - Rider Survey: OakGov.info/TransitSurvey
- Oakland Transit website: <https://www.oakgov.com/community/oakland-transit>
- Contact: Sarah Lagpacan, Principal Transit Planner, Oakland County Transit Division, 248-294-8233, lagpacans@oakgov.com
- Oakland County Michigan Works! and Oakland 80 Presentation: Jennifer Llewellyn
 - 6 MI Works! offices in Oakland County, over \$37M budget, supports 3,000 companies
 - Training programs
 - Employee retention program, currently available at no cost
 - Job search support – resume writing, career advising, virtual career workshops
 - Financial Assistance - <http://www.michigan.gov/reconnect>, www.Michigan.gov/mistudentaid/
 - Clean Slate program - Apply online: www.oakgov.com/cleanslate
 - Services for special populations
 - Youth program supports skills training and career exploration
 - Oakland 80 – Goal to have 80% of adults in Oakland County earn educational credentials by 2030
 - Career & Education Navigator Services
 - Virtual Workshops
 - Supportive Services
 - Tuition Support
 - Contact: Jennifer Llewellyn, Director, Oakland County Michigan Works!, llewellynj@oakgov.com, (248) 452-2256, www.oaklandcountymiworks.com
- HUD
 - Full CoC renewal application and new funding application has been submitted for over \$8 million to support RRH, PSH, Transitional Housing, HMIS, and planning grant funds
- Shelter Diversion
 - Submitted for small grant for shelter diversion funds to start January 1



- Seasonal Shelter Overflow
 - Oakland County funds will support 5 agencies to provide emergency winter shelter overflow.
- PIT
 - Point in Time count is a HUD mandated event to count homeless individuals in January each year
 - This year PIT will be on January 29th from 7pm-11pm
 - More info here: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/point-in-time>
 - Contact Ashley with any questions: acuniberti-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org

Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports – Group reviewed
- Agency Funding Spending Updates:
 - No updates available
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers presented by Holly Gauthier
 - August 1, 2024 – October 31, 2024:
 - Total Disposition Referrals: 171 (366 active)
 - 52 chronic, 24 non-chronic 12+ months, 290 other
 - HMIS Breakdown: 25 housed
 - 12 in Permanent Supportive Housing, 12 in Rapid Re-Housing, and 1 Other - Self Resolved
 - Veteran BNL Breakdown: 20 total referrals (32 active)
 - 9 housed, 1 deactivated
- Veteran Updates Presented by Monisha Scott
 - Homeless Encampments
 - Supreme court rule 6-3 that cities can ban sleeping and camping in public spaces. Overturned lower court rulings that deemed it cruel and unusual under the eighth amendment to punish people for sleeping outside if they have no place to go
 - What does this mean?
 - Encampments swept and individuals ticketed. Repeated offenses can be jailed in some cities
 - More enforcement power for cities that grapple with record high rates of homelessness
 - Can influence homelessness policy in cities around the country
 - VA's Strategic Plan
 - VA, through the Homeless Program Office (HPO), is implementing a comprehensive and proactive plan to support Veterans impacted by current and future encampments closures. Concretely, this plan aims to support unsheltered Veterans living in encampments



- VA Fiscal Year Goals
 - VA has made the commitment to permanently house at least 41,000 unique Veterans nationwide in FY 2024. Detroit VA specific goals for our communities:
 - House 384 Veterans (Goal reached, housed 458, 119.3%)
 - Have less than 5% of Veterans return to homelessness or on the path to being rehoused (Goal reached 2.8% during FY)
 - Outreach 304 unsheltered Veterans (Goal reached, outreached 422, 138.8%)
- Suicide Prevention Training Email Update:
 - VHADET_suicide_prevention_team@dvagov.onmicrosoft.com
- VA Office Hours Monthly Call
 - VA Office Hours welcomes VA-funded grantees, and relevant stakeholders (e.g., VA-funded contractors, Continuum of Care partners and PHA partners). To register for ongoing invites, please email: VHA11HPO38kGoalSupport@va.gov
- PATH Team- Outreach Calendars
 - Updated monthly on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>

Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 5, 2025

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