



ALLIANCE FOR HOUSING

**Alliance for Housing
General Membership Meeting Minutes
1.3.2024**

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

Attendees: Leah McCall, Audrey White, Holly Gauthier, Ashley Cuniberti, Julia Steinberg (Alliance for Housing), Taylor Eberhart, Genny Bull, Shawna Reynolds, Arieona Branch, Dana Paglia-King (CHN), Melissa Preville (Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development), Princess Staples (Lighthouse), Katherine Kondek (Lakeshore Legal Aid), Donna Bunin, D'Asia McDonald (OLHSA), Benjamin Ogden (SOCH), Tara Irwin (JFS), Kimber Bishop-Yanke (Kids Empowered on the Move), Brian Wright (HOPE Shelters), Kevin Bogg (TTI), Julia Costigan (Honor Community Health), Jackie Curry, Patrice Fails (Nation Outside), Ki-Jana Malone (Aetna)

Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Taylor Eberhart; second: Kevin Bogg. Unanimous approval.

New Business

- Alliance Membership 2024
 - Paying dues membership benefits:
 - Discount on trainings/workshops offered through the Alliance.
 - Ability to vote on Alliance business (i.e. updates/changes to by-laws).
 - Ability to serve on the Alliance Board.
 - Ability to apply for funding through the Alliance.
 - If you are interested in Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) support and licenses, the Alliance can provide up to 2 licenses per agency (does not apply state and federal funded agencies).
 - Opportunities to network with people doing similar work.
 - Membership form can be completed online:
<https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/membership>.
- Medical Vulnerability Level Pilot Kick-off
 - Oakland County was chosen to pilot the new MVL program.
 - There will be a tab for Medicaid clients in HMIS. Identifying information will be removed but will indicate individuals' medical vulnerability level by color-coding for high, medium, & low vulnerability.
 - This tool does not replace VI SPDAT.
- Blueprint to End Homelessness & Regional Housing Partnership (RHP)
 - OC Blueprint to End Homelessness meetings will be held quarterly at the OC Executive Building.
 - Next meeting is Thursday, January 25th.



- RHP is a regional MSHDA initiative. The Alliance is co-leading with Pontiac Housing Commission, Community Housing Network, and Pontiac Community Foundation.
 - Focus areas of the sub groups are: housing stock, communication, and preventing & ending homelessness.
- The work of these 2 groups crosses over and we would like to merge the overlapping work of these 2 groups.
- Point in Time count (PIT)
 - PIT is a HUD mandated annual event to count and survey people experiencing homelessness (both in shelters and on the street) on a single night in January.
 - This helps to assess scope of homelessness and allocate resources.
 - PIT will be on Wednesday, January 31, 2024 from 7pm-11pm.
 - There is also a shelter housing inventory count called HIC.
 - Volunteers are still needed on PIT night to help canvass all of Oakland County.
 - More info and volunteer sign up can be found here:
<https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/point-in-time>.
- 3rd Party Homeless Verification Letters
 - [Coordinated Services Agreement](#) partners can provide 3rd Party Homeless Verification Letters.
 - To become a sharing partner on the [Coordinated Services Agreement](#), contact [Julia Steinberg](#) to sign the MOU.
- Gap Analysis Survey Results – Presentation by Audrey White
 - We have been working with a Data Consultant from Informed by Data to conduct a Gap Analysis in the community.
 - 8 potential problem areas identified including agency engagement and participation.
 - Summary Outcome:
 - 33% Housing: rental rates and landlord relationships.
 - 17% Employee: staff turnover, employment wage.
 - 50% Program: service program inconsistency, current resources & outcome alignment, shelter bed availability, intake & access process.
 - What should be done?
 - Identify a feasible topic (more specific).
 - Set boundaries.
 - Identify a perspective to investigate.
 - The February 12 Outcomes Committee meeting will be a working meeting to dive deeper into creation of next steps.

Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports – Group reviewed.
- PATH Team- Outreach Calendars.



- Updated monthly on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>.
- Contact: [Shawna Reynolds](#), Manager for Community Outreach at CHN.

Updates and Announcements

- The GM meeting will be held in-person only with no virtual option.
 - Please provide feedback if you would prefer virtual-only meetings instead.
- Since Szajna has retired, our new Oakland County housing agent is CMA.
 - There will be HCV/PBV/HARA training for community partners with CMA on Thursday, January 11 at 10am at the OCHN building.
- Agency funding spending updates to be added to the GM agendas.
- OCHN is launching a pilot program to provide individuals who are currently receiving outpatient services within the OCHN substance use disorder (SUD) network with funding to overcome barriers when obtaining housing.

Adjournment

Next Meeting: March 6, 2024

Location: Oakland County Executive Building, 41 West, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford Twp.