



**Alliance for Housing, Oakland County Continuum of Care
Board Meeting Minutes**

Date:	10.19.2022	Start Time:	1:30pm	Stop Time:	2:10pm	Location:	Zoom Conference Call
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Members Present: Ernestine McRae, Anne Harpe, Rachel Densmore, Jenny Poma, Stephen O'Donnell, Beth Baker, Brian Wright, Susan Benson, Jill Anderson, Leah McCall, Ashley Burton

Members Absent: Sylvia Clark, Heather Rae, Holly Douglas, Melissa Brown, Marc Craig

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

Quorum: 9/14

STANDING ITEMS

Public Comment

- No public comment.

Agency Announcements

- Jenny Poma announced Lighthouse will be taking over three youth programs for Common Ground: Gap, Sanctuary, and Step Forward launching February 1.
 - Programs will be operating as-is at their Royal Oak location.
 - This has been shared with staff at Lighthouse and Common Ground but not yet publicly.
 - Working on external communication.
- Lighthouse shelter program is winding down on funds for hoteling and will transition to a period of only accepting families at the Pontiac emergency shelter starting around December.
- Brian Wright announced Hope Shelters Annual Vigil for the Homeless will be 5pm on Sunday, November 6 at the Baldwin shelter with musical guests and political speakers.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: August

- Anne Harpe motion to approve; Brian Wright second. Unanimous approval.

Review Financials: July, August

- Anne Harpe provided summary review of financial reports.
- Leah provided updates on financial reports:
 - Grants under budget are balancing out COVID dollars.
 - Overspent or underreported grants are due to three checks that were stolen from the mail and one was mobile deposited.
 - A stop payment was placed on the checks while they are being reissued, and a police report has been filed.
 - MSHDA ESF and ESM grant has been extended.
 - CERA program has ended and in process of closing out files and checks.
 - Starting January, we will receive a 1-year Stability Services grant from MSHDA with staffing dollars but no Financial Assistance dollars; Leah is working to try to obtain funds for Financial Assistance for eviction prevention.
- Brian Wright motion to approve; Susan Benson second. Unanimous approval.



Summary Reports

- Group Reviewed.
- Updates:
 - Winding down the work with C4 and waiting on their final report with findings and suggestions from the work with the community.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. CERA
 - CERA program is ending and agencies will be transitioning staff to the new Stability Services part of the program starting in January while winding down the financials through the end of this year.
 - Stability Services will utilize partnerships with the courts, Lakeshore Legal Aid, and LADA to help with eviction cases.
 - Looking to incorporate more funds in addition to the limited funds from Oakland County ESG and MSHDA ESG for prevention.
 - Due to COVID funds ending, the Priority Registry has raised the VISPDAT score eligibility threshold from 7 to 9.
2. HUD
 - HUD Community CoC application has been submitted.
 - We did not pursue the unsheltered grant.
 - The grant prioritized communities with over 1,000 unsheltered PIT count and we had under 100.
3. C4
 - Winding down work with C4 and waiting for final suggestion report out to bring to the full group and the Board.
4. Building Subcommittee to Look at Homelessness Around Children and Youth
 - Susan Benson would like to build a subcommittee to look at homelessness around children and youth.
 - Under McKinney Vento definition, we count at least 2,200-2,600 homeless students annually in the county (low count). Nationally, 10% of free/reduced lunch would give us a closer estimate of eligible students at 6,200.
 - Subcommittee would include those that work with children/youth to share data, resources, funding opportunities, and to collaborate intentionally.
 - Next steps: schedule meeting time and agencies invite staff to meet and discuss agenda items.

OLD BUSINESS:

- None.

Next Meeting: December 21, 2022; 1:30pm-3:00pm

Location: Virtual