



ALLIANCE FOR HOUSING

**Alliance for Housing
Annual Retreat 2025
Meeting Minutes
May 7, 2025
Oakland County Executive Building**

Attendees: Brenden Bell (Affirmations), Leah McCall, Holly Gauthier, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Julia Steinberg, Darnell Obamwonyi, Ashley Cuniberti (Alliance for Housing), Kirsten Elliott, Giselle Poole, Taylor Schmaltz, Eric Burton, Jamie Sherwood, Andy Troxmondo, Sarah Muhich (CHN), Cecelia Caponecchice, Sian Washington (DNEM), Bella Levitt, Elizabeth Kelly Tom Baker, Devon Hollins, Katie Bateman (HOPE Shelters), Breanne DaSiva (JFS), Gary F, Kimber Bishop-Yanke (KEOTM), Miriam Halprin, Stephen Howlett, Mario Azzi, Anita Scott-Meisel (Lakeshore Legal Aid), Jenny Poma, Jessie Polito, LaKeesha Donaldson, Karen Caffery, Joseph Rusher, Molly Mueller, Sheri Medla, Bonnie Haney, Angela Gill, Ryan Hertz (Lighthouse), Lojen Al-Sheikh, Mary Jo Wisneski (Mary's Mantle), Melissa Preville Khadija Walker-Fobbs, Darryl Earl (Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development), Kelly Phillips (Oakland Schools), Jayne De-Bower, Genessa Doolittle, Sandra Elanges (Oakland County Health Division), Virginia Wright, Katie Schafer, Sara Rupert, Liz Lucas (OLHSA), Alejandra Solorzano (Oakland University), Jacob Willson (Pontial Community Foundation), Chris Powers (ReciproCity), Sarah Rennie, Gabriella Mallony (TNFC), Clifton Phillips (U of M), Kathleen Redmon, Emily Mueller (United Way), Monisha Scott (VA), Mitchel Blum-Alexander (Red Maple Resources)

Introductions

Obtaining Vital Documents for Homeless Clients Presented by: Elizabeth Kelly, HOPE Shelters

- Document Requirements for ID Cards & Driver's Licenses
 - Form SOS-428, available on the Secretary of State website, lists 4 categories of documentation:
 - Proof of Social Security Number
 - Proof of legal presence
 - Identity document
 - Proof of residency (2 documents are required)
 - No Fee ID Cards Eligibility:
 - Applicants age 65+
 - Applicants legally blind
 - Applicants wishing to add or remove an organ donor heart insignia to their ID
 - Applicants voluntarily surrendering their driver's license who can no longer safely drive



- Applicants veterans that qualify for veteran's designation
- Applicants receiving assistance and can show proof of participation (DHHS FIP, DHHS SDA, SSA SSDI or SSI)
- Applicants that are homeless (must show both HMIS photo ID card and homeless verification letter; first time ID cards must show proof of SSN and Legal Presence)
- Obtaining Vital Documents for Homeless Individuals Presented by Diane Perry, Vital Records & Health Data Services Section, perryd17@michigan.gov
 - Obtaining Birth Certificate following local Clerk's office process or MDHHS State of Michigan Vital Records office, Service Provider pays and collects receipt
 - Requesting Reimbursement:
 - Complete MDHHS-5832 Homeless Vital Document Request for Reimbursement
 - Organize Birth Certificate Receipts
 - Batch MDHHS-5832 and Receipts monthly and send to MDHHS-Homeless@Michigan.gov
- Social Security Administration – SSA Cards Presented by Takeya Haugabook, Social Security Administration
 - <https://www.ssa.gov/number-card>
- How to Make a ServicePoint/HMIS ID Card Presented by Rebecca Fitzgerald, Alliance for Housing, rfitzgerald-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org
 - Take a client photo in front of a plain background in good lighting
 - Save the Client's Photo to your computer using the following naming convention: Client_Photo_Year_Month_Day_FirstInitialFullLastName
 - Upload photo in client's record (Profile tab)
 - Select Issue ID Card, selecting your agency name, Service Point image to display, include client's photo & date of birth, click Generate ID Cards

Padmission Demo Presented by: Darnell Obamwonyi, Alliance for Housing

- <https://oaklandhomeless.padmission.com/>
- Database for landlords to list available rental properties and Case Managers and tenants to search for available properties for rent
- Reach out to Darnell for access to use the site: dobamwonyi-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org
- Incentive for landlords/property managers willing to list their properties on Padmission will receive \$1,000 for each property that is leased up through Padmission

Regional Housing Partnership Update Presented by: Jacob Willson, Pontiac Community Foundation

- Work is informed by MSHDA's Statewide Housing Plan
- 4 lead agencies include: Alliance for Housing, Community Housing Network, Pontiac Community Foundation, Pontiac Housing Commission



- 3 workgroups include: Preventing & Ending Homelessness, Housing Stock, Communication & Education
- Ongoing partnership with Issue Media Group to raise awareness for housing issues in Oakland County
- Working closely with ReciproCity to implement software solutions to streamline Oakland County's CoC resources
- Partnership with Michigan Association of Planners around equitable zoning reform, including implementation of the Zoning Atlas in Oakland County
- Going Forward:
 - New program year starting June 1st, 2025
 - \$75,000 in general funding
 - Full scope of activities and strategies is still being determined
 - Continuing to revisit and revise action plan to reflect emerging issues

Oakland County 2024 State of Homelessness Presented by: Holly Gauthier & Rebecca Fitzgerald, OC HMIS, Alliance for Housing

- Point in Time (PIT) Count: 388 total (43 Unsheltered, 47 Transitional Housing, 298 Emergency Shelter)
- Persons experiencing homelessness in Oakland County in 2024: 1159 total persons (860 Households)

Blueprint to End Homelessness Update Presented by: Khadija Walker-Fobbs, Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development

- The Blueprint to End Homelessness is a quarterly gathering of stakeholders and is open to all that are interested in participating
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is HUD funding to address homelessness for housing agencies' operations & HMIS
- Oakland County:
 - Expanded capacity for emergency shelter beds for winter 2025
 - Provided funding for emergency shelter expansion that served 307 people throughout winter
 - Distributed over 580 Empowerment Coats with resources and info to connect individuals to services since December 2024
 - Invested in 488 units for project-based housing vouchers (PBV)
 - Launched Padmission
 - Working with OC Regional Transit
 - Human Trafficking presentation by Sanctum House
 - Feonix Transportation Assistance Hub presentation
- Oakland Connects is a free program to guide residents through services in the county
- Wellness Wednesday at the Baldwin Center, 10:30am-12:30pm for food, showers, laundry, medical services, housing & employment resources, etc.
- Housing Trust Fund & NHD Development increases affordable housing in Oakland County



ReciproCity Web-Based App Update Presented by: Chris Powers, ReciproCity

- ReciproCity has conducted research, created designs and work plans, and launched prototypes for real-time web-based shelter bed availability
- Next steps (May-October 2025) are to build & pilot a system, determine eligibility requirements and accessibility, and begin collecting intake
- Future plans (October 2025/March 2026) include implement roadmap with components in progress, explore third party integration and data sharing, and finally launch and pilot programs
- Plans beyond March 2026 include ongoing support, maintenance, third-party integrations, and improvements based on community feedback
- Connect with Reciprocity: info@reciprocityapps.org

MSHDA Exhibit 1 Application Questionnaire

- We kindly request that you complete this questionnaire to support the CoC in the preparation of the MSHDA Exhibit 1 application, as your input is vital to this collective community effort: <https://forms.gle/EkQADFGQB8HqsYQ6>