



## **Alliance for Housing**

### **General Membership 7.10.19 Meeting Minutes**

**Scribe: Ashley Burton**

**Attendance:** Brian Wright (HOPE) Jessica Esker (LHMI) Alysa Wamsler (TTI) Suzanne Kimmerly (RANH) Melissa Felice (OCCHIP) Marlo Sheppard (Easerseals) Kevin Sanders (CG) Jessica Keenan (HOPE) Natalie Shammo (HOPE) Rachel Desmore (OCHN) Kathy Williams (OCCHIP) Marc Craig (CHN) Paul Landry (UCP Detroit) Angela Gougherty (OCHMIS/CHN) Gina Misuraca (CHN) Kevin Bogg (TTI) Sara Orris (Oakland Schools)

**Approval of Pervious Meeting minutes** - Motion: Marc Craig; Second: Angela Gougherty – Unanimous approval.

### **New Business**

- **Board Nominations**

- Motion to nominate Kathy Williams as Secretary of the Alliance Board: Marc Craig; Second: Sarah Orris - Unanimous approval

- **Agency/Service Presentation**

- Paul Landry – Director of Employment Programs for United Cerebral Palsy of Metro. Detroit
  - Discussed how to understand Social Security’s work incentives for people receiving disability benefits
  - <https://ucp.org/>
  - Paul’s email : [plandry@ucpdetroit.org](mailto:plandry@ucpdetroit.org)
- Please see attached for handout: Understanding Social Security’s Work Incentives for people receiving disability benefits

- **Advocacy and Public Awareness Committee**

**Please Email Deb Hendren if interested in joining – [dhendren@chninc.net](mailto:dhendren@chninc.net)**

**Committee meets every second Monday of the month at 9:00AM**

**Soliciting new members**

- PR portion is working on a communication plan and templates to use if a crisis happened – how we coordinate our response and message to the community
  - Creating concrete plans in place for community events. Ex: Homeless Awareness month and how we can work together to create a unified message
- Advocacy Portion – a lot of work over the last couple months.
  - HUD release proposed changes for Equal Access and Mixed Family status – committee wrote a comment which was then Board approved and sent in to HUD.

- Wrote letter to HUD asking for a waiver for Fair Market Rent (FMR) in OC. We received a link from HUD field rep that they were seeking methodologies for calculating FMR in the future
  - Out of Reach <https://reports.nlihc.org/oor/michigan> - Can be searched by County
- Working with MICAH to align our efforts
- Developed and review Policy Agenda to ensure we are staying on track

### Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Group reviewed summary reports

### Veteran & Chronic Updates

Veteran: Group discussed trends – Number of veterans has increased

- **Please see attached for details and exact numbers**
- NEW [Veteran BNL Workflow](#)
  - Referrals are done more in real time, when referral is received in HMIS they are linked to an SSVF provider within 24 hours
- Did have a goal to meet functional zero by June 30<sup>th</sup>, still going to work towards meeting that target. Functional Zero would be having 3 people on the By Name List.

Chronic: Number have increased

- Identifying the trends will help identify who these the people are and how we can connect them with the resources they need.
- We look at the reasons as to why people are deactivated
- **Please see attached for more details and exact numbers**

Any questions please contact Angela at [agougherty@chninc.net](mailto:agougherty@chninc.net)

### Community Rapid Rehousing/ Prevention Updates (CHN, LH, LH(SOS))

- **LH(SOS)** – Has funding both RRH and Prevention that has to be spent by August 31<sup>st</sup> still taking application and referrals
- **LH** - has RRH money for women and children
- **CHN** – MSHDA pot significantly depleted (impacting prevention, they have little prevention money left), they have HUD Dollars - able to take people until September 30 (even if an individual finds housing in October they will be able to be put into the next grant).
  - All working together with Coordinated Entry for referrals

### HARA Updates

- HCV (Homeless Preference): 438 names on OC list – first come first serve – every 120 days homelessness needs to be verified.
  - If they are not homeless at the time of verification, they come off the list.
  - If they are still at the shelter, they are re-verified.
  - If they are in an RRH or TH program they are reverified.
  - If they are in a permanent supportive housing, they no longer qualify because they are in a permanent supportive housing situation and they can look into moving up vouchers

- Project Based waitlist: working tentatively to fill spots at Unity park and Palmer point.

### **PATH Team – Outreach Calendars**

Street outreach during the day and going to remote places – finding a lot of people on the streets  
What they do: Meet with individuals to create a rapport to engage them with services within the community.

Please click [HERE](#) for PATH maps (or go to [www.oaklandhomeless.org](http://www.oaklandhomeless.org) and click on RESOURCES tab)

- Encouraged to look at to become familiar with were the team will be
- Please provide input if you know of an area that would be beneficial for the PATH team to visit

Please contact Gina at [gmisuraca@chninc.net](mailto:gmisuraca@chninc.net) for questions

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SCHEDULE FLYER**

(This flyer is the schedule for the General Membership meetings for the next year)

#### **Next Meeting:**

**September 4, 2019, 1:30PM – 3:00PM at Oakland County Executive Office Building –  
Conference Center, 41 West, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford MI 48328.**