



ALLIANCE FOR HOUSING

**Strategic Planning, Funding and Advocacy Committee (SPFAC)
Meeting Minutes
2.8.2021**

Present: Elizabeth Kelly, Marc Craig, Ashley Burton, Julia Steinberg, Shannon Smith, Leah McCall, Rachel Densmore, Eric Burton, Melanie Grund, Kathy Williams

Advocacy and Public Awareness

Racial Disparities workgroup

- Broke up into 3 groups: services, prevention, and housing.
- Working on discussing changes to be made and holding each other accountable.
- Including individuals with lived experience in the workgroup planning process.
- Working on obtaining grants for implementation – McGregor, Community Foundation, PNC.

MDOS/Social Security

- MDOS has new, temporary pandemic process for homeless individuals needing appointments to acquire state ID for housing.
 - Spreadsheet of names for appointments to be arranged at alternate locations within 3 days.
 - Training webinar through MCAH on ID fee waiver process with ~250 people in attendance.
- Social Security has workarounds in place to keep processes moving.
- MDHHS vital records providing free birth certificates (allow 1 month for mail process).

Source of Income Discrimination – state level

- Waiting on updates.

Oakland County update - Landlord mitigation fund/Homeless Blueprint/Source of Income Discrimination

- Source of Income Discrimination & Landlord mitigation fund – working on completing resolutions together by February 21st.
- Homeless Blueprint – RFP sent out. Moving forward with beginning phase, based on Washtenaw County model.

COVID issues impacting services

- Oakland County temporary pop-up warming centers - Alliance to take lead on contingency planning conversations.
 - Agency collaboration, funding for trained professional staff, naloxone training, policies/procedures, agency reimbursement.
- Vaccine distribution in process for Hope staff and guests, Lighthouse staff, Street Medicine Pontiac team, Baldwin Center staff.

PR

Upcoming events needing PR and working with MCAH on messaging

- CERA – COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (press release/PSA needed)
 - Anticipated March start, ~\$54 million for Oakland County.
 - Partner agencies include: Community Housing Network, Lighthouse, OLSHA
 - Long-term assistance, utilities, back rent, opportunity to educate landlords.
 - [MSHDA CERA website](#)



Strategic Plan & Funding

HMIS

- Fully transitioned to Alliance.
 - Hiring HMIS Assistant

NEXT MEETING DATE: March 8, 2021 at 9:00am – 11:00am