



Oakland County Alliance for Housing General Membership  
Oakland County Executive Office Building  
41 West, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford MI 48328  
March 6, 2019  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Ashley Burton (Alliance), Marc Craig (CHN), Ernestine McRae, Stephanie Warren, JoMeca Thomas (HAVEN), Angela Simmons (HOPE), Melissa Felice (OCHIP), Kelly Phillips, Kevin Sanders (Common Ground), Suzanne Kimmerly (Neighborhood House), Carole Welsh (OCHD) Janet Smith (VA) Sherry Hatrick (OLSHA), Marlo Sheppard (Easterseals), Elizabeth Kelly (HOPE), Gaelle Lengue, Alyssa Draper, Rachel Zachin (SOS) Chris Townsend (Salvation Army), Tara Wiedbusch (JFS), Kathleen Hendren (Lakeshore Legal AID), Debra Hendren (CHN), Suzanne Kimmerly (Neighborhood House)

### **Welcome/Introductions**

Meeting was called to order by Ashley Burton at 1:30PM

Approval of previous minutes 1.8.19

- Marc Craig motion, Elizabeth Kelly second, unanimous approval
- Addition to agenda: None noted

### **New Business**

Agency/Service Presentations: Joy Flood-Director of the Assisted Housing Department for Detroit Housing Commission

- Detroit PHA covers 5 counties including Oakland County
- PHA uses 110% of FMR which allows for more options for housing.
- She will accept referrals from all five counties in one big "pot" and pull first come first serve
- Referral types available:
  - Couch surfing, graduating from other programs, VAWA – DV, Human Trafficking, Veterans who are not eligible for VASH due to discharge status, Family Unification Program, Lead Levels
- Further discussion will continue between Joy Flood and Leah McCall (ED of Alliance) to create an MOU to funnel referrals through CoC.

### New Website

The Alliance for Housing has a updated website, which includes the option to apply and pay for membership online. The website address is still [www.oaklandhomeless.org](http://www.oaklandhomeless.org)

### Board Nomination/Vote

Held a vote with the General Membership for Anne Harpe and Elizabeth Kelly to join the Alliance Board. Marc Craig Motioned for approval, Ernestine McRae seconded, unanimous approval by all. (Elizabeth Kelly abstained). Thus, we have two new additions to the Alliance for Housing Board of Directors; Anne Harpe, VP & Community Consultant of PNC Bank and Elizabeth Kelly, Executive Director/CEO of HOPE.

### Agency Announcements

OLHSA has Housing Dollars available through Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

- Contact Liz Lucas, Housing Manager at (248) 209-2672, OLHSA 196 Cesar E. Chavez, Pontiac, MI 48343

### HUD Registration

HUD Registration is now open, no one needs to do anything at this point, just the Alliance.

### Advocacy and Public Awareness Committee - Soliciting new members

- Working on policy agenda that will formalize the work that this group is doing to target where their efforts will be. Work on some things that the Alliance Board has recommend as well as try an align with some state-wide initiatives at MCAH's level.
- Working on Communications sub-committee that works in collaboration
  - Come up with communication plan which will make it more consistent with talking points in respose to community issues. This committee is looking to create a better way to collaborate and essentially have a central person (or group) to form a collective response so different agencies don't replicate their efforts.
- Working on FMR exception letter

### Bylaws

The Alliance Board presented the updated bylaws to the General Membership for approval. Marc Craig motioned for approval of the amended bylaws, Debra Hendren second, unanimous approval.

- If there are any questions or concerns please email Leah McCall at [lmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org](mailto:lmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org)

## **Committee and Workgroup Reports**

### Summary Reports

Please see attached

### Community Rapid Rehousing/ Prevention Updates

- Lighthouse – No updates
- South Oakland Shelter – Has money left to spend, still are servering those with a VI score 7 to 9, literally homeless.
  - Have prevention funds left.
  - If they are literally homeless and tied to Oakland County and they have a voucher in hand they can assist with security deposit regardless of VI score.
  - Opening up to helping chronically homeless if they are literally homeless in Oakland County regardless of VI score.
- Community Housing Network – still has funding left in ESG and HUD RRH
  - Depending on someone's VI (Vulnerability Index) score they are working with community partners South Oakland Shelter and Lighthouse to try and make shifts where they can so people get what they need based on their VI score
- CHN, SOS & LH are now serving people with Danger Assessment (DA) scores because able to help those attempting to flee DV

### HARA Updates: HCV (Homeless Preference) and Project Based waitlist

- Continuing to put people on the MSHDA waitlist with the homeless preference that does not require a certain VI score and can also be for people attempting to flee DV.
- Project Based waitlist – using an interest list for folks and populate when there are vacancies to the waitlist for MSHDA.



## Chronic Numbers

As of January:

- Chronic Homeless:32
- Veteran:6
  - Going to BFZ to talk about initiatives that we will do in order to reduce those numbers to hit functional zero
  - In general numbers are trending down

## ID Taskforce

March 28 the implementation date for the Secretary of State to do a fee waiver for people that are Cat. 1 homeless for State ID.

- Make take some time for they are going through some adjustments
- ID Taskforce will be asking what the protocol is going to be/ what a person will be needing to bring to the Secretary of State in order to qualify for the waiver.
- Once there is solid information, they will be creating a training program and with MCAH to get it out.

Two House Bills

- House Bill 4153
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  - Talk about vital document costs

ID Taskforce is going to testify about the budget in Lansing, more updates to come.

## **Old Business**

PIT Count- please make note that these are initial counts.

- 43 unsheltered
- 250 sheltered
- 94 TH

## **Adjournment at 3:07PM**

Next Meeting: Friday, May 17—**Annual Alliance Retreat**, 9:00 AM- 4:00 PM  
Oakland County Executive Office Building, Lower level Conference

- Registration will be out soon

