

Alliance for Housing

Bi-monthly General Membership Meeting; Tuesday, July 14, 2015

Meeting Minutes - Respectfully submitted by Daniel Kelly



Attendance: Leah McCall (Alliance), Marc Craig (CHN), Kathy Williams (OCCHI), Wilma Abney (LH), Ryan Hertz (SOS), Jenny Poma (SOS), Sian Washington (DNOM), Brooke Dudek (DNOM), Catherine Donovan (DNOM), Debra Hendren (CHN), Sylvia Clark, Kevin Bogg (TTI), Rustine Janiszewski (VA), Jamie LeClaire (CHN), Angela Gougherty (CHN/HMIS), Karla Chambers (Springhill Housing), Julia Drew (HOPE), Ernestine McRae (HAVEN), Chaka McDonald (JVS), Bev Weir (OCHD), Gloria Lutey (OCHD), Bonnie Littleton (VA), Kirsten Elliott (CHN), Dan Kelly (SOS)

Introductions

Meeting called to order at 1:36. Those present introduced themselves. The approval of the March 10, 2015 minutes along with the May 2015 Alliance for Housing Retreat Minutes were motioned for approval by Marc Craig; Kathy Williams seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Announcements

Deb Hendren discussed Landlord Breakfast, she noted the event was Wed. July 22nd; please see flyer distributed for more information.

Sian Washington noted there were openings in the Supportive Service For Veterans (SSVF) program through the Disability Network of Macomb-Oakland. She asked that those interested please contact her at swashington@dnom.org.

Gloria Lutey noted that there was a Veterans resource day event, Monday July 27th; please see flyer distributed for more information.

Ryan Hertz noted that South Oakland Shelter is hosting the *End Homelessness Now* Run on Sunday, August 2nd. He asked that anyone interested or needing more information go to South Oakland Shelter's website at oaklandshelter.org.

Alliance Board Report

Marc Craig reported. He noted the organization is working to streamline its financial reports. He noted overall the Alliance is doing well in the financial area. He noted the Alliance has about eighteen thousand dollars of its own money. He noted this is utilized as working capital as grants are paid on a reimbursement basis.

Operations Committee Report

Kathy Williams noted the group is seeking members and that they meet the last Monday of each month. She noted right now the group is working on the MSHDA Emergency Solutions Grant currently. She also noted the group is working on completing the new COC program scoring criteria among other important documents related to the COC program

Systems Coordination Committee Report

Gloria Lutey reported on the homeless health care collaboration. She passed out flyers at the meeting. She noted there is also a hospital discharge taskforce. She noted the next homeless health care collaboration is September 11th. She noted the hospital discharge committee is working on determining the site for the Oakland County recuperative care center. She noted the group is also working on creating processes of how someone can most efficiently obtain services from Common Ground. The next discharge meeting is:

Debra Hendren reported on the ID taskforce. She noted that the taskforce is working to expedite how Michigan ID is obtained and is working to expedite the process. Deb also noted that a memorandum between the Secretary of State and the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MCAH) has been put in place. She noted these entities are working together to create an expedited Michigan ID system for those receiving homeless services. She noted that the group worked on a homeless verification letter as well and is working out how to deal with residency issues with the Secretary of State. She noted they are also working on a fee waiver. She noted after that, the next step is to work with the state to obtain a fee waiver at the state level for vital records.

Deb also reported on the PSH registry. She noted the group is fully operational and met earlier today, 7/14/2015. She noted the policies and procedures for the PSH registry have been adopted.

Jamie LeClaire discussed the eviction diversion workgroup. She noted that the group has leveraged several funding sources to assist with eviction diversion in the 50th district Court in Pontiac. She noted that the group has aided 8 cases thus far.

Ernestine reported on the affordable housing committee. She noted the group is finalizing its affordable housing presentation. She noted the group is moving forward.

Ernestine noted there is a transportation taskforce every 4th Monday of each month to look into area transportation needs. She noted they are working with an agency called Freedom Road. She noted the freedom road flat rate is \$1.50/mile for on-call transportation.

Public Awareness and Advocacy Committee

Ryan Hertz reported. He noted the group is seeking members, please email him at rhertz@oaklandshelter.org. He noted the group is currently working on developing a communication strategy and has recently completed a survey in order gain feedback from the membership on communication priorities.

Project Monitoring and Performance Outcomes Committee

Leah McCall reported. She noted the MSHDA ESG grants and HUD grants have been monitored this year. She noted there were no issues and findings with MSHDA ESG. She noted the group is compiling results from the HUD grants meetings.

Angela Gougherty reported on the outcomes committee; she noted that the group is looking to integrate new data from rapid re-housing programs and recuperative center programs into outcome goals. She noted the group is looking to pull reports more often in rapid re-housing programs. She

noted the group is looking for more information on length of stay, recidivism, occupancy rate and other outcomes. She noted that the group is also working on improving data quality across the County.

Region 10 Report

Leah McCall noted there was no Region 10 call.

ESG Update

Jamie LeClaire noted that there are currently almost at capacity for Homeless Preference Vouchers. She noted that the next briefing won't be until August or September. She noted that the HPV workgroup has been a huge success thus far.

Deb Hendren reported on the MSHDA ESG program, she noted that the program has screened 426 households for service with 292 assessments and housing plans created for homeless or at-risk households. She noted 8 households received prevention assistance, 20 short term rental assistance, 34 security deposit assistance, and 12 received assistance with utility arrears. She noted the program has served many families who were receiving Homeless Preference Vouchers this last year.

Dan Kelly reported that the Oakland County ESG program has served over 180 households with housing relocation and stabilization services and over 100 of these households obtained permanent housing upon follow-up. He praised the Alliance membership for working collaboratively to aid these over 100 households in obtaining housing. He noted that over 30 households received direct financial assistance.

New Business

New Board Members

Leah McCall noted there are two Board applicants; Sylvia Clark and Lisa Fakir. Sylvia was present at the meeting and noted that she is very interested in joining the Board. She stated she previously served on the Auburn Hills Library Board in addition to working with Chrysler before experiencing homelessness. She noted she is a strong advocate for helping the homeless through her Church.

Marc Craig made a motion to add Lisa Fakir and Sylvia Clark to the Board. Ryan Hertz seconded the motion; the motion approved unanimously.

New Bylaws

Marc Craig passed out new Board bylaws. The group went over the bylaws. Ryan Hertz motioned to approve the bylaws as presented; Marc Craig seconded. The By-Laws were approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33pm