



ALLIANCE FOR HOUSING

Strategic Planning, Funding and Advocacy Committee (SPFAC)

Meeting Minutes

11.9.2020

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

Advocacy and Public Awareness

Acquisition of State ID and Vital Doc

- State ID taskforce meeting monthly; next meeting is November 18 at 2pm.
 - Let Elizabeth know if you are not on the list and would like an invitation to join the meetings.
- Acquisition of State ID and Drivers License – backed up by 3-4 months.
- Secretary of State has been doing a good job working with us.
 - Next day appointments available through streamlined process but must be persistent and have everything prepared in advance.
 - Now that election is over, we are hoping to have more attention from Secretary of State because of how HCV and other housing/homeless resolutions are being impacted.

Social Security

- Offices only open by limited appointment for most complex issues.
- Must mail state ID, birth certificate, and other proof documents to local office. They will mail documents back within 4-6 weeks.
- Field officers have ability to create work arounds, but may be over ruled depending on office.
- Regional Manager is helping but social security for seniors is their priority.
- Social Security card is necessary for applications, but can provisionally accept another document with complete SS# printed on it (tax document, health document, MDHHS document).
- Strict 60 day window. Hefty case management.
- 60 day window not working; too difficult with docs, impossible without docs. 120 days would be much better window.

Pandemic Related Issues

- COVID
 - Cases rising.
 - Homelessness contributes to the public health crisis.
 - More COVID funding may be in the pipeline.
 - Case management for HCV is not eligible under ESG.
- Winter Shelters
 - Must find site to implement their plan.
 - Shelters already operating at capacity.
 - Vital docs slowing down housing process will impact temporary shelters filling up.
- CDC Eviction Moratorium
 - Ending January, predicted to become an issue with 60 day window to find affordable housing.



- Unknown if it will be extended because funding is needed.

Follow-up: 3 separate calls –

- Zoom call to Senator Bayer for help with expediting process.
 - Zoom call with Elizabeth, Marc, & Leah.
- Senator Peters office has been called for assistance with Social Security administration
 - Elizabeth will reach out again for follow-up.
- Zoom call with County Management.
 - Offer input for targeting additional funding for nonprofits

PR Portion

PIT

- No updates.
- Confident that sheltered count will happen.
- Unsure if unsheltered count will take place. Still planning and preparing.
- Meeting with PATH team to review maps/hotspots.

Press Release on COVID and Homelessness

- Sent out November 5.

MCAH

- Messaging around COVID/homelessness, statistical information.
- Monitor and mirror messaging locally in county when their information is sent out.
- Stay on top of messaging to show Alliance has expertise and good information to share.
- Maintain regular contact with MCAH for follow-up, local view for media.

Strategic Plan & Funding

HMIS

- Transferred 2 of 3 HMIS Oakland County grants to Alliance.
- HMIS Manager hired – Holly Ellis.
- HMIS Director hired – Audrey White – starting in December.

Landlord Mitigation Fund Updates

- End of December – will be finalized.
- Approved for OC budget.
- Recognition planned for Helaine Zack in conjunction with her retirement from Board of Commission
 - Service to Community Award - plaque, press release, virtual meeting to present award.
 - Celebrate & publicize Landlord Mitigation Fund Kickoff.