

## **Alliance for Housing**

Annual Retreat; Tuesday, May 24, 2016



Meeting Minutes - Respectfully submitted by Daniel Kelly

Attendance: Sylvia Clark (Alliance), Laretta Dewells (Alliance), Deborah Busch (Busch Housing), David Permaloff (CG), Luke Hassevoort (CG), Jamie LeClaire (CHN), Marc Craig (CHN), Kirsten Elliott (CHN), Angela Gougherty (CHN), Sarah Sprony (CHN), Amy Conniff (CHN), Lisa Ased (CHN), Deb Hendren (CHN), Dawn Calnen-Pischel (CHN), Kalra Chambers (Springhill), Rustine Janiszewski (Detroit VA), Sam Babbie-Gill (VA), Sian Washington (DNOM), Ernestine McCrae (HAVEN), Carolyn Hurst (HOPE), Julia Drew (HOPE), Deborah Nelson (HOPE), Elizabeth Kelly (HOPE), Kelly Bidelman (LAD), Prisalla Williams (LH), Sharmen Davenport (LH), Jill Anderson (DHHS), Michelle Edwards (MSHDA), Francisco Gamboa (OCCMH), Rachel Densmore (OCCMH), Gloria Lutey (Oakland County Health), Kathy Williams (Oakland County), Melissa Felice (Oakland County), Danielle Redilla (OIHN), Renee Hall (OLHSA), Erin Tiano (OLHSA), S Hatrick (OLHSA), Liz Lucas (OLHSA), Sara Orris (Oakland Schools), Jason Morgan (SOCH), Jenny Poma (SOS), Dan Kelly (SOS), Mitch Alexander (Red Maple Resources), Zach Dieck (TTI), Alysa Wamsler (TTI), Kevin Bogg (TTI), Roslyn Johnson (CNS), Candice Morgan (Salvation Army), Garth Wooten (Oakland County Veterans), Gabrielle Gonzales (ES), Pat Wolschon (VA), Caroline Dunleavy

### **Introduction**

Meeting was called to order at 11:05pm by Kathy Williams. She noted the history of the Alliance for Housing Annual Retreat and that the retreat has achieved many goals over the years. She noted that the Alliance for Housing scored very high in the Continuum of Care application.

### **Oakland County Annual State of Homelessness 2016**

Sarah Sporny and Angela Gougherty presented. They reviewed a powerpoint document noting HMIS's functions, and presented statistics and outcomes for Oakland County. Please see the Annual State of Homelessness presentation for more information. The group discussed various questions related to the data.

### **Accomplishments**

Leah McCall reported on accomplishments across the community. She noted several accomplishments. She noted success with transportation, COC programs, Veterans work, ID Pilot, and Health Care initiatives. Leah noted the definition of ending Veteran homelessness is that more Veterans placed into housing than are becoming homeless.

### **Introduction of Participants**

Each attendee introduced themselves and noted what agency they work for.

### **Homeless Definition Presentation**

Deb Hendren reported on recent changes to the homeless definition. She noted recent changes to the chronically homeless definition. She reviewed a powerpoint presentation; please see the attached presentation for more information.

### **Lunch Break**

The attendees broke for lunch at 12:20pm.

### **HOPE Recuperative Care Pilot**

Elizabeth Kelly reported on the recent successes of the recuperative care center they opened. She presented a powerpoint; please see this attachment for more information. She noted a number of recent successes at the recuperative care center.

### **Homeless Veterans By-Name List Presentation**

Alysa Wamsler and Sarah Sprony presented. They noted the current state of Veteran homelessness in Oakland County and went over the efforts of the Veteran By-Name List Committee. Please see their attached presentation for more information.

### **Goals of the Alliance for Housing**

Kathy Williams noted the accomplishments of the Oakland County COC/Alliance for Housing over the last fifteen years. She noted that the group has achieved a great deal including: utilizing HMIS, creating a plan to end homelessness, incorporation of the Alliance for Housing non-profit, and other accomplishments.

Kathy noted some current obstacles to ending homelessness in Oakland County; she noted there are current issues related to the fair market rent for the region as prescribed by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and also an issue with connecting with landlords and property managers and building more relationships.

### **Brainstorming Groups**

There were two breakout groups discussing two current issues in Oakland County: 1) the fair market rent issue in Oakland County, and 2) the issue with connecting with more landlords and property managers. The groups reported back action steps to address these issues including: researching HUD exceptions on fair market rent, and creating more landlord forums amongst many other action steps.

### **Breakout Groups**

Two breakout groups met, they were:

- 1) Welcome to the Continuum of the Care: discussion about the history of the COC, common goals of the community, and goals moving forward of the Continuum of Care.

2) Timeline for Ending Homelessness: discussion of how to work more effectively and efficiently at ending homelessness.

### **Adjournment**

The retreat adjourned at 3:19pm.