

Alliance for Housing



General Membership and CIST; Wednesday September 6, 2017

Meeting Minutes—Ashley Burton

Attendance: Leah McCall (Alliance), Ashley Burton (Alliance), Sonya Ducan (Carriage Circle), Evette Szagna (Szagna & Assoc.), Bobbie Benton (OLHSA-Pontiac), Debra Hendren (CHN), Heather Van Poulker (Ferndale Housing Commission), Susan Reetz (Oakland City MI Works Oak Park), Kelly Phillips (Common Ground), Deborah Nelson (HOPE), Allison Rad (CHN), Sarah Sporny (CHN/ OC HMIS), Sara Orris (Oakland Schools), Ernestine McRae (HAVEN), Suzanne Kimmerly (RANH), Danielle Redilla (OIHN), Virgie Emmerman (HOPE Network), Rebecca Cheezum (Oakland University), Kathy Williams (OCCHI), Melissa Felice (OCCHI), Caitlin May (SOS), Jessie Polito (SOS), Sara Habbo (Lakeshore Legal Aid), Megan DuBerg (Oakland Family Services-PRISM), Mind Cao (CHN), Roslyn Johnson (Community Network Services), Becca Budde (Affirmations), Gabby Gonzales (Easter Seals), Marc Craig (CHN), Tamara Gaines (The Salvation Army)

Welcome/Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Leah McCall at 1:34 pm

Approval of previous meeting minutes, July 2017 Motion: Debra Hendren, Second: Ernestine McRae

Addition to agenda: None noted

Committee and Workgroup Reports

Board Updates:

Marc Craig reported working on NOFA, noting community response to West Manor Fire, positive CoC leadership with West Manor Fire. Focused on strategic planning activity Operation Committee will draft plan for Governance committee to continue work towards becoming a unified funding agency. Board is getting reports on standard committees.

Operations Updates:

Kathy Williams reported on keeping the business end of Alliance going. MSHDA grant due, CoC application. Move Alliance forward to united funded agency-be able to be umbrella for homeless service providers. Working on strategic planning-bringing more stake holders to board, governance plan, MOUs, plan retreat for board members.

Systems Coordination & Implementation:

Ernestine McRae reported on homeless health care initiative. Pertaining to HMIS Pilot Process-was unable to expand pilot program. Next plan is to make pilot plan be implemented statewide

to expedite process, was denied. Brainstorm more ideas. More information will be at the Summit this year pertaining to this issue.

Finance & Audit

Marc Craig presented-July budget (approved by the Alliance board) sheets will be sent out with these minutes.

Advocacy & Public Awareness

Deb Brinson is the new chair, at this time committee meets as needed. Would like to add more advocacy work through the Alliance.

Project Monitory and Performance Outcomes (HMIS) Updates:

Marc Craig reported on OC receiving pay for performance. Discussion on what can we do with these numbers-prioritize, operational, how can we be more effective. Also need to have other SSVF on board with this as it effects CoC funding through VA projects.

Veteran Updates (SSVF and BNL):

At least 8 veterans received housing in July. Working to find housing resources, landlords for individuals with a criminal history.

Community RRH Updates:

SOS-exhausted all funds County/ESG funds this year. MSHDA/ESG -request to transfer money from staff line to direct client aid. Also assisting OC/ESG clients when the funds were exhausted but still needed assistance MSHDA will allow if under the 6 mo cap OR extend for circumstance case by case. HUD-RRH- extended to a year assistance.

HARA Updates:

HCV through MSHDA if denied for criminal through HCV all are encouraged to appeal. As a community we need to keep list populated but also assist to locate and get information to those pulled from list. Need to pull about 3 to 1 to fill slots. Many times people cant be located, numbers are shut off or letters come back undeliverable. Agents need to meet/keep quota so at this time this is how it is done. Agencies concerned that if they are pulling 3 to 1 will those they are really working with get the HCV? Evette was confident that with that case management assistance they would.

Coordinated Entry Updates:

January 28th Coordinated Entry must be in place per HUD's mandate.

New Business:

Save the date- Bi- County Landlord event (Oakland and Macomb) November 9, 2017 6-8 location TBD.

Agency Updates:

Tamara Gaines, (TSA)- Region 10-Proposal- increase \$12 to \$16 awarded per diem- No new agencies for OC this funding round, grant will be open again in 2020.

CIST-Community Interagency Service Team

Agency Service Presentation: Carriage Circle Apartments by Sonya Duncan

- Located in Pontiac
- Free application
- \$50 rent minimum- electricity, gas, water included
- Takes income contributions
- Preference to homeless and working in Pontiac area, if individual is able to provide proof of homelessness they will be put higher on the waiting list.
- Update waitlist preference, waitlist is 3 to 6 months
- Looking to do orientation meeting with applicants
- Units to be filled
- Looking to work with other programs to help residents into buildings
- Does not except sex offenders
- Willing to accept an individual with a felony however it depends on what it consists of and how old the felony is- no repeated issues accepted.
- If individual has a drug related crime, they will be accepted if they show they are being rehabilitated.
- Accepts application via e-mail-letterhead of statement verifying individual is in the facility.

SOAR Updates:

None

Case Presentations

Need for school uniforms, bus tickets

Agencies may use the Hand Up online fundraising tool. Create profile for individual for goals such as bus passes, furniture, any needs for stability. If interested call SOS and ask for Abby.

Round Robin Updates:

None

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:45

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 3 at 1:30 pm

Oakland County Executive Office Building, 41 West, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford MI
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