



Alliance for Housing

General Membership Meeting Minutes

July 7, 2026

Scribe: Ashley Cuniberti

Attendees: Ashley Cuniberti, Rebecca Fitzgerald, Darnell Obamwonyi (Alliance For Housing), Melissa Preville (OCNHD), Melissa May (NOAHS), LaMar Mitchell (Emma's House), Kelly Blakeslee, Megan Dooley (The Source), Shawna Reynolds (CHN) Laura Dillaber, Emilija Kraai (Common Ground) Steve Norris, Mario Azzie (The Collective) Barbara Williams (CCRT), Shaynee Phillips, Jessie Polito, L'evette Ramsey (Lighthouse) Monisha Scott (Detroit VA), Pam Debo (Samaritia)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The previous General Membership meeting minutes were presented for approval.

- Motion to approve the previous meeting minutes, Melissa Preville
- Motion seconded, Barbara Williams
- Motion carried unanimously.

New Business

- **Community Partner Presentation – The SOURCE**
 - Kelly Blakeslee, Regional Director of Southeast Michigan, and Megan Dooley, Resource Navigator, presented an overview of The SOURCE, a statewide nonprofit that partners with employers to reduce barriers affecting workforce stability and household well-being. The presentation highlighted:
 - The SOURCE's high-touch resource navigation model, providing individualized case management and connections to community resources.
 - Common barriers experienced by employees, including housing, transportation, food insecurity, utilities, financial coaching, legal assistance, counseling, and credit repair.
 - Housing continues to be the most common barrier, with 51% of clients experiencing a housing-related need. Between 2023 and 2025, requests for eviction prevention increased by 25% and requests for assistance finding housing increased by 54%.
 - Members learned about partnership opportunities between The SOURCE and community organizations to improve housing stability, workforce retention, and coordinated referrals.



- **HUD FY2026**

- The Alliance is still waiting on the Annual Renewal Demand, or ARD, from HUD. The ARD is HUD's estimate of the funding needed to renew our existing CoC projects. It also determines how much bonus funding the CoC may be eligible to apply for and helps plan the local competition.
- The Alliance has released the HUD CoC NOFO RFPs on both the Alliance website and Listserv. If your agency is interested in applying, please carefully review the eligibility requirements before submitting an application. It is the responsibility of each applicant to determine whether they meet the eligibility criteria.
- The CoC Consolidated Application, including the Planning Grant, is due to HUD on August 26th.
- HUD CoC Builds NOFO: This is a separate funding opportunity from the annual CoC competition. The Alliance received two proposals, and the Board is currently reviewing them to determine which project the CoC will submit. The CoC Builds application is due to HUD on July 23rd.

- **MSHDA ESG**

- The Alliance still has not received their allocation from MSHDA, but the application is due on **July 31st**. They did release an RFP for emergency shelter funding, and that application period has now closed.

Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports – Group reviewed

Agency Funding Spending Updates

- Member agencies were invited to provide updates regarding current grant funding, expenditures, and program capacity. Agencies discussed funding availability, program operations, and current community needs while emphasizing continued collaboration and transparency across the Continuum of Care.
 - There is no current funding for prevention
 - There is still money for landlord lease ups via Padmission

Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers Presented by Rebecca Fitzgerald

- 295 referrals were received through the Coordinated Entry disposition list, with 261 households remaining active.
- 192 households were successfully housed during the reporting period, including placements into Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, Transitional Housing, Housing Choice



Vouchers, Supportive Housing Units, and self-resolved housing outcomes.

- Prevention Registry activity included 109 referrals, with 104 active households and 41 households stabilized during the reporting period.
- Registry activity and deactivation trends were reviewed with members.

Veteran Update

Monisha Scott, VA Detroit Healthcare System Coordinated Entry Specialist, provided an update on Veteran services.

Highlights included:

- Review of Veteran By-Name List activity for both Category 1 and Category 2 Veterans.
- As of June 30, 2026:
 - Category 1 Veteran By-Name List included 18 active Veterans, with 16 housed during the reporting period.
 - Category 2 Veteran By-Name List included 6 active Veterans, with 19 households stabilized.
- Members were informed of an upcoming Mobile Secretary of State event at the Detroit VA Medical Center offering identification, driver's license, title transfer, and disability placard services for Veterans.

PATH Update

The PATH outreach team provided updates regarding outreach operations and answered member questions.

Discussion included:

- Clarification of the homeless verification process and documentation requirements.
- Questions regarding homeless verification letters requiring additional information before acceptance.
- Review of the PATH outreach calendar and explanation that outreach schedules identify coverage areas rather than guaranteed meeting locations.
- Agencies were encouraged to contact the PATH team directly when aware of individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness so outreach staff can attempt engagement.



- It was clarified that individuals living in vehicles may qualify for PATH services. PATH staff complete outreach, determine eligibility, provide case management, and issue homeless verification documentation as part of the intake process before transitioning participants to housing programs.
- Updated monthly on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-streetoutreach-calendar>

Adjournment

Next meeting: September 2, 2026 at Oakland County Executive Building, 41 West 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford Twp, MI 48328. 1:30 – 3:00