



Alliance for Housing

General Membership Meeting Minutes

3.3.2021

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

Attendance: Audrey White, Ashley Burton, Holly Ellis, Julia Steinberg, Tiffany Jones, Leah McCall (Alliance for Housing), Elizabeth Crenshaw (Molina Healthcare), Kevin Bogg (TTI), Brian Wright (Hope), Chris Townsend (Salvation Army), Deborah Briggs (Legal Aid), Donna Bunin (OLHSA), Karen Moore, Erica Watkins (Sanctum House), Kevin Sanders (Common Ground), Liz Lucas (OLHSA), Melissa Felice (Oakland County), Rebecca Tallarigo (MDHHS), Tara Irwin (JFS), Taylor Eberhart (CHN), Suzanne Kimmerly (Neighborhood House), Janet Smith (VA), D'Asia McDonald (OLHSA), Kathy Williams, Shane Bies (OCHD), David Permaloff (Common Ground), Erin Markell (OLHSA), Gina Misuraca (CHN), Megan LaForge (OLHSA), Miriam Green (DNOM), Rebecca Fitzgerald (HOPE), Shelby Berkowski (DHHS), Benjamin Ogden (Welcome Inn-SOCH), Tim Higgins (OLHSA)

Approval of January Meeting Minutes - Motion: Liz Lucas. Second: Janet Smith. Unanimous approval.

New Business

- Agency Presentations
 - Fatema Dohadwala, Vice President, End the Cycle, University of Michigan
 - Mission: bridging the gap in educational equity for students in Michigan.
 - Providing tutoring, test prep, college application mentorship, GED prep (adults) via Zoom.
 - Targeting students with housing instability.
 - New student sign-up: <https://sites.google.com/view/endthecycleatium/home>.
 - Erica Watkins, Supervising Case Manager, Sanctum House
 - Sanctum House is a long-term shelter program in OC for adult female human trafficking survivors providing 24-hour support, living space (12 beds available), case management services, overall wellness and treatment services including trauma based therapy, mental health support, substance abuse recovery support, legal aid, education support, employment support, physical healthcare & spiritual wellness.
 - <https://sanctumhouse.org/>.
- Oakland County Consolidated Plan: 2021-2025 Presented by Shane Bies
 - The Neighborhood & Housing Development Division of Oakland County is seeking housing and community development needs input for its Consolidated Plan. This community feedback will help to guide how CDBG, HOME and ESG funding is spent.
 - Housing problems in OC: 90% cost burden & severe cost burden.
 - Send comments to: chi@oakgov.com.

Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports - Email [Leah](#) if interested in joining a committee
- Veteran Updates (SSVF and BNL) presented by Janet Smith
 - OLHSA & Disability Network still have funds available for Prevention and Rapid Rehousing to help homeless and at-risk veterans in OC.



- VA suicide prevention staff having training called Operation Save, available in April.
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers reported by Holly Ellis
 - Jan & Feb 2021:
 - Registry list– 61 referred, (16 chronic, 13 non-chronic 12+, 32 other), 7 deactivated, 3 housed.
 - Shelter list – 10 referred, 3 housed, 1 deactivated.
 - Veteran BNL – 9 referred, 1 housed, 4 deactivated.
- PATH Team- Outreach Calendars
 - Updated monthly on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>.
 - For individuals needing PATH connections: contact Gina Misuraca gmisuraca@chninc.net or Mellena Martinez mmartinez@chninc.net.

Old Business

- C4
 - Working on racial equity in OC housing, prevention, and services.
 - Email [Julia](#) if interested in joining the workgroup.
- Funding Updates
 - COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) program starting soon.
 - Alliance working with OLHSA, Lighthouse, CHN to assist with rent & utilities.
 - [MSHDA CERA website](#).

Updates

- CHN still has funding for prevention. Contact Housing Resource Center for screening.
- Vouchers for the Youth to Independence (FYI) initiative:
https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/programs/hcv/fyi

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Annual Retreat - May 12, 2021

Time: TBD