

Alliance for Housing

General Membership and CIST; Wednesday March 7, 2018



Meeting Minutes: Ashley Burton

Attendance: Suzanne Kimmerly (RANH), Evette Szajna (Szagna and Assoc.), Michelle Edwards (MSHDA), Christine Miller (MSHDA), Tara Wiedbusch (JFS), Taylor Eberhart (CHN), Kelly Phillips (CG), Mary Anne Bucalos (CG), Carie Barodte-Xerri (CG), Irene lane (CNS Health Care), Roslyn Johnson (CNS Health Care), Pamela Hannon (CNS Health Care), Angela Gougherty (OC HMIS), Joy Flood (DHC), Seana William Page (DHC), Kathleen Alla (Lakeshore Legal Aid), Ecole Brooks (OCHN), Kevin Bogg (TTI), Alysa Wamsler (TTI), Benjamin Ogden (SOCH), Liz Lucas (OLHSA), Carole Welsh (OCHD), Sara Orris (Oakland Schools), Deb Hendren (CHN), Erinn Johnson (LH), Reda Nafso (JVS-Financial & Housing Education), Jenny Poma (SOS), Adam Perry (Church of The Holy Family), Rebecca Fitzgerald (HOPE), Deborah Nelson (HOPE)

Welcome/Introductions

Meeting was called to order by Leah McCall at 1:40 pm

Approval of previous meeting minutes, January 3th 2017 Motion for approval: Deb Hendren

Second: Liz Lucas

Addition to agenda: None noted

Committee and Workgroup Reports

Board Updates

Leah McCall reported on the Board Retreat. At the retreat there was a focus on membership within the Alliance, also structure review of the board. Currently looking into hiring a facilitator for strategic planning. If you are interested in becoming a board member please contact Leah McCall at lmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org. Still working on Shelter Plus Care, the CoC is looking into taking over the grant and committing member agencies.

Operations Updates

Leah McCall reported on the Operations Committee. Currently focusing on the planning of the Annual Retreat. The Annual Retreat takes place on: May 16, 2018 9AM – 4PM. Also preparing for the HUD NOFA and MSHDA Grant. If you have any input on what you would like to see at the retreat please email ideas, suggestions, and input to aburton-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org

Systems Coordination & Implementation

Leah McCall and Deb Hendren reported on the ID Exception Pilot Program, this is a state wide work group working towards expediting the process to get a State of Michigan ID. Ideas to expedite are: Use HMIS Photo ID, homeless verification letter as proof of Michigan residence as well as vaccination records and fee waivers. Proposed bill for state to review to honor fee at local level, OC is zero. HMIS ID card as documentation is a work in progress.

MCAH is working towards creating a positive change in the relationship between the homeless population and the criminal justice system. Currently working on gathering data from a questionnaire to be asked anonymously of program participants regarding their involvement with these individuals/systems. The questionnaire has been sent out on the Google ListServ. They are looking for more involvement.

Finance & Audit

The Statement of Financial Position as of February 28th 2018 will be sent out along with minutes.

Advocacy & Public Awareness

Annual PIT Event was held on January 31st 2017, Oakland Press came along; article will be sent out along with the minutes

Project Monitoring and Performance Outcomes (HMIS)

Angela Gougherty reported on mandatory tracking on performance outcomes for how our community works, this is a MSHDA and HUD requirement. Continuing research on exists permanent housing destinations and HCV case management. With upcoming funding rounds, there will be an even stronger focus on outcomes. CoC scoring impacts every agency, we encourage feedback. Also currently working on focus groups with PSH and RRH. Looking at best practices from CoC perspective at an overall program level. Updates to come with the focus groups.

Veteran Updates (SSVF and BNL)

Applied for Federal Benchmark to end veteran homelessness; currently working on length of time as homeless and length of time to get housing to resubmit for those areas.

At the end of February, chronic was at 31, homeless at 12.

Working on Community Referral form for agencies that do not sure HMIS so we can connect services that can help

Community Rapid Rehousing./Prevention Updates

Close to exhausting funds, largest grant will be done at the end of the month, however still encourage people to apply. The HARA is working in conjunction with SOS RRH. With the coordinated entry system, agencies are working closely together to create a long term plan to help program participants relocate if they can't afford their housing anymore.

SOS has Royal Oak funds for RRH. These funds are more flexible with Housing Service needs (security deposit, bus cards, etc). This is only applicable for people becoming a resident of RO or are current resident of RO. Call SOS and identify the RO resident for this program. Lighthouse had funds available for moms with children.

Community Established Thresholds overview-sheet will be sent out with these minutes. It is updated from time to time, most need based on adjusted capacity of community.

HARA Updates

HCV/Homeless Preference Voucher-anyone working with clients literally homeless should be added to the waitlist. Currently, names are being pulled weekly. Contact Kerri Kennedy Pawluk at kkennedypawluk@chninc.net

There is an OC HCV Coordination Call Mondays 9AM – 10:30 AM. The call is for agency reps to ask questions. If unable to make the phone calls please subscribe to the emails that contain information from the HP-HCV pull list.

Coordinated Entry Updates

Final CES was sent in to MSHDA, it is a working document. A Community Referral form is in draft form. This form is for agencies that do not use HMIS so that they can refer people to get the services they need to expedite the process. The participating agencies will need to be apart of the coordinated services agreement or use their ROI per household.

Old Business

PIT Count

Emergency Shelter -259, Unsheltered -71, shelters are at capacity, updates to come with TH.

New Business

Alliance Annual Board Retreat

The Alliance held the Annual Board Retreat that held discussion about strategic planning. The Alliance has contracted with a strategic planner facilitator.

Annual Alliance Membership Retreat

The Annual Retreat takes place on: May 16, 2018 9AM – 4PM. If you have any input on what you would like to see at the retreat please email ideas, suggestions, and recommendations to aburton-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org

Alliance Survey

Alliance Survey will be sent out on ListServ pertaining to what your view of the CoC is and what you would like to be done/what is not working.

Meeting Structure

Discussion on meeting structure: combining CIST and GM together. CIST's function is happening during PSH/BNL meetings, we will still be doing Round Robin and agency/service presentations. This meeting will now be named GM and Service Updates.

Agency Presentations

JVS Financial Education Department – Reda Nafso

Financial Education Services: Focus on helping families and individuals achieve their financial goals.

Services offered:

- Financial Capability-A series of courses which explore all aspects of finances

- Financial Coaching- One-on-one guidance to meet financial goals
- Homebuyer Education- Classes that teach the home buying process
- Foreclosure Education and Prevention- Confidential help to keep your home.

Contact at 248-233-4299

Email: housingandbudgeting@jvsdet.org

Also offered: Financial Literacy Boot Camp for Entrepreneurs

The mission is to teach business owners and potential business owners the basics of financial literacy including budgeting, credit improvement and money management for themselves and their businesses.

Contact at: 248-233-4299 or visit the Financial Empowerment Center at the Oakland County Treasurer's office.

PACE Southeast Michigan- Kali Miller

Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly-Providing innovative care for aging individuals.

Services provided:

- The Clinic and Day health Center
- Medical Specialists
- Home Health and Home Care Services
- Transportation Services
- Family/Caregiver Support Services
- Rehab and Durable medical Equipment
- Inpatient Hospital and Nursing Home stay
- Medicare/Medicaid services

You can join PACE Southeast Michigan if you meet the following conditions:

- 55 years or older
- Live in the PACE Southeast Michigan services area; Macomb county, and most of Wayne and Oakland Counties. For more information about specific location call 855-445-4554 or visit www.pacesemi.org
- Present characteristics qualifying you for nursing home level of care, as certified by the State of Michigan
- Able to live safely in the community at the time of enrollment with support from PACE Southeast Michigan.

Contact at: www.pacesemi.org

855-455-4554

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Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 PM

Next Meeting is the Alliance Annual Retreat

When: Wednesday, May 16th

Location: Oakland County Executive Office Building 41 West, 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford MI 48328