



Alliance for Housing

General Membership 3.4.2020 Meeting Minutes

Scribe: Ashley Burton

Attendance: Brian Wright, Michelle Jaskowski (HOPE) Joseph Figlioli, Ashley Burton, Leah McCall (Alliance for Housing) Chis Townsend, Sylvia Clark (Salvation Army) Kathy Williams (OCCHD) Tiffany Jones, Liz Lucas, Donna Bunin, China Aquino (OLHSA) Angela Gougherty (CHN/HMIS) Janet Smith (VA) Carole Welsh (OCHD) Tara Irwin (JFS) Pamela Ortner (Royal Oak First) Irene Lane, Pamela Harmon (CNS Health Care) Theresa Krell (St. Joseph Mercy Oakland Hospital) Suzanne Kimmerly (Neighborhood House) Deb Hendren, Stacey Lorne (CHN) Erinn Johnson (Lighthouse/SOS)

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – Motion: Liz Lucas. Second: Tiffany Jones - Unanimous approval

New Business

- Agency Presentations
 - Ann Heler – FernCare Free Clinic, Inc.
 - 751 E. Nine Mile Road, Suite 2, Ferndale MI 48220
 - www.ferncare.org, (248) 677-2273
 - No criteria
 - FernCare is a free medical clinic for uninsured individuals, 19-64 years of age.
 - Medical care, mental health counseling, benefits information, basic lab testing and dispensing of generic medications is offered.
 - Open Weekly: 1st and 3rd Saturdays 9 AM to noon. 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 6 pm to 830 PM. APPOINTMENT ONLY – must call to make appointment.
 - 2nd and 4th Monday morning for new patients – by APPOINTMENT ONLY.
 - Insurance enrollment is always available. M-TH 9:00 – 2:00
 - Free clinics
 - <http://www.fcomi.org/>
 - All of information for all the free clinics in the state
 - Federally funded clinics
 - Based on other income that they receive, then they can see how many charitable cases they can get.
 - Jessica Altenbernt - Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
 - Obtaining Vital Documents for Homeless Individuals
 - Attached are the documents, a check sheet and Power Point



- The link to review the webinar presentation is <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/recording/3090719894455365643>
- **To apply for reimbursement for a local County Clerk's office issued Birth Certificates:**
 - Follow the local Clerk's process for applying for a Birth Certificate
 - Service Provider pays for Birth Certificate at the Local Clerks Office
 - Request receipt from Clerk's Office
 - Complete MDHHS-5832 Homeless Vital Document Request for Reimbursement (see attached document)
 - Organize Birth Certificate Receipts
 - Batch MDHHS-5832 and Receipts monthly and send to MDHHS-Homeless@Michigan.gov
- **To apply for a State of Michigan issued Birth Certificates:**
 - Complete Application for a Certified Copy-Michigan Birth Record form https://www.michigan.gov/documents/birthapp_6360_7.PDF
 - Identification (will work with individuals on a case by case basis who do not have a State Issued ID)
 - Provide DCH-VR Homeless Verification Letter (see attached document)
 - Provide a copy of HMIS card
 - Applicant can apply in person or by Mail (On line or telephone orders cannot be used for this process)
- HUD Funding Awards for FY2019
 - Tier 1 funding has been released and received all funding
 - Tier 2 is expected to come out shortly
 - These are all renewals for existing programs
- Alliance Annual Retreat
 - Save the date: **THURSDAY, MAY 7 2020**

Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports & Balance Sheet.
 - Please click [HERE](#) for information about Alliance Committees or email Leah McCall at lmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org if you are interested in joining a meeting.
- Veteran Updates (SSVF and BNL)
 - OCHMIS is no longer supporting prevention referrals (cat. 2). These referrals will be made verbally and veterans will be provided with the resource guide.
 - **Veteran Resource Guide [HERE](#).**
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers (Updates on website)



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- <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/ch-report>
- These reports are for the entire year or 2019.
- VETERAN: We are trying to hit Functional Zero – Functional Zero is a number where we are housing more people than that are coming in and those are either balancing out or that we are housing more people than that are being identified as homeless for that month.
- CHRONIC (Defined by HUD): Chronically Homeless is defined as an individual or family that is homeless and resides in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, and has been homeless and residing in such a place for at least 1 year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years. The statutory definition also requires that the individual or family has a head of household with a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability, post- traumatic stress disorder, cognitive, impairments resulting from a brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability.
- PATH Team-Outreach Calendars (Updates on website)
 - <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>

Old Business

- Point in Time
 - Unsheltered Count:
 - 2019 – 43
 - 2020 - 86 night of, 30 the week after. Total unsheltered 116
 - Emergency Shelter:
 - 2019 – 262
 - 2020 – 216
 - Transitional Housing:
 - 2019 -120
 - 2020 - 114
 - TOTAL: 446 individuals in 2020
 - 425 individuals in 2019
 - Numbers have not submitted yet, have potential to change.
- Functional Sentencing
 - We had a yearlong project with Street Democracy to bring Functional Sentencing to Oakland County. Functional Sentencing turns sentencing into an opportunity to help an individual permanently exit the criminal justice system by replacing fines and costs with targeted interventions (e.g. job placement and medical services) that address that root causes of an individual's offense. This grant has ended and it has not been renewed.
 - The Alliance just received a grant from the Michigan State Bar Foundation (MSBF) to do trainings within the courts of OC. The work



will still happen in that way but we are looking at how we can integrate it within our projects and programs.

- Working on training guide and getting courts interested and on board.
- Updates to come.

- CNS Healthcare
 - New site address which provides mental health services to adults and children: CNS Healthcare Services – Detroit Office
 - 15560 Joy Rd, Detroit, MI 48228
 - (313) 668-9300
 - cnshealthcare.org
 - CNS Healthcare 3rd Annual Men’s Health Fair:
 - June 19, 2020, 11:00am – 2:00pm Lunch Provided
 - CNS Healthcare, 279 Summit Drive, Waterford, MI 48328
 - (248) 745-4900

Next Meeting: **ALLIANCE ANNUAL RETREAT: THURSDAY, MAY 7 2020 – Oakland County Executive Office Building, Lower level Conference Room.**

Time: 10AM-3PM

Information will be sent out via Alliance Listserv.