



## **Alliance for Housing**

### **General Membership 7.1.2020 Meeting Minutes**

Scribe: Ashley Burton

Attendance: Brian Wright, Michelle Jaskowski (Hope) Joseph Figlioli, Ashley Burton, Leah McCall (Alliance for Housing) Kathy Williams (OCCHD) Liz Lucas, Donna Bunin, China Aquino (OLHSA) Janet Smith (VA) Carole Welsh (OCHD) Tara Irwin (JFS) Pamela Ortner (Royal Oak First) Suzanne Kimmerly (Neighborhood House) Stacey Lorne (CHN) Jessie Polito, Erinn Johnson, Shannon Smith (Lighthouse/SOS) Charlotte Blackwell (OCHMIS/CHN) Anne Di Iorio-Fitzpatrick (Common Ground), Christina Ramierz, Ernestine McRae (Haven), Phalguna Siddapureddy (MCEDSV) Rebecca Tallargio (DHHS), Kevin Bogg (TTI) Alexa Kalasz, Taylor Eberhart (CHN) Sandra Elanges (OCHD) Vincent Condon

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes** – Motion: Janet Smith. Second: Ernestine McRae. - Unanimous approval

### **New Business**

- Agency Presentations
  - Evette Szajna & Deborah Busch, MSHDA Housing Agents – Housing Voucher Program Updates
    - MSHDA did a Housing Choice Voucher pull from waitlist. Notices went out June 19<sup>th</sup>. Application process is still the same, however not doing any in person meetings. Everything is being done through the mail, email, fax, phone. Therefore, they are not meeting with any of the applicants face to face. MSHDA would like to open the office after July 24 for appointments only, this is subject to change.
    - Once applications are approved, application/voucher/briefing packet is sent via mail. Once received, applicants are asked to call in to do a voucher briefing over phone, then applicants are to send back required documents from receiving the voucher.
    - Difficulty getting a hold of clients – please have agencies attend Monday morning calls 'Oakland County HP-HCV Coordination Meeting Series'. Please email Leah at [lmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org](mailto:lmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org) and we will get you connected.
    - Szajna and Associates –
      - Doing in person initial inspections.
    - Busch Housing Services –
      - Not doing initial inspections in person at this time. Using waivers through July 31 - Tenant and Landlord have to sign a waiver stating that they viewed the property and there are no life threatening conditions on the property.



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## Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Please click [HERE](#) for information about Alliance Committees or email Leah McCall at [lmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org](mailto:lmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org) if you are interested in joining a meeting.
- Veteran Updates (SSVF and BNL)
  - **Veteran Resource Guide [HERE](#).**
  - Janet Smith (VA) provided updates:
    - SSVF programs have been allocated extra funds due to COVID-19. Utilizing these funds, veterans have been able to be temporarily housed in motels with ongoing case management and resources.
    - Peer support is being utilized to provide wellness checks as well as assisting in getting veterans linked with supports and staying engaged.
    - SSVF agencies both have funding to help with prevention referrals.
    - Submitted USICH application for ending veteran homelessness.
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers (on Alliance website)
  - Charlotte Blackwell (OCHMIS/CHN) presented on Chronic and Veteran Reports for the month of May. Please find monthly reports here: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/ch-vet-reports>
- PATH Team-Outreach Calendars (on Alliance website)
  - Alexa Kalasz (CHN) Provided updates:
    - PATH is now back out in the field.
    - **There is a need for port-a-potties.** If you have any information please email [mmartinez@chninc.net](mailto:mmartinez@chninc.net)
    - If you know of additional places that those experiencing on the street homelessness are staying in local communities please email [mmartinez@chninc.net](mailto:mmartinez@chninc.net)
    - **Please find monthly PATH calendars here:** <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>
- CARES Act Dollars
  - CARES Act Dollars are coming into the community. The Alliance worked with partner agencies and submitted a grant for additional dollars for sheltering, hoteling, rapid rehousing and prevention. Also, more dollars coming through for eviction diversion which will be for prevention.



## Agency Announcements

- Taylor Eberhart (CHN) – Current funding for rapid rehousing is close to being exhausted. Taking calls via Housing Resource Center (248-269-1335). Meeting with individuals in preparation for knowing that funding is coming in. Doing virtual intakes and completing paper work electronically.
- Janet Smith (VA) - Veterans Community Resource and Referral Center will be closed Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Liz Lucas (OLHSA HOPWA) – COVID-19 funds have now started to come through the agency. Move – in dollars available. If person is eligible for HOPWA-funded assistance and is in need, please contact Liz at [lizl@olhsa.org](mailto:lizl@olhsa.org).
- Tara Irwin (JFS) – Working all remote but same services are still in place. Resource center is open, programs are up and running.

## Old Business

- Alliance Annual Retreat
  - September 24, 9:30AM – 12:30.
  - Virtual – held via Zoom.
  - **Registration opens August 17**, will be posted on the Alliance Listserv and on the Alliance website, [www.oaklandhomeless.org](http://www.oaklandhomeless.org)
  - Zoom information will be sent via email after registration.

**Next Meeting: ALLIANCE ANNUAL RETREAT – September 24, 9:30AM – 12:30PM. Held via Zoom. Registration opens August 17<sup>th</sup>.**