



Alliance for Housing

General Membership 11.4.2020 Meeting Minutes

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

Attendance: Ashley Burton, Julia Steinberg, Holly Ellis, Leah McCall (Alliance for Housing), Liz Lucas, China Aquino (OLHSA), Tara Irwin (JFS), Erinn Johnson, Shannon Smith (Lighthouse/SOS), Charlotte Blackwell (OCHMIS/CHN), Anne Di Iorio-Fitzpatrick (Common Ground), Ernestine McRae (HAVEN), Phalguna Siddapureddy (MCEDSV), Rebecca Tallargio (DHHS), Marc Craig (CHN), Marlo Sheppard (Easterseals), Michelle Johnson, Benjamin Ogden, David Permaloff, Elizabeth Kelly, Megan LaForge, Shane Bies, Keisha Sawyer (Legal Defender), Jamar McKenzie (OLHSA), Kathy Williams (OCCHID), Chris, Suzanne Kimmerly (RAHN).

Approval of July Meeting Minutes – Motion: Marc Craig. Second: Liz Lucas. - Unanimous approval

Agency Announcements –

- Rebecca Tallarigo (DHHS) - Regular COVID testing (saliva testing) for shelters. Contact Lynn Hedges at: hendgesL2@michigan.gov.
- China Aquino (OLHSA) - Currently looking to fill two full-time Case Manager positions for SSVF program. Visit OLHSA.org to learn more.
- Tara Irwin (Jewish Family Service) - Certified Healthcare Navigators that can assist anyone in the community with enrolling in health benefits through the marketplace. For more information, contact: 248.592.2313, resourcecenter@jfsdetroit.org, or <https://www.jfsdetroit.org/find-help/safety-net/health-care-navigation/>.
- Ernestine McRae (HAVEN) - HAVEN is having holiday GGA this year so if you are working with any clients that have received services from HAVEN, have them call Ernestine at 248-334-1284.

New Business –

- Agency Presentations
 - Shannon Smith, Director of Housing and Community Development, Lighthouse - PATH Apartment and Houses CoC Grant –
 - Lighthouse wrote to amend grant for transitional housing, and received HUD approval.
 - Effective November 1: transitioning Center Street building into family shelter, transitional housing on scattered-site model instead of on-site model.
 - Permanent residents remain at location, as they transition out, units will be converted. Currently 3 units are transitioning.
 - 18 additional family shelters will be available. No capacity lost.
 - Scatter-site TH slots on registry call.
 - Client choice, can transition in place.



- PIT
 - Sheltered count will probably take place.
 - HUD has not instructed yet if there will be an unsheltered PIT count.
 - Preparing as though an unsheltered count will take place (the last Wednesday of January, with 24 maps).
 - Planning logistics to ensure the safety of volunteers.
 - Looking for PPE donations.
 - Volunteers will be trained virtually, with no contact.
 - [HERE](#) is the google form to fill out if you have interest in being a team leader for PIT 2021 unsheltered count.

Committee and Workgroup Reports –

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports – email [Leah](#) or [Ashley](#) if interested in becoming involved with a committee.
- Financials attached in email.
- Veteran Updates (SSVF and BNL) presented by China Aquino
 - SSVF program at OLHSA is hiring 2 case managers.
 - SSVF has received funding, so continue to send veterans and spread the word.
 - VA created new position for SSVF providers.
 - Andrea Bryant promoted to the new Healthcare Navigator position.
 - Main case manager for OC, Tammy Charles, is on leave. Contact Andrea Bryant, Megan LaForge, Jamar McKenzie, China Aquino, or Janet Smith instead.
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers (Updates on website) presented by Charlotte Blackwell
 - Veteran numbers for October: 17 active, 0 housed, 6 deactivated.
 - Chronic list: October numbers - 26 added in, 7 housed, 45 deactivated, 36 (estimated) total chronic.
- PATH Team-Outreach Calendars - Updates on website ([HERE](#))

Old Business –

- Annual Retreat, September 24 – Virtual Meeting
 - Info on website ([HERE](#))
 - Annual report will be out soon

Adjournment –

Next Meeting: January 6, 2021 (Zoom) Time: 1:30PM – 3:00PM