

## Alliance for Housing



### **General Membership and CIST; Wednesday January 3, 2018**

Meeting Minutes—Ashley Burton

**Attendance:** Leah McCall (Alliance), Ashley Burton (Alliance), Ryan Hertz (SOS), Marc Craig (CHN), Rachel Densmore (OCHN), Kathy Williams (OCCHI), Deb Hendren (CHN), Evette Szagna (Szagna & Assoc.), Bobbie Benton (OLSHA), Deborah Nelson (HOPE), Danielle Redilla (OIHN), Carole Welsh (OCHD), Sandi Elanges (OCHD), Gabby Gonzales (Easter Seals), Renee Pellegrini (CHN), Angela Gougherty (HMIS), Kelly Phillips (CG), Jenny Poma (SOS), Austin Kralisz (Dream Centers of MI), Steve Lopez (Dream Centers of MI), Nancy Koretz (Area Agency on Aging 1B), Laura Wisniewski (AAA 1B), Dena Nagarah (Blue Cross Complete), Rustine Janiszewski (Detroit VA MC), Tamara Gaines (The Salvation Army), Alex Brigham (Salvation Army-Anti Human Trafficking), Charlotte Blackwell (CHN), Debra Hendren (CHN)

### **Welcome/Introductions**

Meeting was called to order by Leah McCall at 1:30 pm

Approval of previous meeting minutes, September 2017 Motion for approval: Mark Craig.

Second: Ryan Hertz

Addition to agenda: None noted

### **Committee and Workgroup Reports**

#### Board Updates:

Ryan Hertz, Alliance board president, reported the increase in board dues by \$25.00 in each membership category with exception to program participant still remaining at no charge. Environmental review- Still a discussion point, looking how to resolve this in order to be in compliance with the HUD mandate. Board retreat on February 14<sup>th</sup> focusing on structure, changes, additions and overall review of the board. Discussion of board terms, if anyone is interested about becoming a board member please contact Leah McCall at [llmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org](mailto:llmccall-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org). Still working on Shelter Plus Care, the CoC is looking into taking over the grant and committing member agencies.

#### Operations Updates:

Kathy Williams reported on planning the board retreat on February 14<sup>th</sup>, looking for someone to facilitate. The annual retreat is May 16<sup>th</sup>, a save the date will be sent out. Please send in input on structure change or what you like to see. Email ideas, suggestions for speakers, advocacy, input on HUD new administration, federal budgets. Send to: [aburton-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org](mailto:aburton-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org) this will stay on the agenda for March

#### Systems Coordination & Implementation:

Leah McCall and Debra Hendren reported on the ID Exception Pilot Program. This is a state wide work group. Elizabeth Kelly will be meeting with the secretary of state to discuss how to

get the pilot program scaled to state wide to help when crossing county lines. Ideas to expedite process are: use HMIS as homeless verification, fee waivers.

Homeless Healthcare meeting on 1/12/18. Speaker's from the community within the healthcare field, OC Health Division presented. Topics covered include: hospital discharge, criminalization of homelessness, street democracy. Next Homeless Healthcare Meeting: Friday, March 9, 2018 9:00am-11:00am OC Exec Building 2100 Pontiac Lake Road, Building 41 West, Waterford, MI 48328

#### Finance & Audit

Reviewing for UFA

Balance Sheet for end of year financials will be sent out along with minutes.

#### Advocacy & Public Awareness

Annual PIT Event on Wednesday January 31, 2018

#### Project Monitoring and Performance Outcomes (HMIS)

Marc Craig reported on mandatory tracking on performance outcomes for how our community works, a MSHDA and HUD requirement. The two community selected areas will be monitored to drive performance improvement. The two areas of focus are Case Management for HCV and increase exits to permanent destinations. Outcomes will be discussed at the Outcomes Committee Meeting that occurs every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at Community Housing Network. Notes from discussion will be attached to these minutes.

#### Veteran Updates (SSVF and BNL)

Built For Zero (BFZ) Action Plan Session took place on 12/5. The session focused on how to refine the Housing Prioritization registry and Veteran BNL and how to develop an action plan to reach functional zero in chronic homelessness. BFZ is just looking at individuals when classifying function zero, the CoC and partnering agencies have been including families the whole time so we are in a very good place. The workgroup is very close to getting veteran homelessness to functional zero. The Veterans committee is currently applying for the federal benchmark. Looking for affordable housing and landlords.

#### Community RRH Updates:

Working with community partners to meet threshold. MSHDA recaptured funds available and offered to the community for utilities, those dollars will be coming in shortly. Working on community wide referral sheet for agencies that do not use HMIS to be a part of our Coordinated Entry process.

#### HARA Updates:

HCV/Homeless Preference Voucher-anyone working with clients literally homeless should be added to the waitlist. Contact: Kerri Kennedy Pawluk at [kkennedypawluk@chninc.net](mailto:kkennedypawluk@chninc.net)

Eviction Diversion- Discussed prevention funds, new coordinator in 2018

Landlord forums- not as successful, need to reevaluate, discussion on making it a community wide event so all partners will be working together. Will be revisited and discussed at the Board Meeting.

**Coordinated Entry Updates:**

January 23<sup>th</sup> Coordinated Entry must be in place per HUD's mandate. The CE draft will be sent with these minutes, please review and send back any thoughts or suggestions to Ashley at [aburton-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org](mailto:aburton-alliance@oaklandhomeless.org).

**Old Business:**

**Community Resource Day- November 1, 2017:**

83 guests served. Biggest issue was transportation- Discussion on how to improve transportation to the event, event location, look into changing time and date of the event. Topics discussed: Have the event in the evening, having a longer event, making sure the event doesn't coincide with other agency events.

**New Business:**

**PIT Count 2018 – January 31, 2018**

Link is being put together for previous team leads as a refresher along with online forms (waivers, consent forms) to be filled out and forwarded to team members for them to fill out.

**Agency Updates:**

Nothing to report

**CIST- Community Interagency Service Team**

**Agency/ Service Presentations:** Area Agency on Aging 1B – Nancy Koretz

Contact Number: (800) 852-7795

Website: <http://www.aaa1b.org>

- Nonprofit 401 (c) 3 organization serving older adults and people with disabilities
- Serve a six-county region that includes Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw
- Help people access the services and programs they need to remain living independently in their own home or with family caregivers
- Assessment can be done over phone and team will go out and meet client where they are at.
- Prove funding and management for many government programs available for seniors
- Help people access the government services available which include:
  - Information and Assistance referral-telephone hotline
  - Meals on Wheels
  - Direct Home-Care Services
  - Adult Day Services
  - Chore Services to maintain home
  - Home Injury control programs

- Advocacy to help make sure seniors' voices are heard
  - Transportation Assistance
- Legal services
- Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP)
  - Identify resources for prescription drug assistance
  - Understand medical bills
  - Understand eligibility, enrollment, coverage, claims, appeals
- Assistance with Medicaid Waiver

Oakland County Outreach Plan:

Discussion about document covering the community, using PIT maps to find remote location, accessing food banks and local churches, pin point agencies. Community wide referral forms. This will be implemented as part of the new CES process.

SOAR Collaboration:

Discussion of forming a registry, connect with DHHS, creating a work group

Case Presentations:

Nothing to report

Round Robin:

Information about Salvation Army Anti-Human Trafficking agency  
Alexandria Brigham-Anti-Human Trafficking Initiate Case Manager  
Email: Alexandria\_brigham@usc.salvationarmy.org  
Address: Eastern Michigan Division  
16130 Northland Drive  
Southfield, MI 48075  
Office: (248)443-5500 x2287

**Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm

**Next Meeting**

**Wednesday, March 7 2018 at 1:30 PM**

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