



## CoC MEMBER MEETING MEETING MINUTES

December 13, 2018

9:30-11:00am

Facilitator:	Lisa Cruden		
Meeting Attendees:	<p>Lisa Cruden, Nancy Oliver, Richa, Arielle Goodson, Roxane Hiler, Brandon Frierson, Nina Bowser, Marge Palmerlee, Pam Spaeth, Emily Stroka, Dave Gantz, Vera Beech, Beverly Ryskamp, Bryan Holt, Victoria Sluga, Brandi Sones, Johanna Schulte, Erin Banchoff, Casey Gordon, Astrid Burke, Amber Troupe, Alonda Trammell, Karen Leppek, Amanda Sterzick, Denise Price, Adrienne Goodstal, Cheryl Schuch, Mary Engle, Kelli Postema, Tammy Yeomans, Marcia Patrick, Dreyson Byker, Kwan McEwen, April LaGrone, Kendra Avila, Laurie Beard, Shandra Steininger, Nickole Glass, Amy DeMott, Laurie Craft, Michael Bohnsack, John Glover, Maureen Kirkwood, Carrie Boer, Sam Brouner, Julie Clossen, Kim Lucar, Elizabeth Stoddard, Ryan VerWys, Hattie Tinney, Chris Romero, Trenessa Allen, Katherine Besaw, Emily O'Brien, Nicole Schalow, Tom Cottrell, Brad Miller, Stephanie Gingerich, Tim Biemers, Kelly VanBrouwer</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Wende Randall, Courtney Myers-Keaton, Brianne Czyzio</p>		
Time Convened:	9:34	Time Adjourned:	10:47

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>		<b>From October 25, 2018</b>	
Motion by:	Tom	Support from:	Kwan
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion	Approved		
<b>Steering Council Election</b>		<b>Courtney Myers-Keaton</b>	
Discussion			
Courtney introduced herself and announced that elections are today. She asked for any nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor. Everyone took a few minutes to fill out their ballots. Ballots were collected and counted outside the room.			
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline	
<b>LGBTQ 101 Training</b>		<b>Grand Rapids Pride Center – Larry DeShane Jr.</b>	
Discussion			
<p>The Pride Center mission is to empower the LGBTQ community. They have 9 different groups including a youth group, young adult group, parents' group, and POC young adults group. Larry presented that there is no good count on how many people are members of the LGBTQ community. 40% of homeless youth identify as a member of the LGBTQ community. There is an increased rate of poverty in LGBTQ community, especially in the transgender and transgender POC community. If you are interested in having this training at your organization, contact Larry at <a href="mailto:larrya.deshanejr@grpride.org">larrya.deshanejr@grpride.org</a></p>			
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<b>Community Rebuilders Update</b>		<b>Vera Beech</b>	
Discussion			



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Community Rebuilders has been the recipient of the Bezos Day One Community Fund. This is an additional resource that will work towards the goal of ending family homelessness. This project will be housing focused and outcome-driven. They have the ability and flexibility to get dollars into the hands of families. They are pulling together focus groups of families in this community. This will set the direction for everything they do. There were questions about what this is meant by families. The grant requirements state that it is specifically for families with children. Some the work the Community Rebuilders is doing is with chronically homeless work will continue in tandem with this work. In addition, this money targets families who are literally homeless or living in a shelter situation. There were questions about the timing of the grant, when will the money be rolled out. Their timeline has not been set in stone yet, they are still working to talk with families and gather data. The idea is to get up and moving as quickly as possible. There were questions whether this money will help families who are undocumented. Yes, and with families who are English second language speakers. They would have dollars to pay for a translator which could be extremely helpful. There were questions if this will feed into the Fulton Manor project. The funds can be used for families who are about to enter shelter. In addition, they plan to convene partners at the beginning of the process with the intent of coming to a consensus on defining common language Data collection will be done to try to bring different data sources together to ensure that there is a good count. Similar to the veterans project, they are hoping to have a lot of organizations who worked together. They will report on outcomes and progress to the foundation over the next 4 years.

	Person Responsible	Deadline

<b>Fulton Manor Update</b>	<b>Nancy Oliver</b>
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Discussion

Courtney presented that the taskforce was brought together by Steering Council to come up with a plan to address families with homelessness. There was a short term developed and a long-term plan is in the works. Cheryl presented that the Fulton Manor project was an incredible opportunity that came from Holland Home. There are transitioning the Fulton Manor facility, and a majority of the facility is going to be vacant. The space can be used as a one year, more cost-effective solution to hoteling. There are two final hurdles. First is a special land use permit that is being presented at the Planning Commission today at 1:00. There has been overwhelming support from schools and neighbors. If the SLU is approved, then there will be conversations about what the scale of the project will be. This is a short-term stop gap measure as the building will be repurposed after December of 2019. The goal is to be well on our way to a plan by next December. If the application is approved today and there is a solid funding commitment, families will be able to begin moving in in late January.

	Person Responsible	Deadline

<b>Steering Council Election Results</b>	<b>Tammy Yeomans</b>
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Discussion

Tammy presented that the new Steering Council members are: Beverly Ryskamp, Scott Orr, Deanna Rolffs, Hattie Tinney, and Elizabeth Stoddard. There is a Steering Council meeting tomorrow morning at 8:30, new members can attend if they would like.



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<b>Agency Updates</b>		
Discussion		
<p><u>Mel Trotter</u>: The community Christmas Eve luncheon will be next Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p><u>Covenant House</u>: They opened their doors for homeless youth. They are currently onboarding youth, they are working to make the transition as seamless as possible.</p> <p><u>Heartside Ministries</u>: Kelly introduced herself. There is an open house from 3 to 6 tonight (the 13<sup>th</sup>).</p> <p><u>LINC UP</u>: They will be announcing today that there are 6 LIHTC projects approved. LINC's project will add 26 units on Burton Street.</p>		
<b>Adjourn</b>		
Next Meeting: February 28, 2019		