



CoC MEMBER MEETING MEETING MINUTES

October 27, 2016

9:30-11:00am

Facilitator:	Karen Tjapkes		
Meeting Attendees:	Johnny Melendez (Health Net of West MI), Amy DeMott (IKUS Life Enrichment Services), Tim Beimers (TSA-ESP), Amber Troupe (MDHHS), Emily O'Brien (The Salvation Army), Tranessa Allan (GR Housing), Alonda Trammell (Dwelling Place), Emily Schichtel (United Way), Tammy Yeomans (KENT RIEC), Emily Stroka (Kent Co Community Action), Jennifer Grostic (Degage), Wende Randall (ENTF), Darrell Singleton II (Kent Co Community Action), Erin Crison (Well House), Johanna Schulte (City of GR Community Dev.), Mary Eakins (Cherry Health), Veronica Arvizu (ICCF Family Haven), Denise Price (Reliance CCP), Brandi Sones (MDOC), Jean Olds (Well House), Pat Murray (Flat River Outreach Ministries), Richa (Community Member), Steve Tigchelaar (Mel Trotter Ministries), Karen Tjapkes (Legal Aid), Jesica Vail (CoC), Bree Butler (CoC), Holly Wilson (Safe Haven), Becky Mills (Safe Haven), Amanda Sterzick (Family Promise), Adrienne Goodstal (Mel Trotter), Erin Banchoff (City of Grand Rapids), Cherie Elahl (North Kent Connect), Molly Wiersma (Family Promise), Lisa Cruden (Family Promise), Dave Gantz (Pine Rest), Shanda Steininger (HQ), Alyssa Anten (HQ), Tom Cottrell (YWCA), Jeffrey King (Community Rebuilders), Christina Soulard (The Salvation Army), Nicole Turek (The Salvation Army), Marcia Patrick (Senior Neighbors), Michael Towns (Senior Neighbors), Casey Gordon (Kent ISD), Karen Leppek (Area Agency on Aging WM), Felicia Clay (GRHC), Stephanie Gingerich (LINC Up), Hattie Tinney (GRHC), Wanda Couch (GRHC), Laurie Oesch (GRHC),		
Time Convened:	9:37 am	Time Adjourned:	10:46 am

Approval of Minutes		August 24, 2017	
Motion by:	Tom	Support from:	Christina
Discussion	None		
Amendments	None		
Conclusion	Motion Passed		
2015-2017 Strategic Plan Progress		Jesica Vail	
Discussion			
<p>When the current 3-year strategic plan was created it was very ambitious. The goal in mind when planning the 3-year plan was to reach a function zero in homelessness in 10 years' time. The focus of the plan was on the first 3 years, but now 3 years have almost past, so today's meeting will include an update on the first 3 years and cover next steps. It hasn't quite been a full 3 years so there is still time for adjustment. The handout provided is a follow along version of the current 3-year plan. It is important to keep in mind that in regard to the 3-year plan, "completed" doesn't mean done and gone forever, there is always room for more work. One area in the plan that had little or no progress was tracking to see how many individuals had been contacted as "imminent risk of homelessness" who later experienced homelessness. This is especially hard to track since individuals would have to call back and reengage in the system for their path to be tracked.</p>			



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Group Activity		Jesica	
Discussion			
<p>Each table was given was given a section of the current strategic plan to review. Each table was given about 20 minutes to have a group discussion and provide feedback in regard to the questions.</p> <p>When the last strategic plan was created, a planning group created a framework and the community was invited to come in to working sessions to craft the specific content. The very large level of community input led to a big plan. The size of the plan was due to some things that were hard to measure but were important to mention as priorities.</p> <p>The Executive committee is going to look at the current 3-year plan and try to discuss what would have made things more efficient. One suggestion from the table discussion was to move “ongoing” type items to a policy document rather than the plan.</p>			
Updates			
Discussion			
<p>Our community was the first in Michigan to be recognized to end Veteran Homelessness, ending means reaching a functional zero. A special thank you to all CoC partners that worked to reach this remarkable milestone. Lessons learned from reaching this goal will be applied to ending chronic, youth and family homelessness.</p> <p>From community member Tammy Yeomans, the Rapid Millage Renewal vote is on the ballot on November 7th. If it’s not passed there would be a loss of upwards of 50% of services. This renewal is very important to the Grand Rapids community and anyone who relies on public transportation.</p> <p>HQ Drop in Center has been experimenting with changing the times they are open. HQ is a drop-in center for youth ages 14 thru 24 who are experiencing homelessness, runaway or whose housing is unsafe or unstable. The hours are as follows:</p> <p>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday + Thursday: 3:30pm-5:30pm (14-19 years of age) Monday evenings: 6:00pm-8:00pm (20-24 years of age) Tuesday + Thursday: 12:30pm-2:30pm (20-24 years of age) Friday open by appointment (14-24 years of age)</p> <p>The Steering Committee will be holding elections in December. Nominations will be sent out via email soon. For more information about the Steering Committee please contact Jesica or Karen.</p>			
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Motion by:	Denise	Support from:	Tammy