



**Grand Rapids/Wyoming/Kent County CoC
Coordinated Entry Committee
MEETING NOTES**

August 4, 2020
2:00-3:00

Meeting Attendees:	Brian Bruce, Brooke Allen, Tom Cottrell, Brian Bruce, Berniz Terpstra, Emily Schichtel, Samantha Westhouse, Marissa Lee, Staff: Courtney Myers-Keaton, Dilan Hoskins, Brianne Czyzio Robach		
Time Convened:	2:04	Time Adjourned:	3:25

Introductions	
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CoC and Agency Updates	
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Discussion

YWCA – funding available for rental/utility/housing assistance for survivors fleeing DV. Connect with the YWCA through their help line (616.454.9922). Conversation around creating a coordinated entry-type process for DV.

Dwelling Place – Ferguson currently under renovation

HWMUW – Coronavirus Relief Funds from the county are being managed by United Way, more info is [available here](#) or contact Emily (eschichtel@hwmuw.org).

CoC – virtual meetings will likely continue through the end of the year. Will discuss virtual community engagement especially for those with lived experience.

- Funding: MSHDA ESG-CV2 anticipated in September. MSHDA ESG-CV funding was prioritized for family & youth shelter and street outreach. Recently released an RFQ for MSHDA ESG direct financial assistance for RRH Eviction Diversion funding implemented at HAP with an official start date of August 17. A court summons or notice to quit to is required receive funding. 2-1-1 will screen callers and refer to HAP. CoC staff in conversation with municipalities to coordinate coverage for funding streams.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline

CSH Peer-Sharing Roundtable/FUSE	
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Discussion

FUSE conversations continue. There is a meeting scheduled this Thursday (8/6) at 4:00pm to talk with Portland, Oregon CoC's to learn how they integrated FUSE with their CE system.

FUSE Debrief

Different CE/FUSE policies from across the country were shared from CSH. Group members will review documents and send comments via survey monkey.

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Case Conferencing	
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Discussion

Staff have had conversations around case conferencing with different agencies and have heard mixed feedback. If the community moves forward with case conferencing, agreement that it would be important to include client voice and choice in these conversations. Gayle noted that with the veterans group a lot of work went into creating information releases. In addition, case conferencing conversations may be difficult if there are limited resources and referrals available.



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System Flow:

Courtney noted that there has been a limited number of referrals and movement out of the system over the past few months. For PSH, COVID-19 has slowed down the documentation process once a referral is received. Problem-solving conversations will be important to help increase flow. Conversation around whether this is a referral issue or a stock issue. Youth Committee discussed convening a small group to engage with landlords to help move folks into housing quickly. Please reach out to [Courtney](#) if you are interested in this conversation.

HUD TA

HUD TA available around coordinated entry in the light of COVID. This may be a good opportunity for a small group to participate. If interested, connect with [Courtney](#).

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Pending Projects		
Discussion		
COVID-19 flowchart – intent was to determine prioritization for those who are medically fragile		
CE Policies and Procedures – an update to the policies and procedures was put on backburner due to the pandemic as the CE system has been fluid. However, important to ensure polices are compliant with fair housing and non-discrimination language. Staff will share draft updated policies and procedures with the group and ask members to read and respond to updates. After feedback is collected, the committee can approve updates.		
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