



CoC MEMBER MEETING MEETING MINUTES

June 22, 2023
9:30-11:00am

Facilitator:	Casey Gordon		
Meeting Attendees:	<p>Alisha Pennington (MDHHS), Eileen McKeever (YWCA), Maranda VanZegeren (Community Rebuilders), Julie Kendrick (Degage), Ryan VerWys (ICCF), Holly Wilson (Safe Haven), Sabrina Slenk (KDL), Bill Weld-Wallis, Carolyn Allen (Covenant House), Zenaida Jimenez (Safe Haven), Elyse Greene (Health Net), Bryan Holt (Pine Rest), John Wynbeek (Genesis Nonprofit Housing Corporation), Alonda Trammell (Dwelling Place), Elizabeth Stoddard (Fair Housing Center), Jen Colby (Exodus Place), Monique Carter (Arbor Circle), Nikeya Perkins (Access of West Michigan), Sydney Balsitis, Victoria Arnold (The Salvation Army), Fran Dalton (Garfield Park Neighborhoods Association), Paul Smith (City of Wyoming), Wanda Couch (GR Housing Commission), Jacob Varela (GR Housing Commission) Kendra Avila (AYA), Tony Tendero (Safe Haven), Tracy Mulvaney (The Salvation Army), Tammy Vincent (City of GR), Emily Madsen (ENTF), Kimberly Seymour, Jacob Doorn (Disability Advocates of Kent County), Caity Young (Family Promise), Scott Bloem (The Other Way), Susan Sheppard (Arbor Circle), Robb Munger (Exodus Place), Gabi Nye (Bethany)</p> <p>Members of the Public: Alex Kontras (Housing Kent), Janae, Jennie, Maiya Hoffman (Family Futures)</p> <p>CoC Staff: Courtney Myers-Keaton, Alyssa Anten, Brianne Robach, Evan Hile, Ronan Parmenter</p>		
Time Convened:	9:34am	Time Adjourned:	10:56am

Approval of Minutes		April 20, 2023	
Motion by:	Julie Kendrick	Support from:	Holly Wilson
Discussion			
Amendments	None		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Approval of the Consent Agenda			
Motion by:	Eileen McKeever	Support from:	Paul Smith
Discussion			
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Safe Haven Training			
Discussion			
<p>Zenaida Jimenez and Tony Tendero of Safe Haven presented Best Practices for Serving Domestic Violence Survivors. The training included statistics, definitions, intervention services, and aspects of trauma-informed care. They also discussed how survivors of domestic violence may take steps to get help, aspects of lethality, how to make a warm referral to support, and safety planning.</p>			



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CoC Program Competition Reallocation	
Discussion	
With only one project seeking reallocation, Courtney recommends using funds toward the expansion of the HMIS project. A survey will be sent out to get an understanding of what people think should be prioritized, along with a list of state and federal priorities. Another CoC Program Provider meeting will be held ahead of the release of the CoC Program Competition.	
Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Update	
Discussion	
Courtney gave an overview of the approved YHDP projects which were approved by the Youth Action Board and Steering Committee.	
CoC and Coordinated Entry Infrastructure Update	
Discussion	
There was an overview of the current CoC infrastructure and an introduction of the new Data and Analytics Manager (Evan Hile) and the new HMIS Administrator (Alyssa Anten). Upcoming changes include hiring a Youth Homelessness Coordinator and a Coordinated Entry Manager.	
Community Partner Announcements & Updates	
Discussion	
Alisha Pennington shared that Kent County has two staff dedicated to doing SOAR applications. They are at maximum capacity and exploring options for expanding SOAR services throughout Kent County. Registration for a new cohort opens in July. Anyone interested may reach out to Alisha at penningtona@michigan.gov	
Kendra Avila: HOPE Michigan Immigrant Youth Conference is Saturday, June 24. Conference is free and looking for volunteers, as well as youth to sign up.	
Adjourn	
Motion by:	Support from: