



CoC MEMBER MEETING MEETING MINUTES

August 24, 2023

9:30-11:00am

Facilitator:	Elizabeth Stoddard		
Meeting Attendees:	<p>Eileen McKeever (YWCA West Central Michigan), Maggie Carrey (Cherry Health), Kendra Avila (AYA), Shelby Lake (Senior Neighbors), Bill Weld-Wallis (community member), Amari Fuller (Michigan League for Public Policy), Julie Kendrick (Degage), Tammy Vincent (City of GR), Nicole Hofert (City of Wyoming), Caity Young (Family Promise), Erin Banchoff (City of GR), Zenaida Jimenez (Safe Haven), Lindsey Reames (Grand Rapids Housing Commission), Victoria Arnold (Salvation Army), Elyse Greene (HealthNet of West Michigan), Tenisa Frye (Family Promise), Isabella Garcia (Cherry Health), Jennie Compagner (Hope Network), Maranda VanZegeren (Community Rebuilders), Wanda Couch (Grand Rapids Housing Commission), Karen Tjapkes (Legal Aid of Western Michigan), Kelsey McFarland (ICCF), Sabrina Slenk (Grand Rapids Public Library), Jinnifer Ortquist (MSU Extension), Austin Fry (Kent County OS Reentry Services), Fran Dalton (Garfield Park Neighborhoods Association), Nicole Beagle (MSHDA ESG), John Wynbeek (Genesis NPHC), Monique Carter (Arbor Circle), Jenni Lewis (ICCF), Amari Fuller (MLPP), Carolyn Allen (Covenant Houe), Molly Perez, LoRae Robinson (Covenant House), Catherine Landers, Gustavo Perez, Jasmin Gaytan, Kimberley Brown, Maggie Carey, Felicia Clay</p> <p>CoC Staff: Courtney Myers-Keaton, Alyssa Anten, Brianne Robach, Evan Hile, Ronan Parmenter</p>		
Time Convened:	9:32am	Time Adjourned:	10:54am

Approval of Minutes		June 22, 2023	
Motion by:	Julie Kendrick	Support from:	Eileen McKeever
Discussion			
Amendments	None		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Approval of the Consent Agenda			
Motion by:	Karen Tjapkes	Support from:	Nicole Hofert
Discussion			
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
Nominating Committee Election			
Discussion	<p>Nominees were received for Lisa Cruden (Family Promise), Erin Banchoff (City of Grand Rapids), and Domenica Montalvo (Mel Trotter) to join the Nominating Committee. Skyler Boeve and Nicole Hofert were selected by Steering Council at a previous meeting.</p>		



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<p>Nicole Hofert made the motion to approve the slate of nominees as presented: Nicole Hofert, Skyler Boeve, Lisa Cruden, Erin Banchoff, and Domenica Montalvo. Karen Tjapkes seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carries.</p>	
<p>Emergency Transfer Plan</p>	
<p>Discussion</p>	
<p>The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requires CoCs have an Emergency Transfer Plan in place for survivors of domestic violence who need to transfer to a new residence. Brianne overviewed the applicability and eligibility criteria of the Emergency Transfer Plan, as well as confidentiality requirements and process and documentation. A flowchart was presented on how to complete the Emergency Transfer Request Process.</p>	
<p>Engaging with Persons with Lived Experience</p>	
<p>Discussion</p>	
<p>This training addressed how to cultivate meaningful and authentic partnerships with people with lived experience with homelessness. Strategies for engagement, trust building, and collaborating on services were detailed.</p>	
<p>CoC Program Competition</p>	
<p>Discussion</p>	
<p>Courtney noted that local applications are due to the CoC on 8/25. These will go through the Funding Review Process, which was overviewed. Reallocation was discussed, and community feedback will be requested via a survey to determine where those funds will be reallocated. Staff recommends the community increase HMIS allocation, as the current amount does not fully support staff, training, overhead costs for staff, and HMIS licenses.</p>	
<p>Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Update</p>	
<p>Discussion</p>	
<p>Justin Brownlee has been hired as the Youth Homelessness Coordinator at the CoC and will be heavily involved in the YHDP CCP implementation. The YHDP grant agreement is being finalized, and it is anticipated that projects will be starting in the next few months. The community and CoC partners will be updated on start dates and a kickoff meeting as details become available.</p>	
<p>Coordinated Entry Infrastructure Update</p>	
<p>Discussion</p>	
<p>CHC 1.0 will be utilized for all subpopulations soon, with a tentative date of September 15. CHC 2.0 is still being developed, and members of the CoC are encouraged to sign up for consensus building workshops.</p>	
<p>Community Partner Announcements and Updates</p>	
<p>Discussion</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lindsey Reames: GRHC will be opening wait list for Housing Choice Voucher program the last week of October. Will be extensively advertised, sending letters to community partners with additional information about assisting clients. Completely online process. For those needing assistance, there is a phone number with a help desk during that week. Anticipate receiving more applications than able to serve, so likely will do a 	



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random sample to construct a waiting list of probably around 5,000 individuals. Additionally have a lot of job postings.

- Eileen McKeever: There will be a Candlelight Vigil for Victims of Domestic Violence on Monday, October 16 on the Blue Bridge - GVSU side, at 6:00 pm
- Nicole Beagle: MSHDA Updates
 - 1. Homeless Summit will be October 23rd and 24th at Shanty Creek in Bellaire, MI. The Campaign is looking to provide 20 scholarships for individuals with lived experience that will cover hotel and conference registration.
 - 2. Currently reviewing the 2023-2024 ESG Applications that were submitted in the new IGX Grant Management System and will communicate with CoC and Fiduciary leadership if there are any budget or application concerns.
 - 3. 2022-2023 ESG funds are available and currently being spent down. The technical end date for that grant is 9/30/23.
 - 4. ESG Annual CAPER Submission: Initial deadline for CAPER submission is August 29th.
- Carolyn Allen: Covenant House celebrating 5th anniversary in GR. Reception September 19 from 11am - 1pm. Meet community partners, executive staff, food, fellowship, see Covenant House in person.
- Elizabeth Stoddard: Fair Housing Center of West Michigan – hiring.
- Domenica Montalvo: Mel Trotter hiring a Prevention and Diversion Specialist

Adjourn

Motion by:

Support from: