



Grand Rapids/Wyoming/Kent County – MI 506  
Continuum of Care Membership Meeting Agenda  
February 23, 2023 □ 9:30-11:00 am □ Zoom Meeting link:  
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Or dial +1 929 205 6099 | Meeting ID: 863 8079 5110, Passcode: 326434

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of December 15, 2022 Minutes\*
3. Approval of the Consent Agenda
  - a. MSHDA HCV Homeless Preference List Information
4. Coalition Strategic Plan: 2023 Q1 and Q2 Goals
5. Stella System-Wide Data Walkthrough
6. Preliminary Point-In-Time Count Data
7. Community Partner Announcements and Updates
8. Adjournment

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 20th, 2023, 9:30-11:00am

*\*indicates potential action item*



## CoC MEMBER MEETING MEETING MINUTES - **DRAFT**

December 15, 2022

9:30-11:00am

Facilitator:	Lauren VanKeulen		
Meeting Attendees:	<p>Lauren VanKeulen (AYA Youth Collective), Casey Gordon (Kent ISD), Dave Gantz (Genesis), Tammy Vincent (City of Grand Rapids), Hattie Tinney (Grand Rapids Housing Commission), Allie Whitman (Mel Trotter), Rebecca Rynbrandt (RGM Solutions, Community Member), Eileen McKeever (YWCA), Shelby Lake (Senior Neighbors), Lisa Cruden (Family Promise), Kimberly Seymour (Wyoming Housing Commission), Cathy LaPorte (61st District Court Eviction Diversion Initiative), Socorro Rodriguez (Cherry Health), Gordie Moeller (Double Up Food Bucks), Bill Weld-Wallis (Community Member), Lee Nelson Weber (Community Member), Erin Banchoff (City of Grand Rapids), Julie Kendrick (Degage), Stephanie Brock-Knoper (City of Wyoming), Wende Randall (ENTF), Ryan VerWys (ICCF Community Homes), Fran Dalton (Garfield Park Neighborhoods Assoc.), Wanda Couch (Grand Rapids Housing Commission), Victoria Sluga (Pine Rest), Karen Tjapkes (Legal Aid), Alonda Trammell (Dwelling Place), Elizabeth Stoddard (Fair Housing Center), Holly Wilson (Safe Haven), Tom Cottrell (YWCA), Mateah Schleben (Exodus Place), Melissa Hoezee (Fountain Street Church), Alyssa Anten (The Salvation Army), Niki Perkins (Access of West Michigan), Carolyn Allen (Covenant House), LoRae Robinson (Covenant House), Jen Colby (Exodus Place), Li Kaplan (AYA Youth Collective), Maranda VanZegeren (Community Rebuilders), Cassie Shugart (MCAH), Susan Sheppard (Arbor Circle), Allie Whitman (Mel Trotter Ministries), Zenaida Jimenez (Safe Haven), Michelle Van Dyke (Heart of West Michigan United Way), Lindsey Reames (Grand Rapids Housing Commission), Crystal Kitten (AYA Youth Collective), Matt Perin (61st District Court Eviction Diversion Initiative), Marcelle Marcelletti (Gerald R Ford Job Corps Center), Tanesha Jordan (Safe Haven), Stephanie Gingerich (LINC UP), Alisha Pennington (MDHHS Regional SOAR Navigator), Hilary Ortiz (Health Net of West MI), Marissa Lee (Degage), Monique Carter (Arbor Circle), Bryan Holt (Pine Rest StreetReach), Marcia Patrick (Senior Neighbors), Doug Booth (Health Net of West Michigan)</p> <p><u>Staff:</u> Courtney Myers-Keaton, Brianne Robach</p>		
Time Convened:	9:34	Time Adjourned:	11:00

<b>Approval of Minutes</b>		<b>October 27, 2022</b>	
Motion by:	Ryan VerWys	Support from:	Tom Cottrell
Discussion			
Amendments	None		
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes.		
<b>Steering Council Election</b>			
Discussion			



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Hattie Tinney and Alonda Trammell, Nominating Committee members, presented the slate of Steering Council nominees and called for nominations from the floor. Thelma Ensink of Degage Ministries was added to the slate. Members voted via e-ballot.

Congratulation to newly elected/re-elected members:

- Ryan Kilpatrick, Senior Program Officer at Facing Home Initiative – DeVos Family Foundation
- Charisse Mitchell, CEO at YWCA
- Lindsey Reames, Executive Director at Grand Rapids Housing Commission
- Victoria Sluga, Manager of Homeless and Housing Services at Pine Rest
- Lauren VanKeulen, CEO at AYA Youth Collective

**Thank you to our Departing Steering Council Members**

Discussion

There are members of Steering Council who have departed or will be departing at the end of this year. Attendees recognized and thanked these members for their contributions and leadership to the Coalition over the years.

**Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Funding**

Discussion

Courtney Myers-Keaton, CoC Director, shared important upcoming dates regarding Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funding. These funds and technical assistance will support the development of a coordinated community approach to youth homelessness based on the expertise of youth with lived experience of homelessness. The CoC will be hiring a YHDP Coordinator to support this work.

**Update on Grand Rapids Chamber Public Health and Safety Letter to City Commission**

Discussion

Courtney Myers-Keaton noted that a letter from the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce signed by multiple businesses was submitted as a petition and communication to Grand Rapids City Commission during last week’s meeting. The letter raised concerns regarding public health and safety and included proposed legislation to mitigate these concerns. The matter was referred to the Public Safety Committee; this group noted that there are several existing ordinances addressing concerns. The proposed ordinances are not being considered by City of Grand Rapids at this time.

The increased focus on public health and safety presents an opportunity to discuss viable solutions for vulnerable community members. A group of stakeholders will meet to develop solutions in January. Attendees developed potential short, medium, and long-term solutions in small groups.

**Cold Weather Protocols**

Discussion

Adrienne Goodstal, Mel Trotter Ministries, and Julie Kendrick, Degage Ministries, overviewed code blue policies at each of their respective organizations. Warming center space is available at both locations and curfew rules are relaxed.



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In addition, a flyer and list of local warming centers is available on the Coalition's website.			
<b>Year End Reflection</b>			
Discussion			
In small groups, attendees reflected on what they see as the Coalition's biggest successes of 2022 and shared responses with the full group. Top successes include YHDP, collaboration, flexibility, and resources.			
<b>Community Partner Announcements &amp; Updates</b>			
Discussion			
Cassie Shugart shared upcoming trainings hosted by the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness.			
Cathy LaPorte, 61 <sup>st</sup> District Court, shared about their eviction prevention initiative. They are trying to reach landlords and tenants; information will be shared in the weekly newsletter.			
Hattie Tinney, Grand Rapids Housing Commission, shared that they will be releasing an RFP for Project-Based Vouchers. Contact her at <a href="mailto:htinney@grhousing.org">htinney@grhousing.org</a> if interested.			
<b>Adjourn</b>			
Motion by:	Tom Cottrell	Support from:	Cathy LaPorte

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**Region 4**  
**Number of Homeless on MSHDA HCV WL 1/10/2023**

Please see below the number of individuals on the Homeless Preference Waiting List for your county compared to the number of homeless reported or added to the Homeless Preference Waiting List during December, and the number of individuals the Housing Agent has pulled from the Homeless Preference Waiting List as of January 10, 2023.\*

**\*NOTE: These are ‘moving’ numbers. It may appear a housing voucher is vacant (not leased), however it may be ‘under contract’ – i.e. the household is looking for a rental unit. A household has 60 days to locate housing. The HARA would have to check with the MSHDA Housing Agent for precise information. ALL service providers in the community - this is a great opportunity to focus efforts on helping households in locating housing! You may have access to leads that others are not aware of.**

County	# Added to HP List in December of 2022	# of Homeless on Homeless Preference List	# Pulled by Housing Agent in December	MSHDA Voucher Allocation	MSHDA Voucher Leased-Up
Allegan	2	26	0	187	187
Barry	3	10	0	65	63
Ionia	13	59	0	75	78
Kent	60	574	0	1,272	1,350
Lake	3	11	0	19	20
Mason	12	40	15	48	49
Mecosta	4	15	25	111	122
Montcalm	16	86	0	67	71
Muskegon	44	235	0	463	530
Newaygo	11	54	0	87	95
Oceana	5	36	0	21	29
Osceola	3	16	0	30	36
Ottawa	38	184	0	401	439

**Tips for keeping your waiting list full:**

- Work with/at local shelters so that chronically homeless people are entered onto the waiting list;
- If there are zero shelters in your county, speak to your MSHDA Homeless Assistance Specialist regarding counting doubled-up as homeless (for purpose of placement on the HCV waiting list);
- Work closely with your Housing Agent to know when/where turnover is occurring;
- **Ask your Housing Agent about their pull ratio.** Do they pull two names for every vacant voucher available—or three names, or four? Compare that to your ‘waiting list’ numbers.
- Direct persons who are experiencing homelessness or may qualify for the homeless preference to the HARA agency in your community.

- Work with your Housing Agent to help locate persons or identifying housing options.

## **Housing Agent Contact Information**

### **Allegan, Kent and Ottawa:**

#### **Sandra Burky, Community Housing Advocates**

1362 84 <sup>th</sup> Street, SW Byron Center MI 49315	Ph: (616) 277-1272 Fax: (616) 277-1520	May also contact: Robin Acton <a href="mailto:robin@hcv.comcastbiz.net">robin@hcv.comcastbiz.net</a>	Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Friday 9:00 am – 2:00 pm
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### **Lake, Ionia, Mason, Mecosta, Montcalm, Newaygo, Osceola and Oceana:**

#### **Molly Bopp, Community Management Associates**

18051 Northland Drive Big Rapids MI 49307	Ph: (231) 796-8883 (877) 796-8883 Fax: (231) 796-1242	<a href="mailto:Staff@cma-inc.org">Staff@cma-inc.org</a>	Monday – Thursday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
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### **Barry and Muskegon:**

#### **Christina Shepard, Pine Grove Housing Services**

5040 Meredith St Portage, MI 49002	Ph: (269) 343-7230 Fax: (888) 779-8933	<a href="mailto:info@pinegrovehs.com">info@pinegrovehs.com</a>	Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm Wednesday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
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