



Grand Rapids/Wyoming/Kent County – MI 506
Continuum of Care Membership Meeting Agenda
June 26, 2025 ▫ 9:30-11:00 am
Grand Rapids Public Library – 111 Library St NE

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of April 24, 2025 Minutes*
3. Community Partner Spotlight
4. Federal Updates and Advocacy
5. Responses to Local Survey
6. Small group break out – Concerns/Solutions
7. Community Partner Announcements and Updates
8. Adjournment

**indicates potential action item*



CoC MEMBER MEETING MEETING MINUTES - **DRAFT**

April 24, 2025

9:30-11:00am

Facilitator:	Elizabeth Stoddard
Meeting Attendees:	<p>Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elizabeth Stoddard - Fair Housing Center of West Michigan • Mackenzie Vilmont - Family Promise West Michigan • Tenisa Frye - Family Promise West Michigan • Felicia Clay - Grand Rapids Housing Commission • Jeff Dashner - Mel Trotter Ministries • Amy Lloyd - YWCA • Eileen McKeever - YWCA • Kimberly Seymour - Wyoming Housing Commission • Sabrina Slenk - GRPL • Natasha Houston - Access of West Michigan • Gage Thrall - Dwelling Place • Emily Schichtel - Heart of West Michigan United Way • Alyssa Bryan - Heart of West Michigan United Way • Brianne Jurs - Heart of West Michigan United Way • Sam Westhouse - The Salvation Army • Emily - City of Grand Rapids intern • Tammy Vincent - City of Grand Rapids • Angela Rincon - The Source • Shelby Sichta - Mel Trotter Ministries • Ray King - VAB • Darcy Capitano - VAB • Tiffany Clark - AYA • Lauren VanKeulen - AYA • Myracle Watkins - YAB - left at 10:30am • Thelma Ensink - Degage Ministries • Zenaída Jimenez - Safe Haven Ministries • Jordan Brinker - VA • Maranda VanZegeren - Community Rebuilders • Veronica Arvizu - ICCF • Colin Dick - AYA • Catherine Landers - North Kent Connect • Stephanie Gingerich - LINC UP • Wende Randall - ENTf • Catherine Besaw - Genesis Non Profit Housing • Bryan Holt - Pine Rest • James Schuen - Pine Rest • Molly Perez - Kent County Health Department • Stacy Datena - Covenant House



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	<p>Community members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordie Moeller - Double Up Food Bucks • Gail Brusseau - Fountain Street Church • Laura Kuilema - Kent County Health Department • Anne Domanski - Community Member • The Other Way Ministries – <p>Staff: Brianne Robach, Evan Hile, Ronan Parmenter, Alyssa Anten</p>		
Time Convened:	9:37am	Time Adjourned:	10:57am

Approval of Minutes		February 27, 2025	
Motion by:	Lauren VanKeulen	Support from:	Felicia Clay
Discussion			
Amendments			
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes		
Community Partner Spotlight – Family Promise West Michigan			
Discussion			
Presentation by Tenisa Frye			
Communicable Disease Prevention – Kent County Health Department			
Discussion			
Presentation by Laura Kuilema			
Data Review			
Discussion			
a) Point-in-Time (PIT) Count – Alyssa gave an overview of the PIT Count and noted this data is preliminary, as submission has been delayed for review of compliance with executive orders. She noted PIT Count numbers for 2025 seem more aligned with numbers from 2023, but does not indicate that family and youth homelessness is up.			
b) System Performance Measures – Alyssa gave an overview of the seven measures HUD looks at to determine the health and success of our system, as well as score and rank communities for CoC program competition. She reviewed SPMs 1, 2, 5, and 7, providing further context and staff analysis.			
Community Partner Updates and Announcements			
Discussion			
Wende Randall (Essential Needs Task Force) – ENTF and the Michigan League for Public Policy are hosting a 2-hour virtual Advocacy 101 training; anyone is welcome to join to learn how to effectively advocate for the priorities of the organizations and populations they serve.			



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AYA broke ground on a new house yesterday, which will provide 5 additional units for youth.

Amy Lloyd (YWCA) – Movers for Moms event is taking place May 7, with all Two Men and a Truck locations accepting donations that will go directly to Project Heal. YWCA is also celebrating their 125th anniversary this year, and details on the celebration are available on their website.

Gordie Moeller shared information on the Double Up Food Bucks program in Kent County

Thelma Ensink (Degage Ministries) – The Vault is closing at the end of April, but they hope to reopen again in November. They are looking at a more permanent site for a 7-day community center to accommodate the community need, as demonstrated by over 1000 unique visitors to The Vault this winter.

Molly Perez (Kent County Health Department) – The KCHD main campus is under construction, and clients should confirm the location of their appointments ahead of time.

Adjournment