

Grand Rapids/Wyoming/Kent County CoC Coordinated Entry Committee MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2023 2:00-3:30 pm

Facilitator:	Zenaida Jimenez					
Meeting Attendees:	Kristy Hawkins, Rebecca Long, Sage Holland, Dave Gantz, Eileen McKeever, Kelsey McFarland, Abbey Wallace, Holly Wilson, Jess Verville, Joyce Williams, Sam Elliot-Mosley, Bryan Holt, Christopher Marco (attending for Tammy Vincent), Amy West Staff: Courtney Myers-Keaton, Brianne Robach, Ronan Parmenter					
Time Convened:	2:05pm	Time Adjourned:	3:14pm			

Approval of Agenda					
Motion by:	Kelsey McFarland	Support from:	Eileen McKeever		
Discussion					
Amendments					
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes				
Approval of Minutes		October 17, 2023			
Motion by:	Holly Wilson	Support from:	Joyce Williams		
Discussion					
Amendments					
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes				
Approval of Consent	Agenda				
Motion by:	Holly Wilson	Support from:	Kelsey McFarland		
Discussion	Courtney recommends pulling out the Family Shelter Data Dashboard for				
Amandmants	conversation				
Amendments	None				
Conclusion	All in favor, motion passes				
Family Shelter Dashb	oards				
Discussion					

Discussion

Courtney shared that a meeting is planned to address workflow to help provide a clearer narrative of where families are sleeping on a nightly basis, if parents and children are separated, etc. It was noted that 211 is seeing an increase for requests for family shelter placement; Abbey Wallace shared that in January 2024, Family Promise will have an additional 12 rooms available. Courtney noted it may be worth revisiting last year's conversation around setting up a respite shelter as back-up when shelters are full.

Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline
Community Housing Connect			

Discussion

This committee reviewed the CHC 2.0 Elevator Pitch and Talking Points document provided by Community Rebuilders. Recommended steps for this committee were shared: Continue attending meetings with Community Rebuilders, view the mapping of the platform, submit questions and provide feedback on CHC.



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Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline		
CE Marketing Materials					
Discussion					
Brianne overviewed the draft with the feedback received at the last meeting incorporated. Courtney recommended sending to The Salvation Army and Community Rebuilders to ensure language is in line with intent.					
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline		
Make edits, collaborate with TSA and CR on language.		CoC Staff			
Coordinated Entry Concerns					
Discussion					
Courtney noted changes to Code Blue and what it means for the community. She noted there hasn't been specific language from shelter providers to convey this out yet. There was discussion around increasing staffing at shelters.					
Action Items		Person Responsible	Deadline		
Adjourn					
Motion by: Holly Wilson	Support from: Jess Verville				