

# Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Jesica Mays, Amanda Bergeron, Eva Rohlman, Ashley Halladay-Schmandt, Adam Travis, Angila Heintiz, Sarah Hughes, Carly Huffman, Carrie Nyenhuis, Christie Harry, Clint Brugger, Denise Cornelius, Diana Hanna, Donna St. John, Eric Hufnagel, Erin Viau, Christa Jeroma, Geri Hamlen, Jennifer Rodgers, Kim Cain, Laura Heintzelman, Lori Pieri, Lynn Hendges, Ruth Burhop, Sally Currie, Theresa Beesley, Tina Allen, Rebecca Zemla.

**Non-Members Present:** Katrina Pelfrey, Larry Kavan, Laura Raume, Lisa Reinckie, Lizzy Murray, Lynn Nee, Matalyn Thibeault, Michele Gunkelman, Michielle LaJoie, Misty Fogg-Vankampen, Molly Redburn, Rachel Berzack, Rachel Pung, Rebecca Tallarigo, Rhonda Pagel, Rochelle Clemens-Ludtke, Rod DesJardins, Shana Smith, Sophia Estrada-Ferriera, Susan Conrad, Tarin Pressler, Terri Legg, Tim Beimers, Traci Schuelke, Victoria Purvis, Wendy Near, #989-723-3115, Gerry Leslie, Alisha Pennington, Allison Barnet, Alison Green, Angel Wilkins, Andrew Fredericksen, Angie Jousma, Ashley Gagnon, Ashley Sellnow, Aubri Anderson, Bill Jessup, Chelsey Cloft, Christina Souldard, Elise Gapczyniski, Ellen Chung, Emily Obrien, Erika Hoover, Grace Ronkatis, Jaime Gabriel, James Perlaki, Jason Parks, Jen Lead, Karen Beretto.

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.; Eva Rohlman welcomed all attendees and welcomed all executive committee members. Gave an overview of how we make decisions, always by consensus.

## **Review/Approve Agenda**

Eva asked if there were additions or comments to the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Agenda. *There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Agenda.*

## **Review/Approve Minutes**

Eva asked if there were additions or comments to the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Minutes. *There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Meeting Minutes.*

## **January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, meeting:**

A voice recording and slides of this informational presentation is available on the [www.miboscoc.com](http://www.miboscoc.com) website.

## **Coordinated Entry Committee Report ~ Halladay-Schmandt**

- Presentation: Coordinated Entry System Basics. Making the BNL actionable: Matching people with housing programs. Must match participants based on prioritization policy from BOS (Balance of State).
- Question: What do we do if someone finds a housing unit, but is not next to be served based on prioritization policy? It really depends on your communities' resources and what is available, use ESG slots for overflow or bridge to HCV or something more permanent. You could set aside some ESG funding for security deposits and first month's rent, this is what is done locally in our region. Should be sticking to the prioritization policy. (Ashley H-S)
- Next meeting: Feb 23, 2022, 09:30 AM

### **State Partner Updates (MCAH) Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness Eric Hufnagel & Allison Green:**

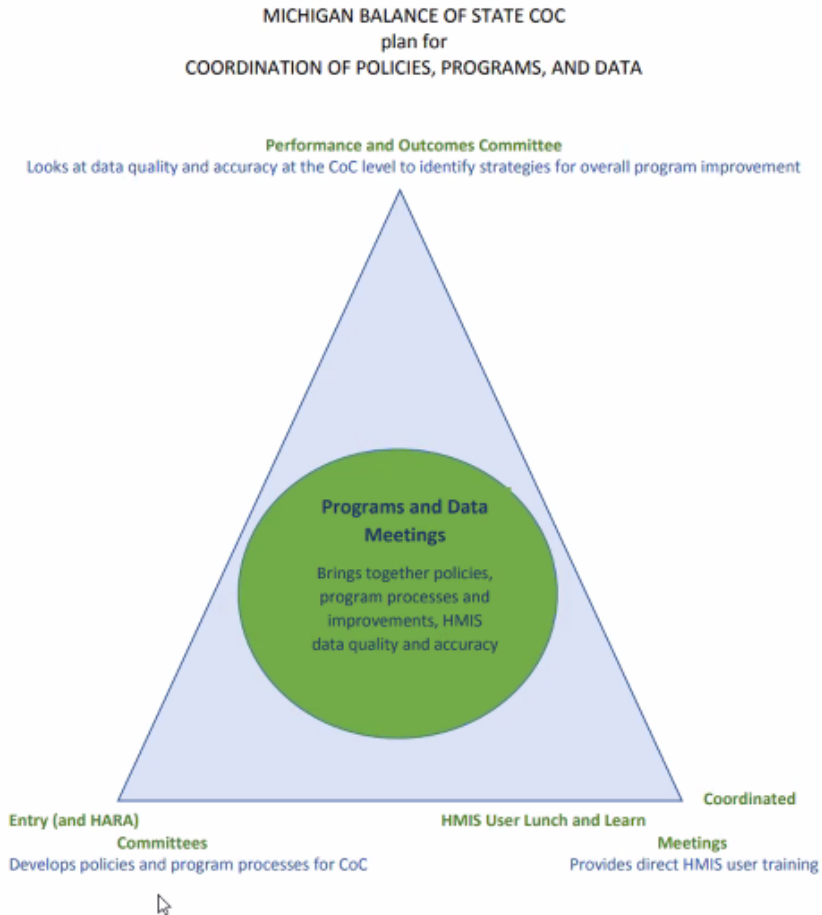
- Pursuing advocacy, focusing on the build back better act.
- Homeless youth act-changes at the federal level.
- State level updates: Coalition to expanding housing access which meets monthly, and anyone can attend. Please reach out to MCAH if interested in attending.
- Short term rental legislation.
- MSHDA PSH
- If you would like to be added to the MCAH emailing distribution list, please reach out to get added. MIhomeless.org to sign up.
- Training updates from MCAH: Human trafficking, and Trauma informed care series (total of 3) free for BOS members. Do not share coupon code with anyone who is not a member of BOS.
- MCAH's Monthly Training Academy:
- If you would like to become a member as an individual or organization, please go to: <https://www.classy.org/campaign/become-a-mcah-member/c318903>

### **Finance Committee Report - Denise Cornelius**

- We did not meet in December. Budget is in place, and we are paying bills as they come in. Working well towards our goals for the year.

### **Performance and Outcomes Committee – Tina Allen (Interim Chair)**

- Reviewing where our decisions are being made.



- Need program and HMIS staff all in the same room, so everyone is on the same page as to what we are doing and why.

**Membership and Equity ~ Amanda Bergeron & Jesica Mays**

- Working to update MIBOS roaster
- SME is now on board.
- Campaign to end homelessness, racial equity work.

**Contractual Oversight Committee ~ Denise Cornelius**

- Committee met 1/12/2022, three contracts needed to be reviewed, did complete one contract., the planning grant. Next meeting is in February to go over the other two the collaborative applicant contract and start the HMIS contract next.

**Vulnerable Populations Committees:**

- Youth Committee (Chair – Jim Perlaki) – We did meet this month. A robust conversation, continuously having new individuals joining us at the table for meetings. It is a goal to reach out to statewide partners that may not necessarily be homelessness in nature for partnership opportunities.
  - In addition, we spoke with an attendee from the midland area and with McKinney Vento and looking to survey youth and use ARPA funds for 500 surveys to look at the gaps in services for homelessness and what this population would like to see. Hoping to get the data in April 2022.

- Create a listening Group, Lutheran Social Services in the UP/Wisconsin for youth, providing services in Alger and Maquette Counties. They are now at the table as a partner to establish listening groups in their communities.
- Domestic Violence Committee (Co-Chairs Rachel Berzack and Erin Viau.)
  - Met in January (date). Focused on the coordinated entry policy work. Looked at the policy and ensured that we understood that confidentiality is being maintained.
  - Working on identifying all DV providers in all 61 counties. We want to ensure we have contact with all of them for policy changes and training.
- Veterans Committee (Chair – Carly Huffman)
  - Cancelled November and December meetings due to holidays.
  - Discussing statewide processes to include referrals to SOAR and getting veterans paired with resources.

### **Coordinator Update ~ Jessica Mays**

- PIT month, which is coming up soon. Reach out with any questions regarding PIT to Jessica regarding volunteerism. Also reach out to MCAH regarding data questions. Recommended to follow best practices related to COVID-19, current strain has been identified as more transmissible.

### **HMIS Administrator Update ~ Gerry Leslie**

- PIT count is coming up, count date: Wednesday January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Counting both sheltered and unsheltered. Webinar regarding PIT can be requested here by submitting a ticket: [MIhelp@mihomeless.org](mailto:MIhelp@mihomeless.org)
- We are doing our data quality work and system performance measures. System performance measures are due February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Anticipating looking at unique numbers for 2022. Will be sharing performance numbers when they are completed.

### **Public Comment/Announcements**

- Larry Kavan: DDHS (Department of Human Services) can assist with a down deposit, but one of the conditions is to be homeless. DHS can also help with limited motels during the homeless transition. Must be currently homeless for assistance. If possible, DHS should contact before the situation of being homeless, for a more efficient way of using the resources, when needed
- Karen Bertetto: OASIS of Hope House in Roscommon County a new Emergency Shelter is now open, and we have two clients!!

**The next Governance Council Meeting is scheduled for February 10, at 10:00 am.**

**The meeting adjourned at 11:21am.**

**Submitted by Amanda Bergeron, MIBOSCoC Secretary**