

Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care

April 9, 2020

Meeting Minutes

In-Person Members

None

In-Person Non-Member

Call-In Members

Theresa Beesley; Julie Moberg; Pat Niksich; Beth Bruelli; Ruth Burhop; *Vice Chair – Lori Pieri*; Ashley Halliday-Schmandt; Dave Ransom; Laura Heintzeman; *Chair - Tina Allen*; Adam Traviss; Roman Hank; Father Tom Anderson; Windy Near; *Secretary – Christa Jerome*; Diana Hanna; Cynthia Arneson; Kim Cain; Jennifer Rodgers; Carly Huffman; Eva Rohlman; Doug Lewis; Ragan Cudney; Rebecca Zemla; Melinda Johnson; Angila Heinitz; *Treasurer – Denise Cornelius*; Clint Brugger; Kelli Tackett; Past Chair – Eric Hufnagel; Lynn Hedges.

Call-In Non-Members

Coordinator - Jessica Vail; Bill Jessup; Michelle LaJoie; Sally Curie; Abbey LoPresto; Julie Shaw; Greg Johnson; Andie Meztger; Aubri Anderson; Shad Surque; Brianna Kammer-Walsh; Jen Leaf; Christina Soulard; Angela Gillisse; Lisa Reinike; Angel Wilkins; Anna Diaz; Arnie Koontz; Ellen Chung; Frank Lombard; Gerry Leslie; Hadlee Robinson; Jason Parks; Jason Weller; Jenn Hill; Jenni Caverson; Jessica Altenbernt; John Taylor; Kael Meyer; Karla Eisner; Laura Reaume; Lynn Nee; Lynne Wieber; Megan Hanson; Misty Fogg; Nicole Schalow; Rachel Pung; Ranae McCauley; Rebecca Tallarigo; Rich Holstrom; Kelsi Crosby; Tim Beimers; Vera Beech; Valerie Hoffman; Valerie Williams; Victoria Purvis; Viki DeMars; Yasmin Flack; Beverly Ebersold; Melodie Linebaugh.

Welcome and Introduction

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.; Tina Allen welcomed all attendees.

Review/Approve Agenda

Tina asked if there were additions or comments to the April 2020 Agenda. *There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for the April 2020 Agenda.*

Review/Approve Minutes

Tina asked if there were additions or comments to the February 2020 meeting minutes. *There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for the February 2020 minutes.*

COVID-19 Planning and Response Tool ~ Vail

- The presentation provided information regarding Community Responses to COVID-19 in the areas of Planning, Sheltering (congregate considerations and personal protective equipment), Housing, Funding, Resources and Webinars. The Balance of State will cover the cost for a year of Zoom, or another service of comparable price – the MIBOSCOC Coordinator is willing to provide tutorials to those who need it. A copy of the presentation slides and a voice recording are available on the www.miboscoc.com website.

Planning Example from Region 3 ~ Valerie Williams

- The presentation provided information regarding COVID-19 Response Planning and how Region 3 implemented their plan. A copy of the presentation slides and a voice recording are available on the www.miboscoc.com website.

COVID-19 Response Workflow and Forms ~ Beech, Community Rebuilders

- The presentation provided information which focused on reducing transmission risk for COVID-19 among persons with no safe place to stay, in hopes of slowing the spread and preserve hospital capacity. This include a workflow for those who are non-symptomatic versus COVID + or COVID symptoms. A copy of the presentation slides and a voice recording are available on the www.miboscoc.com website.

Coordinated Entry Committee Report ~ Rohlman

- The Coordinated Entry Committee meeting was cancelled.

Finance Committee Report ~ Cornelius

- The Finance Committee met virtually. The Committee made a recommendation to allocate some planning dollars to contract with CSH to analyze Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing funds that flow through the Department of Health and Human Services in hopes of aligning funding with the need of communities.

Performance and Outcomes Committee ~ Ransom

- This Committee has not met for the past two months. The Committee wants to look at analyzing data surrounding COVID-19 and how related effects will impact the homeless system.

Membership and Nominating ~ Jerome

- This Committee has not met recently.

Contractual Oversight Committee ~ Cornelius

- This committee is looking for a chairperson. This Committee has not met recently but one contract is being worked on.

Vulnerable Populations Committees

- Youth Committee (Chair – Cindy Arneson) – the Committee is working on obtaining Personal Protection Equipment for shelters.
- Domestic Violence Committee (Chair – TBA) – the Committee has not met in a few months.
- Veterans Committee (Chair – Carly Huffman) – the Committee is working on Emergency Housing ideas for Veterans during the pandemic. Discussion took place regarding the SSVF Program and its potential ability to place veterans in emergency shelter for 45 days.

Coordinator Update ~ Vail

- The merger with Alger/Marquette Continuum of Care has been finalized.
- A new link will be sent out for the monthly MIBOSCOC meeting.
- Local Planning Bodies are encouraged to use the video platform reimbursements that is being offered.

Public Comment/Announcements

- Ellen Chung, HUD PDE, thanked the group for all the work that is occurring in the communities surrounding homelessness.
- Tina reminded everyone about the important information that is shared on the HUD Exchange.

The next Governance Council Meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Submitted May 6, 2020: Christa Jerome, MIBOSCOC Secretary