

Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care

October 8, 2020

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Theresa Beesley; *Vice Chair – Lori Pieri*; Dave Ransom; Laura Heintzelman; *Chair - Tina Allen*; *Secretary – Christa Jerome*; Diana Hanna; Lynn Hendges; Angelia Heinitz; Rebecca Zemla; Ashley Halladay-Schmandt; Hannelore Dysinger; Jim Johnson; Kim Cain; Ruth Burhop; Ragan Cudney; Windy Near; Rochelle Clemens-Ludtke; Sallie Currie; Lisa Reinecke; Arthur Olrich; Beth Brunelli; *Denise Cornelius – Treasurer*; Eva Rohlman; Jennifer Rodgers; Pam Elise.

Non-Members Present

Coordinator - Jessica Mays; Jen Leaf; Christina Soulard; Hadlee Robinson; Rebecca Tallarigo; Valerie Hoffman; Tina Robbins; Toni Newell; Tina Baross; Jason Weller; Sharon Maki; Bill Jessup; Greg Johnson; Rachel Pung; Ryan Redmond; Dawn Ritter; Gerry Leslie; Jenni Caverson; Lynn Nee; Rachel Burdette-Comer; Stephanie Oles; Allison Greene; Amanda Bergeron; Angela Wilkins; Aubri Anderson; Carrie Alker; Kelly Bidelman; Melanie Hooker; Teagan Lefere; Nastacia' Moore; Susan Cancro; Lisa Bolen; Regina Cannon; Andrew Chaponda; Anna Collins; Beth Casady; Freddy Portillo; Jason Parks; Kim Stuhler; Kayla West; Laura Reaume; Melanie Linebaugh; Michelle Lajoie; Rod DeJardins; Sarah Hughes; Victoria Purvis; Grace Ronkaitis.

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 October 2020 Agenda. *There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for the October 2020 Agenda.*

Review/Approve Minutes

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

Racial Equity Across BoS Policies and Procedures ~ SPARC ~ Nastacia' Moore & Regina Cannon

C4 Innovations provided information and recommendations that apply a racial equity lens to the BoS Governance Charter. Racial Equity Lens is a way of viewing the world in an integrated and holistic manner, taking into account past and present racial injustices and seeking to address them through more equitable practices and structures. It is important to be purposeful in wording to be more specific than general when looking at the BoS's mission, principles, and jurisdictional services. A voice recording of this presentation is available on the www.miboscoc.com website.

Coordinated Entry Committee Report ~ Halladay-Schmandt

- The Committee's discussion continues to focus on upcoming changes to the Coordinated Entry Process to meet HUD Guidelines starting October 1. The committee has been working with MCAH to create data points that will be helpful for HARAs.
- The next committee meeting will be rescheduled due to the Homeless Summit.

Finance Committee Report ~ Cornelius

- The Finance Committee has developed the 2019 Planning Budget. The Committee has created a written process to ensure the System Coordination Stipend is spent. The Committee is asking each community to submit a plan of how they will spend these dollars by November 15.
- The Planning Grant Fiscal Year was changed to October 1 – September 30.

Performance and Outcomes Committee ~ Ransom

- Data Quality and System Performance continues to be a focus of work for the committee.
- The Capacity Assessment sub-committee met and finalized a survey that will be going out to the LPBs, HMIS users and others.

Membership and Nominating ~ Jerome

- Nominations are open for Executive Committee seats of Treasurer and Vice Chair positions. There was one nomination submitted for each seat. Lori Pieri for Vice Chair and Denise Cornelius for Treasurer. Elections will be held at the end of the meeting; more information on the nominees is available on the MIBOSCOC website under the October 8 meeting packet.

Contractual Oversight Committee ~ Cornelius

- This Committee is responsible for the development and/or review of Annual Contracts with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (Collaborative Applicant) and Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (Homeless Management Information System); all contracts have been signed.

Vulnerable Populations Committees

- Youth Committee (Chair – Cindy Arneson) – this Committee meets on the 1st Friday of the month at 11:00 am. The committee is starting to look at data as it pertains to counts and youth services.
- Domestic Violence Committee (Chair – Robin Grenier/Beth Cassady) – the Committee meets the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the morning. Committee members are looking at best-practices and existing policies to share with general homeless providers and reviewing the coordinated entry policies as they related to DV providers.
- Veterans Committee (Chair – Carly Huffman) – the Committee is focusing in identifying barriers in place to develop ways to house and support homeless veterans. Discussion is occurring regarding potential data sharing between transmitting HOMES data to HMIS.

Coordinator Update ~ Mays

- Information will be going out to LPBs and others in the form of surveys and newsletters in the near future.
- MSHDA will be hosting a virtual Homeless Summit on October 28 & 29, 2020.
- SPARC will present additional training sessions and Jesica encourages all to participate.

HMIS Administrator Update

- An upgrade will be occurring to Service Point this week, and it will cause issues with any demographic reports. MCAH is aware and will be working on fixing these issues.
- Committees have received guidance on updates to HMIS regarding the Coordinated Entry updates as well as QSOBAA language that will need to be adjusted to reflect new provider pages that have been created.

Election of New Executive Officers (Decision)

- The Governance Council makes decisions via consensus, not by vote. Tina asked members if anyone had concerns regarding the two nominees; Lori Pieri for Vice Chair and Denise Cornelius for Treasurer – if so, they were asked to put a comment in the chat box to the Coordinator. *There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded approving Lori Pieri, as Vice Chair, and Denise Cornelius, as Treasurer, to the Governance Council’s Executive Committee for Calendar Year 2021.*

Public Comment/Announcements

- No public comments were noted.

The next Governance Council Meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:42 am.

Submitted October 28, 2020: Christa Jerome, MIBOSCoC Secretary