

Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care

April 8, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Theresa Beesley, Jim Johnson, Pastor Geri Hamlen, Jodi Garver, Lisa Schmierer, Ruth Burhop, *Vice Chair - Lori Pieri*, Julie Shaw, Laura Heintzelman, *Chair - Tina Allen*, Windy Near, *Secretary - Christa Jerome*, Cynthia Arneson, Diana Hanna, Jennifer Rodgers, Carly Huffman, Eva Rohlman, Teagan Lefere, Donna St John, Alexandra Miller, Ragan Cudney, Rebecca Zemla, Angila Heinitz, Carrie Nyenhuis, Melanie Hooker, Eric Hufnagel, Lynn Henges

Non-Members Present

Coordinator - Jesica Mays, Allison Green, Ashley Gagnon, Aubri Anderson, Christina Soulard, Dana Vigas, Elsie Gapczynski, Erin Viau, Gene Nethaway, Gerry Leslie, Grace Ronkaitis, Julie Shaw, Kim Hemker Brandy, Wendy Johnson, Greg Johnson, Jason Parks, Jason Weller, Jen Leaf, Karen Bertetto, Katie Walquist, Kim Hemker, Kris Brady, Lisa Reinecke, Lynn Nee, Monica Troy, Nicholas Emmendorfer, Pamela Elise, Rebecca Rogan, Rebecca Tallarigo, Rich Holmstrom, Robin Greiner, Rochelle Clemens-Ludtke, Rod Desjardins, Ryan Redmond, Sarah Hughes, Stephanie Oles, Tammy Frisbie, Tina Baross, Valerie Hoffman, Victoria Purvis, Wendy Johnson

Welcome and Introductions

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 2021 Agenda. *There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for the April 2021 Agenda.*

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Where Your Funding Comes From ~ Mays

Information was provided regarding funding streams and where dollars come from, who they pass through and how they work. There are three (3) different homeless categories – Category 1 (Literally Homeless) – Persons living on the streets, in shelters, or places unfit for human habitation; Category 2 (At-Risk) – Persons at imminent risk of homelessness, they will not be able to stay where they are more than 14 days; and, Category 4 – Persons fleeing or attempting to flee due to domestic violence, sexual assault, or trafficking. Funding also supports Housing Choice Vouchers which are permanent housing from a Public Housing Authority (PHA) that does not include supportive services. Participants pay 30% of their income toward their rent and can keep the voucher as long as they remain qualified. Rapid Rehousing is time-limited rental assistance and supportive services to quickly increase household income so they can take over full rental payments. Permanent Supportive Housing is rental assistance and supportive services for person with disabilities and long durations of homelessness. Support services tend to be more intensive, and participants can remain in the project as long as they need, and Joint Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing is recommended in best practices because participants are connected to Rapid Rehousing whenever they are ready to do so. All programs must follow the HEARTH Act and its philosophies. The MIBOSCOC distributes

funds to the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (MCAH) and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) with additional funds that are considered “direct funded” programs which is when HUD distributes funds directly to an Agency. MIBOSCOC must submit one large application to HUD which includes many smaller applications within its body. The large application is called the Collaborative Application and is submitted by a Collaborative Applicant, which currently is MSHDA. A voice recording of this information is available on the www.miboscoc.com website.

Coordinated Entry Committee Report ~ Halladay-Schmandt.

- The Committee met and discussion surrounded the lack of use of the HMIS Coordinated Entry pages and how HARAs can be supported with data entry.

Finance Committee Report ~ Cornelius

- The committee has been reviewing the Planning Grant Funds and build trainings, capacity supports and other areas of need.
- The next committee meeting will be held on May 7 at 1:00 pm. The meeting link is available on the MIBOSCOC Meeting Calendar at miboscoc.com.

Performance and Outcomes Committee ~ Ransom

- The committee met and discussed performance regarding capacity. In addition, discussion took place regarding HMIS System Administrator’s roles & responsibilities.

HUD CoC Application and Evaluation ~ Pieri

- The committee has not met but is looking for additional people to join.

Membership and Nominating ~ Jerome

- Committee requested that current Governance Council Members complete and submit an updated membership application which is available on the MIBOSCOC website. This application will assist the council in recognizing the diversity of its membership along with identifying gaps in the voices at the table. Once the applications are all received the membership roster will be updated.
- Planning is ongoing regarding Youth Listening Sessions, with more information to be shared later when available.

Contractual Oversight Committee ~ Cornelius

- This Committee will meet soon to work on contracts that will need to be updated.

Racial Equity and Accountability ~ Cornelius

- This committee did not meet in March due to scheduling conflicts but will be meeting the 2nd Friday of the month at 1:00 pm.
- The committee has been reviewing resources to determine what resources already exist and is available but would like to build a more in-depth toolkit for communities.

Vulnerable Populations Committees

- Youth Committee (Chair – Cindy Arneson) – Work continues on supporting the Membership and Nominating Committee regarding the Runaway and Homeless Youth Listening Sessions and also focusing on a Runaway and Homeless Youth Provider in the Upper Peninsula – there is not one supporting the UP as this time.

- Domestic Violence Committee (Chair – Robin Grenier/Beth Cassidy) – the Committee did not meet in March, but work continues on services that are being offered on a State and National level.
- Veterans Committee (Chair – Carly Huffman) – the Committee continues to work with communities regarding Ending Veterans Homelessness. The committee is also working toward the Governor’s Challenge.

Coordinator Update ~ Mays

- There has been a slow transition from DoodlePolls to When2Meet for meeting scheduling.

HMIS Administrator Update ~ Leslie

- There is a System Administrator Training tomorrow – registration is still available by dropping a ticket to the mihelp@mihomeless.org.
- An Agency Administrator Training will be held on May 4 – registration is still available by dropping a ticket to the mihelp@mihomeless.org.
- MCAH will be sending out local demographic information to the main Local Planning Body HMIS contact.
- PIT Count data is being reviewed and is due to HUD at the end of the month; information may be needed from local planning bodies.

Public Comment/Announcements

- No Public Comments were given.

The next Governance Council Meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Submitted by Christa Jerome, MIBOSCoC Secretary