

Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care

August 12, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Secretary-Christa Jerome, Chair-Tina Allen, Alex Miller, Angila Heinitz, Ahley Halladay-Schmandt, Carrie Nyenhuis, Cynthia Arneson, Treasurer-Denise Cornelius, Diana Hanna, Donna St. John, Eva Rohlman, Pastor Geri Hamlen, Jennifer Rodgers, Julie Shaw, Kim Cain, Vice Chair-Lori Pieri, Ragan Cudney, Rebecca Wallace, Windy Near, Rebecca Zemla.

Non-Members Present

Coordinator-Jessica Mays, Amanda Bergeron, Aubri Anderson, Bill Jessup, Brianna Kammer, Christina Soulard, Courtney Holmes, Dana Vigas, Elise Gapczynski, Gene Nethaway, Grace Ronkaitis, Jack Ho, Jen Leaf, JoJean Thompson, Karen Bertetto, Marty Roberts, Michelle Edwards, Michelle Metz, Nicole Beagle, Rachel Pung, Rebecca Tallarigo, Rich Holmstrom, Rochelle Clemens-Ludtke, Ryan Redmond, Tarin Presler, Tina Robbins, Victoria Purvis, Wendy Johnson, Lynn Nee.

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

Review/Approve Minutes

Approval will be tabled until the September meeting due to the lateness of the minutes being posted.

Call Centers, Shelter Diversion, and Housing Advocacy ~ Ashley Halladay-Schmandt

Ashely provided an overview of Coordinated Entry System Basics and how it relates to call centers, shelter diversion and housing. Coordinated Entry is a process that ensures that all people experiencing a housing crisis in a defined geographic area have fair and equal access, and are quickly identified, assessed, referred, and connected to housing and homeless assistance based on their needs and strengths no matter where or when they present for services. It is the system design for the homeless response system. It is not an entity, or an agency, or a service, it is a process or a system. It has four main components – access; assessment; prioritization; referral. This presentation covered access and assessment. A voice recording and slides of this information is available on the www.miboscoc.com website.

Coordinated Entry Committee Report ~ Halladay-Schmandt

- The committee did not meet this month

Finance Committee Report ~ Cornelius

- The committee will review recommendation made by the Executive Committee to help support the work of the coordinator
- Applications are due September 1 for Local Planning Bodies who would like to apply for system coordination stipend funds.

Performance and Outcomes Committee ~ Ransom

- Dave Ransom is unable to continue as the chair of this Committee; looking for a Governance Council Member to fill this role.

- The committee continues to talk about the data warehouse and how it can be utilized to benefit local planning bodies in their work.

HUD CoC Application and Evaluation ~ Pieri

- The committee is meeting regularly on Monday mornings at 10:30. The first review of the FY21 project applications has taken place with a second review upcoming soon. The ranking has not occurred and will take place after the NOFO is released by HUD. The new and bonus project applications will be released shortly after

Membership and Nominating ~ Jerome

- Both the Chair and the Secretary seats will be open for nominations during the September meeting with consensus being sought during the October meeting and seats being filled in January.

Contractual Oversight Committee ~ Cornelius

- The committee did not meet this month

Racial Equity and Accountability ~ TBD

- The committee will meet August 13
- BOS is partnering with MCAH to develop a RFP to solicit bids for the creation of some short, brief racial equity trainings.

Vulnerable Populations Committees

- Youth Committee (Chair – Cindy Arneson) – the committee met and discussed coverage in the upper peninsula. The committee held a listening session to help identify needs within this population. Cindy announced her retirement and that she will be stepping down as the youth committee chair.
- Domestic Violence Committee (Chair – Robin Grenier/Beth Cassady) – The committee has been working on preparing information for the DV Bonus Funding Application.
- Veterans Committee (Chair – Carly Huffman) – The committee did not meet this month.

Coordinator Update ~ Mays

- Project applications were received from all currently funded projects
- Trainings are available on the MIBOSCO Training Site for anyone interested in participating
- The Executive Committee will be releasing an RFP for a contracted individual that would work on Internal Communication Development and Implementation for the BOS; this contract will be for a 6-month timeframe.

HMIS Administrator Update ~ Leslie

- No report was provided

Public Comment/Announcements

- There were no public comment/announcements

The next Governance Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 am.

Submitted by Christa Jerome, MIBOSCoC Secretary