

# Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care

June 10, 2021

## Meeting Minutes

### **Members Present**

Pastor Geri Hamlen, Ruth Burhop, *Vice Chair* – Lori Pieri, Julie Shaw, Ashley Halladay-Schmandt, Dave Ransom, Laura Heintzelman, *Chair* – Tina Allen, Carrie Badgero, Windy Near, *Secretary* – Christa Jerome, Cynthia Arneson, Kim Cain, *Treasurer* - Denise Cornelius, Rebecca Wallace, Angila Heinitz, Elise Gapczinski, Amanda Bergeron, Lynn Hedges

### **Non-Members Present**

*Coordinator* - Jesica Mays, Amanda Brake, Angie Metzger, Ashley Gagnon, Aubri Anderson, Christina Soulard, Lisa Reinecke, Jason Weller, Jen Leaf, Jenni Caverson, JoJean Thompson, Julie Shaw, Karen Bertetto, Kim Stuhler, Lynn Nee, Michelle LaJoie, Mity Fogg VanKampen, Nicole Beagle, Rachel Pung, Rebecca Tallarigo, Robin Greiner, Rochelle Clemens-Ludtke, Sharon Maki, Valerie Hoffman, Tarin Presler, Courtney Holmes, Victoria Purvis, Macie Casaday

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

### **Review/Approve Minutes**

Tina asked if there were additions or comments to the May 2021 Minutes. *There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for the May 2021 Meeting Minutes.*

### **Working Together Effectively ~ Allen**

Information was shared regarding decision making on the Balance of State; all decisions are made by consensus which allows for all concerns to be heard. The focus of this presentation was gathered from Tina and Jesica spending time with several LPBs across the State. It appears that discussions at the LPB are often judgement-based instead of homelessness system improvement-based, actual service system providers are seldom talking to each other about “system” improvements; only individual clients, and people are not picking up the phone to talk with each other. This presentation can be shared and watched with LPB members and would be a great resource to help build capacity and communication. A voice recording and slides of this information is available on the [www.miboscoc.com](http://www.miboscoc.com) website.

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

- The Committee met and is working on the revisions of the current Balance of State Coordinated Entry Policies which will include recommendations for consistent prioritization policies across the State.
- The next HARA sub-committee will focus on use of the Emergency Housing Vouchers.

### **Finance Committee Report ~ Cornelius**

- This committee has been working on closing out the FY19 Grant Year.
- There is a recommendation regarding the use of the \$1000 stipends to change the way it is used.

### **Performance and Outcomes Committee ~ Ransom**

- HMIS Roles and Responsibilities are still be looked and a document is being created to clarify the differences between System Administrators, Agency Administrator, MCAH Roles, etc.
- Coordinated Entry Data Entry continues to be discussed.
- The System Performance Measures and Longitudinal Study was submitted to HUD with a comparison of the data.

### **HUD CoC Application and Evaluation ~ Pieri**

- The GIW (Grant Inventory Worksheet) was received and forwarded out to HUD funded agencies.
- If you are interested in learning more about this Committee, there is an “orientation” recording available under the committee tab at miboscoc.com.

### **Membership and Nominating ~ Jerome**

- The committee met and is coordinating a Youth Listening Session; more information to follow.
- Updated membership application are still needed from members. This application will assist the council in recognizing the diversity of its membership along with identifying gaps in the voices at the table.
- Discussion also took place regarding Executive Committee seats that will be open this fall.

### **Contractual Oversight Committee ~ Cornelius**

- This Committee has no report.

### **Racial Equity and Accountability ~ TBA**

- The committee will meet on June 11, but are looking for Committee Members.

### **Vulnerable Populations Committees**

- Youth Committee (Chair – Cindy Arneson) – Did not meet in May, but the Committee is still looking at trying to find Youth Programming to cover the whole State.
- Domestic Violence Committee (Chair – Robin Grenier/Beth Cassady) – the Committee met and discussion focused how COVID impacted DV Agencies and how reopening may impact services. Also, the group looked at the PIT Count and how information can get out to the DV providers earlier. This committee will support the work of agencies that would like to apply for DV Bonus Dollars.
- Veterans Committee (Chair – Carly Huffman) – the Committee did not meet in May.

### **Coordinator Update ~ Mays**

- Jessica has spent most of her time finalizing the Fiscal Year End Finances.
- Working on next Fiscal Year’s Funding, including the GIW.

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

- There was no report available.

### **Public Comment/Announcements**

- Trainings are being posted on the MIBOSCOC Trainings tab at miboscoc.com.

The next Governance Council Meeting is scheduled for July 8, 2021 at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:12 am.

Submitted by Christa Jerome, MIBOSCoC Secretary