

Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care

March 11, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Theresa Beesley; Jim Johnson; Pastor Geri Hamlen; Lisa Schmierer; Ruth Burhop; *Vice Chair – Lori Pieri*; Ashely Halladay-Schmandt; Dave Ransom; Laura Heintzelman; *Chair - Tina Allen*; Adam Travis; Roman Hank; Hannelore Dysinger; Windy Near; Eric Hufnagel; Lynn Hendges; *Secretary – Christa Jerome*; Diana Hanna; Kim Cain; Kittie Tuinstra; Carly Huffman; Eva Rohlman; *Treasurer - Denise Cornelius*; Donna St John; Rebecca Zemla; Sally Currie; Christie Harry; Clint Brugger

Non-Members Present

Coordinator - Jesica Mays; Dana Viges; Allison Green; Amanda Drew; Andrew Chaponda; Angel Wilkins; Angie Metzger; Ashley Gagnon; Aubri Anderson; Beth Casady; Beverley Ebersold; Bill Jessup; Carrie Nyenhuis; Christina Soulard; Durand Dean; Elise Gapczynski; Esther Combs; Gary Easterling; Gene Nethaway; Gerry Leslie; Grace Ronkaitis; Greg Johnson; Jason Parks; Jason Weller; Jen Leaf; Jenni Caverson; JoAnne Harris; Karen Bertetto; Kathleen Carr; Lynn Nee; Marlene Hopp; Melanie Hooker; Michelle LaJoie; Pamela Elise; Rachel Pung; Rebecca Tallarigo; Rich Holstrom; Robin Greiner; Ryan Redmond; Sarah Hughes; Sophia Estrada-Ferreira; Stephanie Oles; Tammy Frisbie; Ted Fines; Terri Legg; Tina Baross; Valerie Hoffman; Victoria Purvis

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

Review/Approve Minutes

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End Veteran Homelessness ~ Dave Ransom & Carly Huffman

Information was provided on a performance measures and definitions to help support the understanding of what it means to “End Veterans Homelessness” along with the importance of the Veteran By-Name List that Local Planning Bodies should be maintaining and sharing amongst those who can assist in resolving homelessness. This list also assists in identifying needs, on a basic level, to help communities determine what resources may be available within their area and assist in identifying both emergency and permanent housing resources. Information was also shared regarding HUD-VASH Vouchers. A voice recording of this information is available on the www.miboscoc.com website.

Coordinated Entry Committee Report ~ Halladay-Schmandt.

- The Committee did not meet this month, but invitations have been sent out to HARAs to join the HARA Sub-Committee on March 30 at 10:00 am; this is a new committee that will help support HARAs in this work and allow a platform for ideas, challenges, and best practices to be shared.

Finance Committee Report ~ Cornelius

- There was about \$8,000 of System Coordination Stipends that went unidentified through LPB requests. The committee will be working on reallocating these dollars to other financial needs within the BoS.

Performance and Outcomes Committee ~ Ransom

- The Committee did not meet due to the regular meeting date landing on a holiday.
- Work continues on the HMIS System Administrators Roles and Responsibilities at the local level.

HUD CoC Application and Evaluation ~ Pieri

- Committee met February 8 and worked on developing an overview of the work this committee will do. This group will prioritize funding needs within the BoS as it relates to available resources. The next meeting has not been set yet. If interested in being on this committee, contact Jesica Mays.
- HUD has renewed the FY2020 BoS Programs at the amount they were previously.

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 application are all received the membership roster will be updated.
- Developed next steps to host listening session regarding youth services.
- Committee meets the 4th Friday of the month at 10:00 am.

Contractual Oversight Committee ~ Cornelius

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

Racial Equity and Accountability ~ TBD

- This Committee has met twice and is working on implementing SPARC recommendations and the role out of the Racial Equity Data Analysis Tool SPARC developed.

Vulnerable Populations Committees

- Youth Committee (Chair – Cindy Arneson) – this Committee met, and work is being completed on trying to ensure there are youth service providers that cover all counties in the UP. meets on the 1st Friday of the month at 11:00 am. This committee does not have a report since they presented at today's meeting.
- Domestic Violence Committee (Chair – Robin Grenier/Beth Cassady) – the Committee met and asked the Youth Committee to join them due to some common themes between the two committees. Work continues on the Coordinated Entry Policies as they relate to DV Providers.
- Veterans Committee (Chair – Carly Huffman) – the Committee did not meet in February and are waiting on updates and information regarding data sharing between HOMES data to HMIS.

Coordinator Update ~ Mays

- HUD CoC Application and Evaluation Committee is looking for members that are not direct recipients of BoS funding to avoid any conflict of interest.
- HUD has renewed the FY2020 BoS Programs at the amount they were previously.

HMIS Administrator Update ~ Leslie

- MCAH has received confirmation for the Longitudinal System Analysis submission.
- 2020 Data will be sent out to Local Planning Bodies in the next month to be reviewed. There was a decrease in services rendered during the pandemic; it is believed that the eviction moratorium directly impacted this data.
- MCAH is requesting help from agencies that would be willing to be beta testers for a data warehouse. If an agency is interested, please submit a help desk ticket through mihelp@mihomeless.org and information will be forwarded.

Public Comment/Announcements

- MCAH will be hosting several webinars soon; Jessica will provide information in the next newsletter. a Vaccination Webinar on how to access.
- MSHDA will be hosting a Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Webinar today at 3:00 pm. MSHDA has seen a decrease in homeless households being added to the waitlist with a Homeless Preference – if a homeless household is not already on the waitlist, have them contact the HARA in their area.
- The Covid Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Program Funding will officially start March 15; this program will assist households at or below 80% AMI with rental arrearages and other basic needs.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.

Submitted by Christa Jerome, MIBOSCoC Secretary