

Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care

November 11, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Tina Allen-Chair, Amanda Bergeron, Angila Heinitz, Denise Cornelius-Treasurer, Diana Hanna, Donna St John, Eva Rohlman, Geri Hamlen, Jennifer Rodgers, Kim Cain, Ragan Cudney, Ruth Burhop, Sally Currie, Windy Near, Christa Jerome-Secretary

Non-Members Present

Jessica Mays, Angel Wilkins, Ashley Gagnon, Ashley Halladay-Schmandt, Aubri Anderson, Bill Jessup, Carrie Nyenhuis, Christie Harry, Courtney Holmes, Denise Bannan, Elizabeth Hurkman, Emily O'Brien, Gerry Leslie, Jaime Gabriel, James Perlaki, Karen Bertetto, Katrina Pelfrey, Lisa Reinecke, Lori Johnson, Michele Gunkelman, Michelle LaJoie, Peter Copenhaver, Rachel Pung, Rebecca Rogan, Ryan Hannon, Sarah Hughes, Susan Conrad, Tarin Presler, Traci Schuelke, 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 November 2021 Agenda. *There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for the November 2021 Agenda.*

Review/Approve Minutes

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

Point In Time Count ~ MCAH

The Point-In-Time Count (PIT) is a count of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January. The last Wednesday in January was chosen by HUD when the PIT began in 2005 and stays that date so that the number can be compared from year to year. This is an effort from the nation level and cannot be changed in Michigan. MCAH leads the technical aspects, and the Communities (LPBs) are responsible for the actual counting of people experiencing homelessness. Communities should start reviewing data collection tools along with their plans and methodology. Communities should be having conversations with community partners to ensure information is gathered in an efficient and effective manner. MCAH will be creating a standard survey which will meet HUD's minimum standards regarding PIT collected data. Conversation should occur with specialized population agency's such as Domestic Violence Providers, Veteran Services Providers along with Youth Providers. The Point-In-Time Count will take place on the last Wednesday of January 2022, which is the 26th for the current count. Trainings will be developed and released to communities once information is received from HUD. A voice recording and slides of this information is available on the www.miboscoc.com website.

Decriminalization of Homelessness ~ Mays

When homelessness is criminalized, it causes people of color and those who are more vulnerable are disproportionately targeted; people accumulate more barriers to housing; people experience additional trauma; and people have less inclination to trust systems. By not decriminalizing

homelessness, it can cause those who are facing homelessness to be harder to identify and locate thus more difficult in providing barrier reducing services. A voice recording and slides of this information is available on the www.miboscoc.com website.

Review and Approve Policies ~ Mays

- McKinney Vento Education Policy
- Non-Discrimination and Family Separation Policy

Tina asked if there were any additions, objections, or comments regarding the two Policies as presented. There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for the McKinney Vento Educational Policy and the Non-Discrimination and Equal Access Policy.

Coordinated Entry Committee Report ~ Halladay-Schmandt

- The Committee met on October 27 in conjunction with the HARA Sub-Committee from 9:30 – 11:00 with work continuing on the Coordinated Entry Policies and have passed it to the DV sub-committee for review.

Finance Committee Report ~ Cornelius

- The Committee did not meet this month. Denise reminded members to submit documents for the Virtual Homeless Summit reimbursement to the coordinator.

Performance and Outcomes Committee ~ Allen (Interim Chair)

- The committee spoke about communities that may need additional help implementing Coordinated Entry pages.
- Discussion took place regarding reports available through the Data Warehouse

HUD CoC Application and Evaluation ~ Pieri

- The applications have been reviewed and scored with applicants have received their scoring. The ranking will be posted to the MIBOSCOC along with the Collaborative Application.
- The FY2021 Collaborative Application is available for review at www.miboscoc.com
- *Tina asked if there were any objections or comments to the Project Rankings as they were presented and included in the meeting packet. There were no concerns noted – consensus recorded for the FY2021 Project Ranking.*

Membership and Equity ~ Jerome

- The committee will meet November 12 from 1:00 – 2:00.

Contractual Oversight Committee ~ Cornelius

- There was no committee meeting this month.

Vulnerable Populations Committees

- Youth Committee (Chair – Jim Perlaki) – The committee did not meet; next meeting will be the 1st week of December.
- Domestic Violence Committee (Chair – Robin Grenier/Beth Cassady) – Robin and Beth have stepped down as committee chairs – new chair search is occurring. The committee met and focused on HUD's DV Bonus Projects.
- Veterans Committee (Chair – Carly Huffman) – The committee is focusing on ideas to reinvigorate communities' interest in Pledging to End Veteran Homelessness.

Coordinator Update ~ Mays

- The Executive Committee has been working on a 2021 BoS Priorities, which was shared with the membership.

HMIS Administrator Update ~ Leslie

- PIT (Point-In-Time) Counts will take place on January 26, 2022 – will be a Street Count; forms to be coming
- Paper forms have been updated for the Coordinated Entry Data Elements – can be found at the HMIS Learning Center
- Updates will be coming to the race elements in the future
- The Longitudinal System Data Analysis is underway

Executive Council Elections

- Chair – Eva Rohlman was nominated for the seat of Chair.
- Secretary – Amanda Bergeron was nominated for the seat of Secretary.

An electronic poll was held; 43% of attendees voted and both nominations were supported by the membership.

Public Comment/Announcements

- Homeless Awareness Month takes place in November. If anyone needs posters, infographics, etc., to support this Month of Awareness, please contact MCAH or visit MCAH's website to view their toolkit.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.

Submitted by Christa Jerome, MIBOSCoC Secretary