

Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care

October 14, 2021

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Tina Allen - Chair, Adam Traviss, Amanda Bergeron, Angela Heinitz, Carrie Nyenhuis, Denise Cornelius - Treasurer, Diana Hanna, Donna St. John, Eric Hufnagel, Eva Rohlman, Geri Hamlen, Julie Shaw, Kim Cain, Laura Heintzleman, Lynn Hendges, Ruth Burhop, Sally Currie, Rebecca Zemla, Christa Jerome - Secretary.

Non-Members Present

Jesica Mays, Dan Kelly, Alisha Pennington, Allison Green, Amanda Brake, Amy Eddinger, Angel Wilkins, Angie Metzger, Ashley Gagnon, Bill Jessup, Brianna Kammer, Chelsey Cloft, Christina Soulard, Courtney Holmes, Dana Vigas, Gerry Leslie, Grace Ronkaitis, Jack Ho, James Perlaski, Jason Parks, Jason Weller, Jen Leaf, JoJean Thompson, Karen Bertetto, Kerry VanHouten, Lisa Reinecke, Lizzy Murray, Lynn Nee, Marty Roberts, Misty Fogg Vankampen, Nicholas Emmendorfer, Rachel Pung, Rebecca Tallarigo, Rhonda Pagel, Rich Holmstrom, Rod DesJardins, Ryan Redmond, Sarah Hughes, Shanna Smith, Sharon Maki, Susan Conrad, Terri Legg, Traci Schuelke, Victoria Purvis, Katrina Pelfrey, Amanda Brake.

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

Review/Approve Minutes

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Low Barrier Shelter ~ Daniel Kelly, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County

Dan is the Director of the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County, which covers the Greater Ann Arbor area. Objectives of the presentation is to define low barrier emergency sheltering; encourage your community to adopt additional low barrier practices; for each attendee to gain practical measures they can implement in their community; and, to learn of another shelter's journey in moving to low barrier practices. A voice recording and slides of this information is available on the www.miboscoc.com website.

Review and Approve Updates to Governance Charter

- 1.2 - description of the MIBOSCOC was updated
- MI BOSCOS was changed to MIBOSCOC throughout
- 2.3.2 – Tribal Representatives and Homeless or formerly Homeless Representatives were added to the list of Governance Council Representation
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- 2.3.3.1 – added verbiage regarding the completion of officers term
- 2.3.3.2 – removed verbiage that nomination forms can be submitted via U.S. Postal Service

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- 3.1 - added statement “The Executive Committee has the responsibility to make spending and contracting decisions for the MIBOSCOC
- 3.3 – updated verbiage to allow members to join the committee each year, stated committee members cannot be applicants, and members must complete online training annually.
- 3.4 – added that HARA Subcommittee and Shelter Subcommittee falls under the Coordinated Entry Committee
- 3.6 – the Membership and Nominating Committee has been renamed the Membership and Equity Committee
- 3.7 – Vulnerable Populations Committee has been renamed Vulnerable Populations Sub-Committees
- 3.7 – added verbiage to state Sub Committee Chairs do not have to be Governance Council Members
- 4.2 – removed language regarding only members can take action on presented items.

Tina asked if there were any additions or comments to the Governance Charter revisions. There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for recommended Governance Charter Revisions.

Coordinated Entry Committee Report ~ Halladay-Schmandt

- The Committee will meet October 27 in conjunction with the HARA Sub-Committee from 9:30 – 11:00 regarding the Coordinated Entry Policies.

Finance Committee Report ~ Cornelius

- The committee discussed potential TA for the year and where the committee was with spending and contracts.

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 and applicants has received their scoring. The ranking will be posted to the MIBOSCOC along with the Collaborative Application.

Membership and Equity ~ Jerome

- The committee met October 8 and spoke about updating the membership application
- Reviewed the recommended revision to the Governance Charter
- Reviewed data to support answers to additional questions within the Collaborative Application
- Shared ideas surrounding reimbursement/stipends for those with lived experiences participating on the Governance Council and Sub-Committees

Contractual Oversight Committee ~ Cornelius

- There was no committee meeting this month.

Vulnerable Populations Committees

- Youth Committee (Chair – Jim Perlaki) – met October 1 and focused on increasing the youth voice on the committee and are planning a listening session. Started to explore youth services in rural Michigan through discussions with MDHHS.
- Domestic Violence Committee (Chair – Robin Grenier/Beth Cassidy) – the committee hosted a special meeting to discuss the DV Bonus Funding through the Collaborative Application.
- Veterans Committee (Chair – Carly Huffman) – the committee has not met in the last two months due to scheduling conflicts. The next meeting is scheduled for October 26 and the committee will be looking at COVID Vaccination Rates in the Veteran populations and bridging data from HUD-VASH to HMIS and how increase SOAR Services to Veterans across the State.

Coordinator Update ~ Mays

- Vaccination Rate Data from MDHHS indicate that Michigan is well below their 70% target rate. Any ideas on how to increase these rates or if something is working in your area, please share with Jesica.
- Shelter Providers were sent an invitation for a Winter Shelter Session being hosted by HUD.

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 November 11, 2021, at 10:00 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:53 am.

Submitted by Christa Jerome, MIBOSCoC Secretary