

Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care

November 10, 2022

Meeting Minutes

Voting Members Present: Eva Rohlman, Lori Pieri, Denise Miles, Tina Allen, Theresa Beesley, Wendy Hughes, Geri Hamlen, Rochelle Clemens-Ludtke, Sheila Berger, Sarah Hughes, Adam Traviss, Elise Gapczynski, Christina Kihn, Tom Pettit, Katrina Pelfry, Angie Jousma, Christa Jerome, Kerry VanHouten, Nicole Alexander, Kim Cain, Diana Hanna, Jennifer Rodgers, Carly Huffman, Marey Jurkovich, Donna St. John, Rebecca Zemla, Sally Currie, Angila Heinitz, Carrie Nyenhuis, Christie Harry, Samuel Anglin, Eric Hufnagel, Lynn Hendges

Community Members Present: Allison Green, Amy Eddinger, Annie Sanders, Ashley Halladay-Schmandt, Ashley Sweet, Aubri Anderson, Bernie Newby, Betsy Huggett, Bill Jessup, Billie Jean Horrocks, Brenda Kann, Brianna Kammer, Ashley Sellnow, Centhia Fleming, Christina Soulard, Clint Brugger, Heather Jackson, Cheri Skinner, Carrie Badgero, Hannah Patton, Celeste Nichols, Bobbi Palmer, Cathy Gordon, Dana Viges, Daniel Unekis, Emily O'Brien, Erin Viau, Gene Nethaway, Gerry Leslie, Grace Ronkaitis, Haley Schneider, Jack Ho, James Perlaki, Jason Parks, Jen Leaf, Jennifer McNeeley, Julie Moberg, Karen Bertetto, Katie Graham, Lauren Grant, Lisa Reinecke, Lori Johnson, Lori Offenbecher, Louanne McIntyre, Mark Martello, MaryJo Barnes, Megan Hall, Michele Gunkelman, Michelle Edwards, Misty Bowers, Molly Redburn, Nicole Beagle, Patty Ryan, Rachel Berzack, Rebecca Tallarigo, Rhonda Pagel, Rod DesJardins, Ryan Redmond, Sherry Thelen, Simone Latuszek, Stephen Krygier, Takisha Jones, Zienab Fahs, Jaime Gabriel, Lynn Nee, Lourdes Emke, Susan Conrad, Kelli Rembowski, Jessica Mays

Welcome and Introductions

Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m.; Eva Rohlman welcomed all attendees and welcomed all executive committee members. Gave an overview of how we make decisions, always by consensus.

Review/Approve Agenda

Eva asked if there were additions or comments to the agenda. The date of the minutes to approve was noted to be October 11. *There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for the agenda.*

Review/Approve Minutes

Review of the October 11, 2022 meeting minutes. Carrie Nyenhuis pointed out her name was spelled incorrectly. *There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for the meeting minutes as correct.*

Presentation: Annual Report

Jason Weller, Coordinator for the Campaign to End Homelessness, presented an overview of the annual report on homelessness across Michigan based on calendar year 2021 data in HMIS. This report has been made for approximately 15 years. This report pulls data from more sources than just HMIS to link other partners working to end homelessness. The state saw a decrease in overall homelessness of 2%. Two regions in the Balance of State saw increases. These have been attributed to additional staffing and funding for unsheltered homelessness. The prior report (2020) had a 19% decrease from 2019 that was mostly attributed to increase in eviction prevention. It appears that those decreases held steady in 2021. The report shows a disparity in how Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) populations access housing solutions and in their retention of housing. The report showed the disparate impact of the pandemic on length of time homeless and returns to homelessness within 24 months. 2-1-1 provided data showing a 30% increase in calls for housing assistance and more detail on calls is included in the report. The report also shows System Performance Measure outcomes and demographics.

Presentation: Governance Charter Updates

Jesica Mays presented the proposed updates to the Governance Charter. The draft was posted to the website for review the week before the meeting. Most changes were to align word use through the document. Others were discussed individually. One proposed change was to rename the Coordinated Entry Committee. The group was in agreement to leave the Committee's name as is at this time and to work with the committee to create a name that best fits the committee. All other changes were agreed upon by consensus.

Eva Rohlman then gave an overview of the process that will be followed near the end of the meeting to elect three Executive positions: Secretary, Vice Chair and Treasurer. It was noted that there were two applicants for the Secretary position. At this time, Eric Hufnagel withdrew from consideration for the position.

State Partner Update: MDHHS

Lynn Hendges presented on updates and an overview of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. She showed the overall MDHHS and where housing/homelessness sits (in the Opportunity division). The grants they manage are: PATH, ESP, HYR, HOPWA, RRH, Vital docs, and Shelter Infrastructure and are starting Supportive Services funding.

Committee Reports

All committee chairs were asked to share written updates due to the length of time in the meeting.

Membership and Equity Committee - Jesica Mays

Jesica took attendance, noting the voting members first.

HMIS Administrator Update - Gerry Leslie

Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) began Nov 1, final submission is January 11. Beth will be contacting agencies to clean up data. Noted that many pages have not updated their federal partner funding sources, this is critical to be updated annually, otherwise the project will not pull into the report correctly. Instructions are available on the Learning Center.

PIT/HIC will not have data collection changes. MCAH will be announcing trainings and office hours.

Election

For the election, only one candidate remained for each open position. Each candidate introduced themselves.

Katrina Pelfrey for Secretary, currently is a LPB Coordinator in Allegan County. Serves on Funding and Performance and Outcomes Committees.

Sarah Hughes for Treasurer, leads the HARA services in Region 2. Serves on multiple committees.

Lori Pieri for Vice Chair, is the incumbent. Chairs the Funding Committee and the LPB in Chippewa, Luce, Mackinac.

Each candidate left the meeting before voting began.

A voting poll was posted. Votes were unanimous for the candidates in their respective positions.

Public Comment/Announcements:

- SSVF will need letters of support from the CoC for their funding requests. Jesica will take those requests and asks that requesters provide a draft with the information they need included in the letter.

The next Governance Council Meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2022 from 10:00am-12:00pm

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

Submitted by Jesica Mays, CoC Coordinator