

# Michigan Balance of State Continuum of Care

August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Meeting Minutes

**Community Members Present:** Daniel Unekis, Denise Miles, Diana Hanna, Donna St. John, Elise Gapczynski, Emily Obrien, Eric Hufnagel, Gerry Leslie, Jack Ho, James Perlaki, Jason Weller, Jen Leaf, Jennifer McNeely, Jennifer Rodgers, Jessica Phillips-Smith, Karen Bertetto, Karla Eisner, Katie Graham, Katrina Pelfry, Jessica Mays, Amanda Bergeron, Eva Rohlman, Adam Traviss, Amy Eddinger, Angel Wilkins, Angie Jousma, Ashley Gagnon, Ashley Halladay-Schmandt, Ashley Sellnow, Ashley Smart, Aubri Anderson, Bill Jessup, Brianna Kammer, Carrie Nyenhuis, Cathy Gordon, Centhia Fleming, Christa Jerome, Christie Harry, Christina Soulard, Kim Cain, Kim Stuhler, Laura Heintzleman, Lori Johnson, Lori Pieri, Louanne McIntyre, Lynn Hendges, Lynn Nee, Mark Martello, Megan Hall, Michelle LaJoie, Molly Redburn, Nick Emmendorfer, Nicole Beagle, Pamela Elise, Patty Ryan, Rachel Pung, Ragan Cudney, Rebecca Rogan, Rebecca Tallarigo, Rebecca Tallarigo, Rebecca Zemla, Sally Currie, Samuel Anglin, Sarah Hughes, Sheila Berger, Stephen Krygier, Susan Conrad, Susan Williams, Tarin Pressler, Terri Legg, Theresa Beesley, Thomas Pettit, Tina Allen, Tina Counterman, Traci Schulke, Victoria Purvis, Windy Near, , Sheila Berger, Wendy Hughes, Celeste Nichols, Bridget Akre, Chelsea Delong, Lisa Reinecke, Kerry VanHouten

## **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 August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Agenda. *There were no objections or concerns noted – consensus recorded for the August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Agenda.*

## **Review/Approve Minutes**

Will review July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes during September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting.

## **August 11th, 2022, meeting:**

A voice recording and slides of this informational presentation is available on the [www.miboscoc.com](http://www.miboscoc.com) website.

## **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Lynn Nee:**

- **OLHSA's HOPWA program covers Lapeer and St. Clair Counties.**
- **HOPWA Eligibility: low income 80% AMI.**
- **HOPWA Services: Tenant Based Rental Assistance-does not need to be time-limited. Must pay 30% of income towards rent. Rental assistance is based on a rent standard either FMR or a % of FMR.**
- **HOPWA Services: Short-term rent, mortgage assistance, and utility assistance. 147 days total (approx. 21 weeks) or rent, mortgage or utility assistance. Does not need to meet FMR requirements.**
- **Permanent Housing Placement: First month, security deposit and law month, not to exceed 2 months rent.**
- **Supportive Services: case management, behavioral care, benefits assistance, meals and nutrition, transportation and employment assistance.**

- HOPWA brochures can be ordered through SHOARS and requires a MILogin.
- leen@michigan.gov

### **HUD Funding Process-Jesica Mays**

- All funding comes from the HEARTH Act.
- CoC funding is Competitive which includes: Coordinated Entry Grant, HMIS funding for MCAH, RRH through MDHHS, PSH through MDHHS, Planning-CoC Function.
- ESG Funding is Formula based, which includes: ESG from MSHDA; RRH, Prevention, Outreach, Shelter. ESG-CV through MSHDA.
- Who does what-ESG.
  - ESG.
  - MSHDA receives from HUD and matches with MSHDA funds 100%.
  - Our CoC, like all other Michigan CoCs, only need to submit one Exhibit.
  - Unlike other CoC's, we have multiple ESG grants to HARA/Fiduciaries within the CoC.
  - Most CoC's have one committee and process for determining ESG awards that is why we adopted the ESG Committees this year.
- Who Does What-HUD CoC Funding:
  - The CoC applies to HUD in the Collaborative Application and attaches Project Applications from agencies to HUD.
  - Before being allowed to apply to HUD officially, all agencies must apply to the CoC for the CoC to decide if it's a project they want to include.
  - Some agencies (MSHDA, MDHHS) apply for a large grant and then sub-grant it out to other agencies. Some agencies (CAAs) apply directly to HUD for a smaller grant to do services to one-some county(ies).
- Terms to Know:
  - ARD: Annual Renewal Demand-the funding we have earned in the past competitions, it is the amount we can apply for each year.
  - Collaborative Applicant- The agency that is allowed/required to submit to HUD.

### **State Partnership - MCAH-Eric Hufnagel**

- . Looking at eviction expungement legislation. Hoping to bring it to a committee hearing. Something that we know that feeds into other roadblocks.
- Eviction data reporting, having conversations with a number of people regarding the erase program that focused on the eviction diversion programs within the state of michigan. We do not have a regular reporting system. Some do a good job with data in regards to these programs, others do not have a system at all. Having the data will help at a local level to help set priorities.
- Doing election work.
- Will have resources and webinars coming available soon on the website.
- Materials coming available for project homeless connect.
- Involving community engagement.
- Going to try to line up townhall or round tables for candidates in regards to the upcoming elections.
- We are still providing training throughout the year.
- Homeless Awareness Month, a toolkit for planning is available.
- Membership: we are conducting a MCAH membership recruitment next week 8/15.
- Link to both AmeriCorps RFPs, a VISTA brochure, and FAQ page: <https://mihomeless.org/index.php/2022/05/14/full-amicorps/>
- To assist with member recruitment for positions around the state you can help promote this: <https://sites.google.com/mihomeless.org/mcahac/home>

- Source of Income discrimination legislation sign-on letter to demonstrate broad support: <https://mihomeless.org/index.php/2022/04/21/source-of-income-sign-up-letter/>
- Election work resources: <https://mihomeless.org/index.php/advocate/elections/>
- SOGIE training (Aug. 15): <https://mihomeless.org/index.php/2022/05/31/sogie-101/>
- Homeless Awareness Month toolkit: <https://mihomeless.org/index.php/empower/#HAM>

### **Coordinated Entry Committee Report - Ashley Halladay-Schmidt**

- August 24th, 2022 at 9:30am is the next meeting. Did not meet in July.

### **Finance Committee Report & Contractual - Jesica Mays**

- For finance we reviewed year end, wrapping up FY-20, wrapped up in July.
- Working on finalizing the FY21 budget, that started August 1st, 2022. It will look a little different than previous grants.
- Contractual Oversight did not meet last month.

### **Performance and Outcomes Committee – Jesica Mays**

- Jayce is on board as our HMIS person and chaired our last committee meeting.
- Different projects going on: getting a BNL report out of HMIS, trying to make sure its a simple process.
- Clarifying the roles between agency admins, system admins.
- Big restructuring project with HMIS pages.

### **Funding Committee- Lori Pieri**

- The final due date was pushed back until August 19th, 2022 for application submissions for ESG.
- Jesica did a great job going over both HUD and ESG funding.
- Renewal process will go back to Jesica then back to the committee.

### **Membership and Equity ~ Amanda Bergeron, Eva Rohlman & Jesica Mays**

- Attendance
- Increased membership, still looking for new members to join.
- CERT meetings are going quickly, listening sessions are requested. Trying to plan those out, hard to accomplish in such a large region. System mapping coming.
- Next meeting tomorrow, August 12th, 2022 at 1pm.

### **Vulnerable Populations Committees:**

- **Youth Committee (Chair – Jim Perlaki) –**
  - Met on Aug 5th, 2022, had a great conversation with partner organizations on some of the work they have been accomplishing through their youth work. Our goal is to take everything that we learned and digest it and when we meet on Sept. 2nd, 2022 as an outline on a direction as to where we want to go. We are looking to do an application next year.
  - Next meeting: September 2nd, 2022 at 11:00am
- **Domestic Violence Committee-Jesica Mays**

- Discussed two bonus projects in regards to DV. Working on trying to strengthen up the weaker points.
  - DV agencies are moving to a comparable database. Provider is called: apricot.
  - Next meeting: September 12th, 2022 at 1pm.
- **Veterans Committee**
    - Did not meet.
    - Next meeting: Sept. 27th, 2022.

#### **Coordinator Update - Jesica Mays**

- Working on a HUD application.
- New committee formed with people of lived experience with homelessness, either current or in the past.

#### **HMIS Administrator Update - Gerry Leslie**

- You can rewatch or watch the HMIS summit training sessions.
- HUD is considering making changes to social security numbers and how the information is collected. Friday Aug 19th, 2022 from 11-12pm to discuss the potential changes. Registrations will be sent out.
- Very important reminder: Aug 11th, 2022 around the end of the day, wellsky is going to be disabling ART, it will be gone. We will then be on the new reporting tool. If you have questions regarding this, we have a number of webinars available on the learning center.

#### **Public Comment/Announcements:**

- None.

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

**The meeting adjourned at 11:31 am.**

**Submitted by Amanda Bergeron, MIBOSCoC Secretary.**