

Alliance for Housing

Annual Retreat; Monday, May 12, 2014 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Meeting Minutes - Respectfully submitted by Daniel Kelly



Introductions

Marc Craig opened, introduced agenda; all present introduced

Each committee noted their current work. Kathy Williams explained that the operations committee operates similar to the former Executive Committee and is seeking more membership. Ernestine Mcrae noted that the Systems Coordination and Implementation committee is currently working on putting together events including the landlord breakfast and community resource day. Jim Perlaki stated the finance and audit committee is currently looking for more membership; he stated that the Alliance now has income through the HUD planning grant. Ryan Hertz reported on the Advocacy and Public Awareness committee noting that the committee is working on developing language for external communication.

Presentation Cykeia Lee, National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

Ms. Lee presented on the current efforts of the National Association. She noted implementing a pilot project in several communities including Oakland County that works to improve educational outcomes for homeless children.

Community Planning – Oakland County Annual Report

Jill Shoemaker presented the 2014 State of Homelessness in Oakland County report. Please see Oakland County Annual Report & Supplemental Report documents.

Community Planning – State of Michigan and National Plans to End Homelessness

Jim Perlaki presented on the State and Federal plans to end homelessness. He also highlighted the efforts the Michigan Coalition against Homelessness is making in the state. Please see State of Michigan and National Plans to End Homelessness PowerPoint document.

Discussion on Setting Community Goals for Oakland County's 10 year plan to end homelessness

Dan Kelly facilitated discussion on community goals. The group discussed major goals for the Alliance over the next three years. The group also discussed how to balance addressing community needs vs. funder priorities/requirements, and analyzed steps to address the specific need of transportation for homeless individuals and families. The group recommended connecting with current transportation efforts in the County and creating a workgroup within the Alliance. The group noted several goals of the Alliance in its 10 year plan to end homelessness

over the next three years. These included: increasing prevention efforts, identifying strategies to maintain and/or increase shelter services, increasing PSH beds for non-chronically homeless populations, addressing transportation needs, and identifying strategies to better address youth homelessness.

Permanent Supportive Housing Central Registry & the Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool (SPDAT)

Michelle Edwards, Deb Hendren, and Dan Kelly presented. Please see PSH central registry & SPDAT Powerpoint for more information. During this presentation, the presenters noted that there is work in the Alliance to create a centralized list for permanent supportive housing applicants and to utilize an empirically-tested assessment tool, the SPDAT, to prioritize homeless households with the most need.

Eviction Diversion Program

Jamie Christofel & Kelly Bidelman presented. They noted the efforts being made to create an eviction diversion program through the Pontiac court system. Please see the Eviction Diversion program handout for more information.

Break Out Sessions

There were two breakout sessions. Member Grant Management; presented by Kirsten Elliott & Jill Shoemaker, and Medical Issues for the Homeless; presented by Elizabeth Kelly and Jill Anderson. The member grant management discussion focused on discussing current issues, concerns, or question pertaining to federal grant contracts. The Medical Issues break out session focused on noting medical issues of those experiencing homelessness and current efforts to address these.

Closure

Evaluation forms were distributed, see attached evaluation summary for results.

Meeting was adjourned by 3:30