



## **Alliance for Housing**

Annual Retreat; Monday, May 12, 2013 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

Meeting Minutes - Respectfully submitted by Daniel Kelly

### **Introductions**

Marc Craig opened, introduced agenda; all present introduced

Jill Shoemaker presented state of homelessness report (see attachments).

Marc Craig presented an update of Alliance Work. Mr. Craig gave a status update on the Alliance's 501(c)(3) application. He noted the Alliance is receiving technical assistance with this process. He also noted that there is an active Request for Proposal for an Alliance coordinator. The deadline for this is May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Ryan Hertz announced David Bammel the winner of the logo contest (see attachments).

### **Stakeholder Updates**

Sara Orris from Oakland Schools Homeless Education Program presented on homeless education and noted that they are still seeking homeless families.

Janella Robinson from Michigan Department of Corrections reported on law enforcement and prisoner re-entry programs in the State.

Cathy Sanchez from Waterford MI Works presented on workforce development and activities of MI Works in the County.

Gloria Lutey from Oakland County Health Department presented on healthcare for the homeless initiative. She noted the group is actively collaborating with hospitals to develop more effective discharge planning procedures.

Evette Szajna from DeRocha and Associates reported on Public Housing Commissions and the Homeless Preference Voucher. She noted the process for obtaining HPV's for homeless clients.

## Policy and Advocacy

Christine Miller from Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) noted programs offered such as the Low Income Housing Tax Credit at MSHDA. Ms. Miller encouraged organizations to conduct policy and advocacy and to collaborate with the Corporation for Supportive Housing on these endeavors.

## HUD Funding Overview

Marc Craig and Kirsten Elliot explained the project monitoring process for COC grants administered by the Alliance, noting that the tiering process will continue with an emphasis on program outcomes this next year. Mr. Craig noted that moving forward there will be project monitoring in the coming months by the Alliance of COC funded programs.

A group discussion occurred regarding the county's community priorities relating to strategies for ending homelessness. A survey will be sent out asking for input in these priorities in the coming days. The Alliance board will meet to strategize priorities subsequently, taking into account these recommendations.

## Breakout Sessions

Two breakout sessions were offered. Kirsten Elliott and Jill Shoemaker presented on Member Grant Management. Leah McCall and Maureen McDonald from Lighthouse presented Round Table Discussion for Front Line Case Managers. (See Data is Key – Reports Tell a Story and Outcomes Report attachments for information about the Grants Management session).

## Closure

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

Meeting was adjourned by 3:30