

## **Alliance for Housing**

General Membership & CIST; Wednesday, January 4, 2016

Meeting Minutes - Respectfully submitted by Daniel Kelly



Attendance: Leah McCall (Alliance), Liz Lucas (OLHSA), , Kevin Bogg (TTI), Tara Wiedbusch (JFS), Danielle Redilla (OIHN), Ernestine Mcrae (HAVEN), Daniel Kelly (SOS), Everlyn Payton (NBMBC), Keyon Payton (New Bethel), Sue Heath (United Way), , Melissa Fundukian (CHN), Debra Hendren (CHN), Suzanne Kimmerly (RANH), Keith Hughes (UNITED), Angela Gougherty (HMIS), Tamara Gaines (Salvation Army), Gabby Gonzales (Easter Seals), Marc Craig (CHN), Dan Muncey (OCHD), Audrey White (CHN), Linda Hyaduck (Rep. Runestad), Abby Adair (HandUp/SOS), Ecole Brooks (OCCMHA), Zachary Dieck (TTI), Melissa Felice (OCCHI), Kathy Williams (OCCHI), Joseph Rusher (CG), Renee Hall (OLHSA), Elizabeth Kelly (HOPE), Quintin Stroud (AUBS), Sandi Elanges (OCHD), Ivana Maplanke (DHHS), Laura Pittiglio (Oakland Univ.),

### **Introduction**

The meeting was called to order at 1:32pm. Liz Lucas motioned to approve the seconded by Kevin Bogg, the motion carried unanimously. There were no additions to the agenda as well.

### **Board Report**

Marc Craig reported. He discussed the current term limits of the Alliance Board related to officer positions. He noted that both he and Ryan Hertz were term limited as of the end of the 2016. Because of this a new officer slate was recommended in late 2016. Marc noted that there was not a lot of interest for new Board officers; he noted that because of this lack of interest, Marc and Ryan switched roles as President and Vice-President of the Board. Marc noted that Ryan Hertz as President and Marc Craig as Vice-President were both approved at the November 2016 Alliance Board Meeting. Marc noted that the Alliance did receive all of its COC funding renewals however there was no bonus project.

### **Operations Committee**

Kathy Williams reported. She noted that the operations committee is looking to evolve this year by working to move the Alliance forward in the United Funding Agency process this year. She noted the operations committee will also focus on developing strategic initiatives for the Alliance moving forward. She noted the group meets the 4th Monday of each Month at Oakland County Community and Home Improvement at 9am. The next meeting is on the 23rd.

### **System Coordination and Implementation Committee**

Deb Hendren reported on the current policies of the Permanent Supportive Housing and other Housing related initiatives. Deb also noted that the Michigan State Legislature has not decided to pass legislation related to Voter ID regulations. Elizabeth Kelly noted they are working with the Michigan Coalition

Against Homelessness to ensure any Voter ID regulations moving forward do not negatively impact those we serve moving forward.

### **Finance and Audit Committee**

Marc Craig reported. He noted that all Alliance grants are running close to budget and running well. He noted that when the Alliance was formed there were initial assets of about \$20,000. He noted that these funds were used to fund the initial HUD and MSHDA checking accounts from an accounting and cash perspective. Marc noted that net income for this fiscal year is a loss of \$685.00. He noted that total equity is \$25,757 currently. He noted overall the Alliance is running on budget.

### **Public Awareness and Advocacy Committee**

Leah McCall reported. She noted that that committee works to put information out when there are events. She noted that the next big event is the January 25th point in time count. Leah noted she will be getting the word out for this event in the near future via the listserv.

### **Outcomes Committee**

Angela Gougherty reported. Angela Gougherty discussed project monitoring and performance for the Alliance. She passed around a draft follow-up assessment to be given to clients that were in HUD and MSHDA funded projects after they exit these projects. The goal is to obtain follow-up 90 and 180 days after exit. She noted there is an additional HMIS workflow that will be reviewed at the upcoming agency administrators meeting. Angela also requested any feedback related to the assessment by 1/31/2017. Leah noted the goal is to reduce recidivism at a community level.

### **Veterans Committee**

Zach Dieck reported. He noted that the Veterans taskforce is coordinating with all the SSVF providers, VA, and shelter providers to work to get Veterans housed quickly and keep them housed. Leah McCall noted that the goal is to end Veteran homelessness by bringing more Veterans into housing than Veterans becoming homeless each month. Zach noted that there is a meeting Thursday at 11:00am at TTI in Troy for this committee.

### **Rapid Re-Housing Updates**

Deb Hendren and Dan Kelly reported. Deb noted that CHN there is funding for Rapid Re-Housing available at their agency. She noted that CHN is also assisting people with obtaining a Housing Choice Voucher as well. Dan noted that SOS has Oakland County Emergency Solution Grant funds as well. He asked that anyone interested in referring a client who is in danger of being evicted or is homeless to connect with him at [dkelly@oaklandshelter.org](mailto:dkelly@oaklandshelter.org). He noted referrals can be made via HMIS or via a one page screening form. He also noted that he maintains a commitment to reach out to referral partners with ongoing updates regarding the status of those served. He also noted that the Hand-Up program can be used with those referred to meet their basic needs.

## **Homeless Preference Voucher, Moving Up, and Eviction Diversion Updates**

Deb Hendren reported. She noted that the Homeless Preference Voucher program is taking application currently. She also noted there are several project based housing units available in the community through several CHN owned properties including Unity Park among others. Deb noted that the eviction diversion program assisted three households in December 2016. She explained that the process is that DHHS conducts a basic screening and then funnels this information to local providers to assist with preventing an individual's eviction. There was discussion about how to refer an individual for services for eviction prevention.

## **Community Resource Day**

Dan Kelly reported. He noted that the event held on November 16th at Genesis Church in Royal Oak was very successful. He noted that overall feedback from those that attended was positive with a 99% satisfaction rate. He noted that there were 149 attendees of which 8 were Veterans. He noted that there were 44 organizations that attended as well. He noted that vendor feedback was overall very positive except there was a major issue with parking noted by several Vendors. He noted that the committee is working on addressing these issues moving forward.

## **PIT Count**

Leah Mccall reported. She noted that the event needs more volunteers including count Team Leaders for that night. She noted that the count is on January 25, 2017 from 6-11pm. She noted that there are only 4 team leaders at this point and over 30 are needed.

## **Agency Updates**

Tara Weidbusch from Jewish Family Services passed around flyers related to a healthcare initiative at JFS.

Abby Adair from Hand-Up Detroit now has nine partners and has raised over \$180,000 thus far. She noted that Hand-Up will be featured on NPR in the coming weeks as well. She noted that there are four partners in Oakland County currently.

Danielle Redilla from Oakland Integrated Health Network passed around flyers related to healthcare insurance enrollment. She noted that they are taking referrals for primary care physicians as well as dental services.

It was noted that the Rochester Area Neighborhood House is holding a care fair on Wednesday January 11th at 1720 S. Livernois St., Rochester Hills, that is open to all Oakland County residents to enroll in a program to assist with utility bills through Consumers Energy and United Way.

The meeting adjourned at 2:32pm.

## **CIST Meeting**

### **Basic Needs Service Map**

Deb Hendren reported. She noted that she has received significant feedback regarding updating the service map and thanked everyone for helping. She noted that an updated service map will be sent to the Alliance listserv.

### **Presentation - Dan Muncey, Oakland County Health Division - ECHO Program**

Dan Muncey reported. He utilized the Oakland County Health Division website as a visual aid. He noted that ECHO, which stands for Energizing Connections for Healthier Oakland, is a collaboration of health care related organizations. He noted that this can be found at [oakland.mi.networkofcare.org](http://oakland.mi.networkofcare.org). He noted there is a data dashboard for information for grant writing purposes. He noted there is a service directory on the website as well. He noted that he can be contacted with any questions at : [munceyd@oakgov.com](mailto:munceyd@oakgov.com).

### **HIV/AIDS Community Services**

Keith Hughes and Quintin Stroud presented. He noted he works for UNIFIED. Quintin Stroud noted he works with Adult Well Being Services. Quintin noted that he and Keith went through a University of California program that trained on best practices for preventing and treating HIV/AIDS. Keith noted that there is a need for holistic housing for those with HIV/AIDS including transitional housing. He noted that there is a prevalence of individuals who are unable to effectively treat their HIV/AIDS due to other health care, housing, or basic needs. Keith noted that BTAN's mission statement is to optimize the quality of holistic care of those experiencing economic distress that could contribute to new HIV infections. He noted that goals include: to increase awareness of risk, testing, Community Education & PrEP usage. He also noted that another goal is to increase visibility and access to non-medical services for at-risk populations of color. Quintin noted that another goal of the group is to effectively move people in transitional housing into other permanent housing options so that they can assist more people overall. Keith noted that the BTAN Detroit Project Areas include patient navigation and advocacy. He noted that there are efforts to increase the visibility of supportive services to engage the target population. Quintin noted that housing stability has been added and included in treatment plans. Keith noted there are several other organizations in their network of service providers; he noted these include Ruth Ellis Center, OLHSA, Detroit HAND, and other programs. Keith reviewed the cost of living in Detroit vs. National averages illustrating there is a significant need for housing in Detroit. He also reviewed statistics related to employment and income in Detroit noting that overall there is a very high unemployment rate. Keith noted there is only a 70% literacy rate. He noted that 471 out of 100,000 people are living with HIV/AIDS in Detroit. Keith noted there are a significant number of people who have received an initial rapid screening however have not been back to receive subsequent treatment. He noted they are working on connecting with other groups to identify new possible housing resources.

Liz Lucas from OLHSA presented as well. She noted her goal is to connect individuals with HIV/AIDS with housing resources through their tenant based rental assistance program as well as HOPWA funding

through HUD. Liz noted that they have staff that can enter the housing and provide daily living resources. She noted OLHSA also has early intervention services as well. Liz passed out flyers and asked that case managers and other staff put these at their desks to let those served know that there are housing resources available.

#### **Oakland County Outreach Plan**

Leah Mccall noted that there are efforts to better coordinate street outreach efforts in the community. She noted that partners are working on creating a system map and better coordinating outreach efforts to minimize duplication.

#### **SOAR Collaboration**

Debra Hendren noted that there are limited partners that conducting SOAR activities in Oakland County. She noted there are additional efforts in the Alliance to work on obtaining additional staffing resources for SOAR services. There was discussion about how to connect clients with assistance with social security applications.

#### **Case Presentations & Round Robin**

There were no case presentations presented.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50pm. The next meeting is: Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at 1:30 PM.  
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