

Alliance for Housing

Bi-monthly General Membership Meeting; Tuesday, March 8, 2016



Meeting Minutes - Respectfully submitted by Daniel Kelly

Attendance: Leach McCall (Alliance), Rachel Densmore (OCCMHA), Sylvia Clark (Alliance), Judith Fetzer (Salvation Army-Pontiac), Liz Lucas (OLHSA), Amy Coniff (CHN), Jessica Jasurda (CHN), Kevin Bogg (TTI), Deborah Nelson (HOPE), Sarah Sporny (CHN), Luke Hassevoort (CG), Angela Gougherty (CHN), Rustine Janiszewski, Nicole Odom (MDOC), Roslyn Johnson (CNS), Zachary Dieck (TTI), Garth Wooten (Oakland County VS), Bev Weir (OCHD), Jill Anderson (DHHS), Gabby Gonzales (ES), Dawn Calnen-Pischel (CHN), Miriam Green (DNOM), Ecole Brooks (OCCMHA), Deb Busch (Busch Housing), Amanda Bauman, Jenny Poma (SOS), Dan Kelly (SOS),

Introduction

Meeting was called to order at 1:36pm. There were no additions to the minutes from the January 12, 2016 general membership meeting; Kevin Bogg motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Sylvia Clark seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

Liz Lucas from OLHSA noted she has funding to aid those with HIV with housing. She can use these funds to help with housing costs, please call her at 248-209-2672 for more information.

Board Report

Leah Mccall presented. She noted the Board is working with MBA students this year to work with the Alliance to become a unified funding agency with HUD.

Operations Committee

Leah Mccall reported. She noted the Alliance Annual Retreat is coming up May 24th in the Oakland County Executive Conference Room. Please mark this event on your calendars. She noted that in the future, the Alliance General Membership Meeting will be held immediately following the CIST meeting to encourage participation in both meetings.

Systems Coordination Report

Affordable Housing Committee

Leah Mccall reported. She noted the committee is working on developing a survey to reach out to landlords and formerly homeless persons to see if they have difficulty moving into certain communities and gain more information about the housing market for our clients.

Eviction Diversion Program Report

Amy Coniff reported. She noted the program has not had any referrals since December 2015. She noted the program is still actively looking to work with Pontiac landlords to help those that are being

evicted maintain their housing. Please contact the housing resource center if you would like more information. There was discussion about whether the 50th district court is being a strong, active participant in this program; Amy noted she would check into that further.

ID Taskforce

Amy Coniff reported; she noted that there was a train the trainer session in Macomb County to inform providers of how to utilize the program. She noted there has been some confusion with this program; this program does not provide a fee waiver; please reach out to Department of Health and Human Services for help with fee waiver.

Permanent Supportive Housing Registry

Kevin Bogg reported. He noted that the PSH registry is meeting every Tuesday at 9:00am over the phone, once a month in person. He noted that people are actively being added to the registry by providers across the community; the minimum requirements are a 10 on the SPDAT for anyone that is not chronically homeless and there is no minimum VI SPDAT score. The group discussed the current definition of chronically homeless. The group discussed the difficulty of adding individuals to the PSH list; Dan Kelly asked that anyone that is working with anyone that they suspect may be chronically homeless, to please contact any of the housing providers in the community.

Homeless Preference Voucher

Amy Coniff reported. She noted people are still be actively added to the HPV list and that there was a pull from this list in early March. She asked that people still add people to this list.

Emergency Solutions Grant

Amy Coniff reported. She noted the MSHDA ESG program still has funds for prevention and rapid re-housing. She noted if someone is literally homeless, meets the minimum income requirements, housing requirements, and other program requirements, they may be a good candidate for assistance. Dan Kelly reported that Oakland County ESG funds are still available as well; he asked that anyone working with someone who is literally homeless, please feel free to email him at dan@oaklandshelter.org to discuss further and for more information. He also noted that there is a paper referral form that was sent to the list serve as well as an HMIS referral process to make referrals for this program.

Public Awareness and Advocacy

Leah Mccall reported. She noted there have been no recent meetings for this committee.

Project Performance and Monitoring Report

Leah Mccall reported. She noted the group is working on compiling 2014 and 2015 outcomes for the community. She noted they are working on developing a reference sheet that notes the amount of funding coming into the community as well. Sarah Sprony noted they are working on creating some universal outcomes for all providers.

Region 10 Report

Leah Mccall noted these meetings are not currently occurring.

Old Business

Point in Time Count

Leah Mccall reported. She noted that a survey is being developed to reach out to PIT team leaders to discuss the PIT in detail. Angela Gougherty noted the Housing Inventory Chart (HIC) is due May 1st; she noted that HMIS is working with agency administrators to complete this chart.

New Business

Community Resource Day

The event will be November 16, 2016. Leah Mccall noted that our community was awarded \$350.00 for the event as result of a submitted application for the event.

Veterans Fund

Liz Lucas reported; she noted that OLHSA is the recipient of MSHDA funds to aid Veterans with moving into permanent housing. There was discussion about the Veterans by-name list committee; Leah Mccall noted that anyone interested in joining this committee or if they are working with any homeless Veterans to please contact her or anyone from the committee they know.

MSHMIS Coverage Exercise

Sarah Sprony reported. She noted that there will be a access exercise on Tuesday March 22nd. She noted this exercise is essentially a "count" of how many people are being served in HMIS on a given day. She noted that they are also working with other non-HMIS homeless services agencies in our community.

Annual Retreat

Leah Mccall reported. She noted that the Alliance Annual Retreat will be May 24th, 10:30-4:00pm. She noted next general membership meeting following that will be July 13th from 1:30-2:15pm.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20pm.