



Alliance for Housing
General Membership Meeting Minutes
3.5.2025

Scribe: Julia Steinberg

Attendees: Leah McCall, Holly Gauthier, Ashley Cuniberti, Julia Steinberg, Darnell Obamwonyi (Alliance for Housing), Genny Bull, Shawna Reynolds (CHN), Melissa Preville, Steve O'Donnell (Oakland County Neighborhood & Housing Development), Miriam Halprin, Anita Scott-Meisel (Lakeshore Legal Aid), Princess Staples, Joe Rusher (Lighthouse), Clay Bell (Salvation Army), Donna Bunin (OLHSA SSVF), Mary Jo Wisneski (Mary's Mantle), Tim Hatfield, Kris Silvas (New Horizons), Chaka McDonald (OCHN), LaChetta Johnson (The House of Kadence), Ki-Jana Malone (Aetna Better Health of MI), Diane Pears (Home of Serenity)

Approval of November Meeting Minutes

- Motion to approve: Steve O'Donnell; second: Shawna Reynolds. Unanimous approval

New Business

- Agency Presentations:
 - New Horizons Rehabilitation Services presented by Tim Hatfield, President/CEO, and Kris Silvas, Director of Programs
 - New Horizons is a nationally accredited nonprofit agency providing quality vocational training and job placement services throughout Southeastern MI
 - Mission: Investing in our communities by providing employment opportunities for individuals facing barriers to employment
 - Programs: skill building, community programing, supported employment
 - Employment based programming: Individualized & group supported employment, customized employment, job coaching, on-job evaluations
 - Project Search: dedicated to providing young adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities additional training and education in professional environments through a nine-month, internship-style program for 18- to 26-year-olds, that aims to provide students with skills to help them obtain competitive employment upon completion. Job sites include: Coerwell (Troy & Royal Oak), Henry Ford (West Bloomfield), McLaren (Pontiac)
 - Locations: Auburn Hills, Madison Heights, Novi, Northern Oakland County



- Outcomes as of June 30, 2024: over 2,500 individuals served, 99.6% satisfaction rate, 126 individuals placed into competitive integrated employment
- <https://newhorizonsrehab.org/>
- Referral Link: <https://forms.office.com/r/cz0XhKRSty>
- Kari Passmore, Northern Oakland County Front Line Supervisor, Central Intake Coordinator: 248-340-0559, kpassmore@newhorizonsrehab.org
- New HCV Process:
 - Must meet the Centralized Registry prioritization requirements to be eligible for a voucher, by calling the HARA or HMIS participating agencies can directly refer
 - Housed RRH referrals- quarter prior to assistance ending
 - Based on predetermined factors (i.e. income, employment)
 - Group A (pulled first)- Those housed with RRH, TH and assistance ending within the next quarter and have not secured resources to maintain housing
 - Group B (pulled second)- CAT1 and CAT4 active on the registry based on predetermined criteria
- Seasonal Shelter Overflow
 - Funded through Oakland County to provide emergency shelter to families and singles when shelters are full
 - Funding for the season began December 1st and will close out as funding ends by the end of March
 - From December through February we have assisted 280 total (166 adults, 92 children, 22 unknown age)
 - The need is great and additional shelter beds will eventually become available through Lighthouse and HOPE shelters
- HAVEN Training
 - Recognizing and Responding to Intimate Partner Violence, facilitated by HAVEN on Thursday, March 13, 8:30am-11am
 - [Register HERE](#)
 - \$5 for Alliance members and \$10 for non-members

Committee and Workgroup Reports

- Alliance Committee Summary Reports – Group reviewed
 - Contact Leah to join a committee
 - Darnell Obamwonyi has joined the Alliance as the Landlord Engagement Specialist
- Agency Funding Spending Updates:



- No updates available
- Chronic Numbers & Veteran Numbers presented by Holly Gauthier
 - Year End 2024:
 - Total Disposition Referrals: 729 (411 active)
 - Total Housed: 360 housed
 - 41 in Permanent Supportive Housing, 217 in Rapid Re-Housing, 39 in Transitional Housing, 11 Housing Choice Voucher/Other Housed Program
 - Total Deactivated: 254
 - 195 no contact, 16 moved out of county, 15 over income, 6 incarceration
 - Veteran BNL Breakdown: 95 total referrals (33 active)
 - 20 housed, 37 deactivated
 - PATH Team- Outreach Calendars
 - Updated monthly on website: <https://www.oaklandhomeless.org/path-street-outreach-calendar>

Adjournment

Next Meeting: Annual Retreat - May 7, 2025

Location: Oakland County Executive Building, 2100 Pontiac Lake Rd, Waterford Twp.