

Macomb Continuum of Care (CoC) General Membership Meeting Minutes In Person Meeting with call-in option.

November 8, 2023 at 9 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendance

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| <p>X Julie Hintz, MCA
 X Gail Harding, Salvation Army MATTS
 X Lisa Chapman, CHN/MCAH
 April Fidler, MCREST
 X Heather VanDenburg, MCREST
 X Connie Lasher, MCCMH and CHN
 Dana Paglia-King- CHN
 X Falisha Bentley, Lakeshore Legal Aid
 X Rashidah Ervin, Amelia Agnes Home
 Tim Joy, MCREST
 X Karan Bates-Gasior, Hearts for Homes
 X Megan Vinyard, MCC
 X Kristin DeFranco, MCA
 Gail Marlow, MCOMM, Ryan, Erin, Tom
 X Amy Labuhn, CFHC
 Anita Scott-Meisel, Lakeshore Legal Aid
 Hannah Patton, MCAH
 Heidi Wilt, True North to Freedom
 Dorothy Pilla, CMH
 Nell Pratt, Perfecting CDC
 X Katherine Kondek, Lakeshore Legal Aid
 X Kathleen English- Habitat MI
 LLA
 X Sarah Muhich, CHN
 X Sarah Gilsdorf-CFHC
 Susan Williams, consultant
 X Susan Todd- CHN
 Major Barb Owen- Sal. Army
 X Olivia Raye-Leonard, Lakeshore Legal Aid
 X Erica Konwerski, Macomb Community Action.
 Gisele Poole, CHN
 Holly Galan, MCA
 X Shayna Bush, MDHHS</p> | <p>XShawna Reynolds- CHN
 X Cecilia Gaglio, MCA
 X Jolyne Baarck, Comprehensive Youth Services
 X Hearts for Homes - Karan Bates-Gasior
 X Hearts for Homes - Christa
 X Kimberly Diggan, CHN
 X Elda Cara, MCA
 X Judy Dudek, MCREST
 X Brittany Mohr, Macomb County Planning
 Rev. Lew Stier - Trinity Lutheran - Utica
 Rev. Ryan Reese, Trinity Lutheran - Warren
 Sydnie Allor, City of Sterling Heights
 D'Asia McDonald, OLSHA
 X Shelley Brinkmann- CHN
 Claudia- True North to Freedom
 X Taylor Eberhart- CHN
 Rebecca Tallarigo, MDHHS
 X Diana Laskey, MCCMH Veteran Navigator
 X Jackie Chase, Macomb ISD
 Sara Orris, Macomb ISD
 Ethan Krasman, CHN
 X Shauntell Pratt, Amelia Agnes Home
 X Monisha Scott, Detroit VA
 Clay Bell, Salvation Army
 Danielle Brayton, WAVE Project
 Rev. Susan Baisley, Fellowship of Friends
 Rhashandra Haigler, Turning Point
 XSian Washington, Disability Network
 Beth Hurkman, MCAH HMIS
 Sarah Matthews, Liverite
 X Rachel Levin, MDHHS
 X Lindsey Keesling, FYI
 X AnnMarie Carufel, PACE SHDC</p> |
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AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
1. Meeting Called to Order	Hintz called meeting to order at 9:08am.	

<p>2. Introductions</p> <p>3. Approval of the agenda</p> <p>4. Approval of May minutes</p>	<p>Everyone in person and virtual introduced themselves</p> <p>Connie Lasher motioned to approve. Lindsey Keesling seconded.</p> <p>Connie Lasher moved to approved. Megan Vineyard seconded.</p>	<p>Motion approved.</p> <p>Motion Approved</p>
<p>6. President Updates</p>	<p>Presentation by Department of Health and Human Services Mt Clemens Office Rachel Levine and Shana Bush. The presentation discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Healthcare Coverage: Doing Medicaid redetermination and looking at incomes and assets. Some Medicaid cases are closing. Make sure your clients are sending in redeterminations so they do not lose their coverage. For new applicants, applying online is the fastest option. Make sure your clients fill everything online to receive determination. There is an option to auto renew. The individual would put the income they currently have. Statewide DHS Phone Number 844-464-3447. ● Food Assistance Program: There is expedited processing within 7 days and standard processing within 30+ days. Go online to apply for the quickest response, answer all questions. Must claim any income within the last 30 days. Individuals can upload any documentation they have. A phone interview will occur after applying to determine if it will be standard or expedited. For those under a certain age that do not live with their parents, can be eligible for food assistance. Clients should still apply even if they think they are not eligible. ● Cash Assistance: Main goal of cash assistance programs is to help families become self-supporting and independent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>Family Independence Program (FIP)</u> for pregnant women or families with children. ○ <u>Refugee Cash Assistance</u> for people admitted to the U.S as refugees or someone treated as a refugee that are not eligible for FIP. ○ <u>State Disability Assistance (SDA)</u> for adults with disabilities, live-in caretakers, or people in a special living arrangement. ● Child Development + Care (CDC): Helps pay for childcare for those who need it due to work, high school completion classes, adult basic education, English as a second language, approved education or training, approved treatment activities for health or social condition. There are determinates for eligibility. The actual CDC payment amount may not cover all childcare expense. Clients are responsible for any 	

	<p>childcare costs not covered by the CDC program. Clients are responsible for any childcare expenses before their case is approved and the childcare provider is added to their case. www.greatstarttoquality.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● State Emergency Relief (SER): Provides help or assistance for emergency situations. Standard processing within 10 days. There is a max limit. Covered services include: relocation payments to avoid or eliminate homelessness. Mortgage, insurance, and/or property tax payments to stop forfeiture, foreclosure, or tax sale. Limited home repairs for homeowners. Home heat, electric, utility bills. Burial costs. Individuals do not have to be on Medicaid to be eligible for SER. When applying, list everyone in the home. The income limit changes depending on how many are in the household. If staff are filling out an application for their client, then checkbox “authorized representative”. The MIBridges is a useful site for resources and questions. For utilities, it is recommended to not wait until shutoff to submit application. <p>MDHHS may assist with car repairs, it is on a case-by-case basis on funding available. There is criteria and no guarantee. Contact MDHHS.</p>	
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7. Operations Update from Lead CoC Agency	MCA filled the CoC coordinator. Her name is Cecilia Gaglio and she started 9/18/23.	
8. HARA Update	Szajna and Associates is retiring. New Housing agent has been selected to take over the Szajna contracts. The agency name has not been released from MSHDA at this time.	
9. ESG Fiduciary Update	April Fidler at MCREST is working through processing the FY22/23 ESG reimbursements. The new FY23/24 grant is not active yet. If you are an ESG agency, please be aware and do not expend funds from them. Reach out to April Fidler or Tom Strother with questions.	
9. HMIS Lead Agency Update	The CoC Board Officers are talking with Wayne Metro who was interested in taking on the HMIS Lead Agency and HMIS grant administration. Awaiting Wayne Metro to submit a proposal for review. Goal is to start January 1, 2023.	
10. Old Business	Accepting nominations for Board of Directors. Please let Heather VanDenburg, Lisa Chapman, or Julie Hintz know if interested in being on election ballot. We need all nominations made by December 15, 2023. . Elections are January 10, 2024. The list of nominees/ballot will be communicated to the Membership at least 15 days before the January Membership meeting (per the charter).	

	<p>The CoC membership establishes a board to act on behalf of the Macomb County CoC. The CoC Board represents a diverse array of stakeholders and homeless people.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No more than two representatives of a single organization may be elected to the Macomb County CoC Board. • If one organization is represented by two board members, only one of those board members of the same organization shall be entitled to a vote. • CoC Board members may not concurrently sit on the Board of Directors of the CoC Lead/Collaborative Applicant, HMIS Lead and/or the HARA other than those seats appointed for those roles. • The CoC Board meets once a month. • Board members also attend the CoC membership meetings that are held 6-12 times per year. • Board members also participate in CoC subcommittees, including leading the subcommittees. 	
11. New Business	MCMM Winter Shelter is now open. Handout was passed out.	
12. Standing Committee Updates	<p>Point in Time Count Committee: Point in Time Count event is January 24, 2023 from 7 – 11pm. We are looking for volunteers to canvas the county. We are also looking for donations like travel size toiletries, hygiene items, grab and go foods, hats, gloves, scarves, adult socks, hand and foot warmers. For questions email kristin.defranco@macombgov.org. You can sign up online to volunteer for the PIT Count at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdOyEf5ItlYXo-LNvyjnqpSBv8aar3iamfpqrfsBusm0M9xug/viewform.</p> <p>a) Coordinated Entry Systems Committee: Completed the updates to the Policies and Procedures and new documents that needed to be included. Meet monthly to go over CE questions or concerns. Last Thursday of the month at 11 a.m.</p> <p>b) Grant Ranking and Compliance Committee – Seeking individuals to join committee.</p> <p>c) HMIS & Data Quality: If agency interested is serving as a lead of this committee, please email Julie.hintz@macombgov.org.</p> <p>d) Awareness & Advocacy: Safe Haven Event at Trinity Lutheran Church in Warren on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 from 11am – 3pm. Flyer was passed out and can be viewed at https://www.macombcoc.org/.</p> <p>e) Mainstream Resources: Organize presentations at each COC membership meeting and ensure</p>	

	<p>membership is informed of mainstream resources. Let Julie know if you want to make a presentation.</p> <p>f) Landlord Engagement: Sarah from CHN- was on the committee before- new COC coordinator will get list of those interested in joining.</p> <p>g) Equity/CERT Committee: Regional housing partnership committee will be taken up with the DEI effort. Macomb County Health and Community Services Department is the lead on the RHP.</p> <p>Sign up sheets for all committees were available for members to express interest. A survey will be emailed out after the meeting for members attending virtually or not in attendance.</p>	
Announcements	<p>Macomb Community College now has Healthcare apprenticeships programs and certifications. There is an informational meeting on November 13, 2023 at Noon. Contact Megan Vinyard for more information.</p> <p>Clinton Township Shelter PACE Program is open and tours are available on Wednesdays.</p> <p>CHN is implementing the MSHDA Housing Choice Mobility Program. A map of the areas where current households eligible for this program (as selected by MSHDA) are able to move was shared with the group.</p>	

13.Close	<p>Next meeting: January 10, 2024 Motion to adjourn: Connie Lasher Second: Heather VanDenburg The meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.</p>	Motion Approved.
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Respectfully submitted by Cecilia Gaglio, MCA.