

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

Wednesday July 10, 2024 at 9 a.m.

Meeting Minutes

Attendance		
<p> Lisa Chapman, MCAH Julia Hintz, MCA Cecilia Gaglio, MCA Daija Butler, Macomb County HCS Daa Laskey, MCCMH Dorothy Pilla, MCCMH Gail Harding, The Salvation Army MATTS Gisele Pool, CHN Hannah Quarry, MCAH HMIS Kara Black, PCDC Kathleen English, HFHM Matt McCormick, CHN Sarah Gilstorf, Community First Health Centers Sarah Muhich, CHN Sian Washington, DNE Michigan Megan Vinyard, Macomb Community College Karan Bates-Gasior - Hearts for Homes Lindsey Keesling, FYI Heather VanDenburg, MCREST </p>		
<p> Beth Hurkman, MCAH Clay Bell, The Salvation Army D'Asia McDonald, OLHSA James Chambers, SW Solution MI Side Emilija Kraai, CHN Connie Lasher, CHN/MCCMH Major Barbara Owen, The Salvation Army Hilary Kuretich, PACE Kayleigh Sheehan, CHN Julia Bingham, Macomb County HCS Elizabeth Sergent, MCA Holly Galan, MCA Melvenna Fant-Jones, WHEAT Kristin DeFranco, MCA Tara Kuhns, RPI Mgmt Katherine Kondek, Lakeshore Legal Aid Dayna Swindell, CHN Amy Labuhn, Community First Health </p>		
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
1. Meeting Called to Order	Julie Hintz called meeting to order at 9:06am.	
2. Introductions	Introductions.	
3. Approval of the agenda	Heather VanDenburg motioned to approve agenda. Megan Vinyard seconded.	Motion approved.
4. Approval of May 2024 minutes	Connie Lasher made motion to approve minutes. Caran seconded. All were in favor, no opposed.	Motion Approved

<p>5. President Updates</p>	<p>Presentation from Melvenna Fant-Jones from Women Healing Eternally and Transforming (WHEAT, Inc) https://wheatorganization.com/. WHEAT is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that provides trauma-informed comprehensive support services to survivors of domestic violence, non-intimate partner sexual assault, and human trafficking, as well as youth and families experiencing homelessness. While our organization provides healing centered trauma-informed support services to all, we emphasize trauma-informed culturally specific survivor-centered support services to African American/Black survivors.</p>	
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<p>6. Operations Update from Lead CoC Agency</p>	<p>A. FY 2024 NOFO planning - GIW reviews due today for previously awarded HUD CoC grantees. Send email to cecilia.gaglio@macombgov.org if you have not already done so on changes to Grant Inventory Worksheet.</p> <p>B. HCV update from MSHDA - There is a pause on HCV in all of Michigan. Macomb has not had a pull in a long time. There is a webinar on July 23, 2024 “MSHDA HCV Shortfall: Background and Next Steps”. It would be highly encouraged to attend the webinar. If you need the link, email cecilia.gaglio@macombgov.org. Kristin also emailed it to the CoC Listserv. On July 1, 2024, MSHDA stopped accepting new HCV applications and recertifications on the homeless preference list. There are almost 300 people on the list, and applications will expire unless they reopen the list before October. The HARA’s will be notified when the list reopens. It does not affect Edison Crossing, if someone decides to leave then those spots can still be filled. The CoC will continue to update and keep information flowing, and consider how we can respond to this. The CoC will attend the webinar and go from there.</p> <p>a. Heather VanDenburg asked if visuals could be created so all agencies can have the same flyer and use same</p>	
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	<p>language on HCV's not accepting applications. Julie said yes, if not something already not already being distributed from MSHDA.</p> <p>C. HUD VASH also on pause.</p>	
<p>7. ESG Fiduciary Update</p>	<p>A. FY 23/24 Updates - Julia Bingham gave update: Finalized awards and had first amendment go through which was a correction. Have another amendment going through now to correct some things and update the budget. Going to request an amendment to use for security deposit funding. Spending through the end of April, ESF 48.28% based on a 9 month grant this year. Behind in rent/direct assistance, please make sure billing for it and not holding costs. For ESM it is 8.5% grant spent. After June, financial status reports will be completed. Agencies will be contacted if underspending.</p> <p>B. Please send June numbers to Julia.</p> <p>C. ESG NOFA for 24/25 - Daijia Butler gave an update: Shared her screen and provided information on the application process this year. Seven organizations applied. Two additional were interested but did not apply, both organizations were sent the CoC Membership information to learn about future available funding opportunities. \$1.1 Million was requested in full for the 7 organizations. \$728,000 was received last year. 13 people will sit on the grant ranking workgroup and review applications and will help determine which organizations will administer funds, the workgroup will be meeting tomorrow 7/11/24. Has a variety of fields represented, will see if these individuals want to sit on HUD NOFO. Timeline: On July 11, 2024, ESG Rating & Ranking Workgroup will meet to review and score applications and make recommendations to the CoC. On July 15 the CoC Board will review the recommendations from the workgroup and approve final list of applicants. Between July 17 - 19, the CoC Lead Agency will send a virtual poll for the CoC Membership to affirm the decision of the Board. July 22 - 26 selected agencies will return all required supporting documents</p>	

	to the ESG Fiduciary. On August 2, 2024, the application is due to MSHDA in IGX.	
8. HMIS Lead Agency Update	<p>A. In the process of transitioning from MCAH to HAND for HMIS Lead Agency. Hannah Quarry gave updates on items still needed and updates on QSOBAA.</p> <p>B. Data Summit coming up on July 23, 24, 25, normally it is more HMIS focused but this year it will also include advocacy. Registration is not open yet but be on the look out. https://whova.com/portal/registration/hmiss_202407/</p>	
9. New Business	N/A	
10. Old Business	<p>A. Padmission: In May, Padmission was presented to the CoC. The Padmission representative expressed our community may be too small for the amount of staffing and upkeep the system needs. The example City shared needed four staff to manage the site. MSHDA and Padmission recommended a regional approach. Cecilia Gaglio did reach out to Oakland County. Oakland is starting a contract to have Padmission in their community. Cecilia asked if they would consider a regional approach but did not hear back. Cecilia wil follow-up in a few months after they have started to use the system.</p> <p>B. Winter Shelter: The WAVE Project emailed information on operating at winter shelter this year held at Trinity Lutheran in Warren. Should have more updates to come. Heather VanDenburg asked if WAVE could present at CoC Membership meeting, Cecilia Gaglio will reach out to WAVE.</p>	

11. Standing Committee Updates

A. Point-In-Time Count Committee - No new updates.

B. Coordinated Entry Systems Committee -

- a. Will begin RRH CE starting 10/1/24.
- b. Working on creating a Coordinated Entry flyer for program participants to understand the CE process. Working on infographic, going to update for easy understanding literacy. Committee working on a flyer with a list of access points/contact information. Also working on a FAQ with plain language that access point staff can reference or hand out to program participants. This will help with so language is the same across the network.
- c. The Coordinated Entry By-Name-List (CE BNL) calls are done virtually every other Wednesday. There will now be an in-person meeting as well every other month, once a month. The first in-person meeting will be August 21, 2024 at the Robert VerKulien Building in the cafeteria. Email kristin.defranco@macombgov.org for more details. Email Kristin if you would like to host a CE BNL meeting at your location.

C. Grant Ranking & Compliance Committee - Updates were made to Macomb's local HUD CoC NOFO Grant Rating and Ranking Policy and Rating Tools. Will have the committee review updates before it goes to the CoC Board for approval.

D. HMIS and Data Quality Committee - Met July 1, 2024.

Agencies are asked to focus on data quality. Remember to enter data into the system within 6 calendar days; the HMIS doesn't take into consideration weekends or holidays; this includes intake, case notes, any contact made, etc. Also, when doing data clean up and reviewing errors: elements that MUST have zero (0%) errors: Name, Client Location, and relations to Head of Household (HoH). Elements that need to be 5% or below: social security number, birthdate, race, gender (basic demographics)

E. Awareness and Advocacy Committee

	<p>a. Doing outreach to law enforcement and ER. Meeting with McLaren Macomb scheduled.</p> <p>b. Shawna Reynolds, CHN, went to CIT steering Committee, Crisis Intervention Team, police department and sheriff. The law enforcement department did not know of our community resources or organizations. Shawna will continue to go once a month and inform officers and how officers can help homeless on the street, to help avoid jailing. CIT will offer trainings to law enforcements and educate them on mental health and disorders. Shawna will give presentations for training on resources available and how we can help.</p> <p>F. Landlord Engagement Committee - Working on flyer to give to landlords on RRH.</p> <p>G. Equity / CERT - Equity / CERT - Statewide Racial Equity Action Plan was approved by the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH). Arc4 Justice and the Project Coordinating Team (PCT) put together a recommendation to start a racial equity advisory committee to make sure plan is being completed and oversight is being done. The committee was tabled for now since there were additional questions that need to be addressed. One key recommendation for advisory board was to have diverse representation at service providers, CoC, state officials, PWLE, etc. The PCT will meet regularly to answer questions and provide additional recommendations to the ICH. Macomb CoC should continue to have an Equity/CERT Committee that focuses on equity as a whole (race, disability, LGBTQ, etc). Other CoC's developed race equity plan, that could be something we do locally.</p> <p>H. Ad-Hoc - ESG Implementation Committee -</p> <p>I. If interested in joining a committee please sign up at https://forms.gle/JAXrN2n9wR2URpCn7. For questions, please email cecilia.gaglio@macombgov.org.</p>	
12. Announcements	A. The CoC Board discussed the grants passed and legislation updates.	

	<p>B. MCAH gave updates on legislation and have a peer learning call on July 31. Email will email link.</p> <p>C. MCAH is starting Legislative Liaison meetings. Cecilia will be the CoC representative. First meeting in August.</p> <p>D. Summit on Ending Homelessness on October 29, 30 in Lansing. Registration not open yet.</p>	
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13.Close	<p>Motion to adjourn: Connie Lasher Second: Megan Vinyard seconded The meeting adjourned at 10:25 am.</p>	Motion Approved.
14. Next Meeting	<p>Next meeting: August 14, 2024 (if needed) Virtual September 11, 2024 In-Person at 9 a.m.</p>	

Respectfully submitted by Cecilia Gaglio, MCA