

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

**March 8, 2023
9 a.m.**

Present:

Julie Hintz, MCA
Gail Harding, Salvation Army MATTS
Lisa Chapman, CHN/MCAH
Deirdre Mercer, CHN
Heather VanDenburg, MCREST
Connie Lasher, MCCMH and CHN
Major Barbara Owen, Salvation Army, Mt. Clems.
Falisha Bentley, Lakeshore Legal Aid
Rashidah Ervin, Amelia Agnes Home
Tim Joy, MCREST
Jessica Keenan, CHN
Karan Bates-Gasior, Hearts for Homes
Megan Vinyard, MCC
Kristin DeFranco, MCA
Gail Marlow
Amanda Quist, CHN
Anita Scott-Meisel, Lakeshore Legal Aid
Hannah Patton, MCAH
Heidi Wilt, True North to Freedom

Reverend Ryan Reese
Sydnie Allor, City of Sterling Heights
D'Asia McDonald, OLSHA
Sarah Muhren, CHN
Rebecca Tallarigo, MDHHS
Diana Laskey, MCCMH Veteran Navigator
Gina Misuraca, CHN
Jackie Chase, Macomb ISD
Sara Orris, Macomb ISD
Ethan Krasman, CHN
Christopher Merchant, CHN
Shauntell Pratt, Amelia Agnes Home
Michelle Malmgren, CHN
Monisha Scott, Detroit VA, Presenter
Kathleen English, Habitat of Humanity MI, Presenter
Clay Bell, Salvation Army
Danielle Brayton, WAVE Project
Elizabeth Graham, MCAH
Rhashandra Haigler, Turning Point

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
1. Meeting Called to Order	Hintz called meeting to order at 9:10am	
2. Introductions	Everyone in person and virtual introduced themselves	
3. Approval of the agenda	Correct the date to the 8 th . Connie motioned. Pastor Ryan Reese second.	Motion approved.
4. Approval of January minutes	Lasher approved. Haigler second.	
6. President Updates	Hintz thanked everyone for being here for the first in person meeting since March of 2020. Shared flyers. MSHDA Regional Housing Plan Meetings- Macomb March 31 st in Eastpointe. Agencies are encouraged to attend.	

7. Operations Update from Lead CoC Agency	System performance measures were submitted to HUD. FY21 (due to changes in the community) and FY22	
8. HARA Update	HCV pull of 25 individuals. Kristin DeFranco will reach out to agencies individually about the pulls.	
9. ESG Fiduciary Update	Waiting for HARA documents to submit application for FY22. Will be submitted by the end of this week.	
9. HMIS Lead Agency Update	<p>MCAH will be offering HMIS training.</p> <p>Hintz reminded agencies to ensure they are using the most recent updated HMIS Sharing Agreement document. Beth shared that all visibility issues should be fixed and agencies should be able to see shared info.</p> <p>DeFranco asked about previous info being visible. Graham confirmed that it is only for data from this point forward. It won't allow for data entered in the past to be visible.</p>	
10. Old Business	<p>Macomb Winter Shelter Update: Marlow shared that there are plans for the winter shelter for next year at the same location. Staff and guests have both benefited from a stationary location. Several have related to housing/HCV apps, treatment programs. IDs, SS benefits, WAVE project has been coming twice a week. Receiving drop-offs from hospitals, police stations, psych hospitals, etc. Single adults 18 and over only. Support for families ended at the end of February. Starting in April, plans are in place for a day center on Thursdays only.</p> <p>Rev. Reeves shared that his congregation has been involved and the church has intentions of continued involvement.</p> <p>Joy reported that a warm place to sleep and 3 meals a day have been provided for over 450 unique individuals and 70+ families. MCA and United Way provided funds to support the program. Funding was limited to this year, so there is no funding to continue the work. Plan to apply for ESG funds. Joy would like to encourage the leadership and membership to support the project during the next round of ESG funding. ESG-CV funds were available through MCREST to provide hotel stays for families through the end of February.</p> <p>Marlow asked that agencies stop referring families to them as they no longer have the funding to assist.</p>	

	<p>Macomb CoC Board elections: Board members elected: Connie Lasher, Pastor Lew Stier, Sarah Gilstorf, Monisha Scott, Gail Harding, Victoria Rines.</p> <p>Officers elected: Julie Hintz, President, Lisa Chapman, Secretary</p>	
<p>11. New Business</p>	<p>Presentation from Habitat for Humanity Michigan Kathleen English</p> <p>Presentation from John D. Dingall VA Medical Center, Homeless Veteran Updates Monisha Scott</p> <p>Slideshows for both presentations will be shared after the meeting through the CoC membership google group.</p> <p>MSHDA HOME ARP Housing Navigation Program: Funding for staff to do housing navigation. CoC needs to recommend agency(ies) that can receive this.</p> <p>Gayle from Motor City Mitten Mission asked about the coordinated entry process in Macomb and asked if these funds could be used to create something like CAM in Detroit. VanDenburg and Hintz clarified the Macomb process and Hintz shared housing@macomb.gov and 586-469-5656 as ways agencies can refer people to the HARA.</p> <p>MSHDA Shelter Diversion Pilot: 10 funded projects in the state. Only 1 applicant per CoC.</p> <p>If agencies are interested in applying for either the MSHDA HOME ARP Housing Navigation Program or the MSHDA Shelter Diversion Program they must notify the CoC Board by March 27th.</p> <p>General discussion regarding the need for Marketing to the public and members were encouraged to sign up for the Awareness and Advocacy Committee to continue a conversation about these efforts.</p>	

<p>12. Standing Committee Updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Point-In-Time Count Committee: No updates b) Coordinated Entry Systems Committee: Meeting is on the 4th Thursday of each month. Agencies, particularly Turning Point are encouraged to attend. c) Grant Ranking & Compliance Committee : NEED MEMBERS d) HMIS and Data Quality: Last meeting discussed trainings to be offered to HMIS users. e) Awareness and Advocacy: Event on April 21st at Salvation Army in Mt. Clemens. f) Mainstream Resources: No updates g) Landlord Engagement: No updates h) Equity/CERT Committee: Need a chair for the committee. 	
	<p>Allor reported funding that was available to assist Sterling Heights residents with rent is no longer available. Please do not send additional referrals their way.</p> <p>Joy shared that MCREST has purchased the building next door to the women’s shelter to renovate and open a stationary men’s shelter. This will not increase capacity, but will offer a permanent location rather than rotating model used historically. He also shared about the HOME-ARP dollars that will be available later this year. Funds must be spent by 2030. RFP will come up late summer/early fall. Support services can be funded through these funds.</p>	

13.Close	<p>April meeting (tentative): virtual April 12th May meeting: virtual Wednesday, May 10th</p> <p>Motion to adjourn: Lasher Second: VanDenburg</p> <p>Recommendation was made to have the next meeting in person again, with a virtual option.</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 11:15am.</p>	Motion Approved.
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Respectfully submitted by Heather VanDenburg, MCREST.