



Flint/ Genesee County CoC Minutes

Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2021

9:00 AM Zoom Teleconference Call

Attendance: Greg Ablor, CCJ; Anthony Barker, Hope Network; Kelly Bidelman, CCJ; Misty Bowers, Catholic Charities & GCYC; Travis Buckley, MCD; Maurice Bush, Wellness; Milton Carroll, GCHC; Bridgette Cavette, GCHC; Denise Diller, Crossover; Bill Doub, Genesee Health System; Michelle Edwards, MSHDA; Leon El-Alamin, MADE Institute; Damon Fortney, GCMPC; James Gaskin, United Way; Brian Glowiak, MCD; Elisabeth Hamilton, Crossover; Jim Hudgens, New Paths; Debra Hayes, MBK; Kinda Henry, GST Michigan Works; Allie Herkenroder, FHC; Angela Hood-Beaugard, FGLN; Sheery Houston, Ennis Center; Giovanni Ireland, Wellness; Tracey Jackson, MCD; Jody Kerbyson, GST Michigan Works; Lori Kunkel, GFHC; Kevin Miller, City of Flint; Molly Mueller, Communities First; Morgan Neeley, Wellness; Elizabeth Noye, The Salvation Army; Jill Nylander, LSEM; Jim Perlaki, GCYC; Dinah Schaller, MCC; Vicky Schultz, Catholic Charities; Polly Sheppard, Sheppard Consulting; Kevin Thompson, AAVAMC; David Tweedie, OrgCode; Jamie-Lee Venable, United Way; Tiffani Wharry, FPGC; Essence Wilson, Communities First; Rayetta Wyatt, State of Michigan Veteran Services; Ashnee Young, LSEM & The Power Initiative

Welcome: Meeting call to order by Essence Wilson at 9:05 AM.

Community Presentation, Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission: The mission of the Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission is to lead Michigan's redistricting process to assure Michigan's Congressional, State Senate and State House district lines are drawn fairly in a citizen-led transparent process meeting Constitutional mandates. The Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission consists of 13 people that represent the state and choose/help create the way our representation is voted on. As representation matters and as each organization or individual needs to be represented, this should also include the voices in the Genesee County community that are experiencing housing crisis and our organizations working on the margins. The commission hopes to hear the voices of the people we serve and get a sense of understanding on how they can reflect Michigan completely. View the website, mi.gov/micrc for more information on the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. Arrangements can also be made for a Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission representative to provide information to your organization by contacting the Communications Director, Eric Woods III at Woodse3@mi.gov. There will be additional information coming soon on the proposed maps, work of the commission and what this means for the community we serve.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of July minutes: Minutes were approved.

Governance Council Update: Polly Sheppard stated that they have reached a point in their Governance Charter work where feedback for communication from the full CoC body and the Independent Review Team (IRT) is needed. She stated the hope is that the draft Charter will be available for review by September and then be brought for a vote by October.

The CoC General Membership Input on Proposed Committees survey is as follows:

- 1) Are the right committees listed to get the work done?
- 2) Where does SOAR belong?
- 3) Where does Homeless Court belong?
- 4) Where does Coordinated Entry belong?
- 5) Can the work of the QBNL and IST committees be combined?
- 6) How does a System Infrastructure and an Analysis & Planning Committee interface or coordinate?
- 7) How do we have enough committees to get the work done BUT not so many committees that the demands on members are too great? Do the tasks of the committees make sense? Are the workloads as balanced as possible?

Additional follow-up, thoughts and concerns can be emailed to Polly Sheppard at sheppardconsult@aol.com or Angela Hood-Beaugard at angela.hoodbeaugard@mcc.edu.

REPORTS

H.A.R.A: Misty Bowers stated that new HARA staff has been hired and the last three staff will be starting next week. HARA intake calls and walk-ins has increased. For Homeless Prevention there were new staff coming in, so the numbers are not accurate as Misty has been busy with assisting with the new staff transition and training. For the Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) Tracey will coordinate with adding more clients to the waitlist during the week. There will also be COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) case management staff coming so that client applications can be processed faster. Please view report.

GCCARD: Please view report

Street Outreach: Jim Perlaki stated that for the month of July there was 140 engagements with youth in the community and an additional 137 engagements with adults in the community, also crisis intervention was provided to ten youth and 51 adults. Five homeless verifications were completed, and three verifications were not able to be completed due to not meeting the definition of homelessness under HUD. Lastly referrals were sent to other various community partner agencies for a total of 120 clients. Please view report.

Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI): Jim Perlaki stated that the CQI group are continuing to look at how to strengthen the Coordinated Entry process. Please view report

Coordinated Entry: Tracey Jackson stated that there are 287 individuals on the QBNL, 162 are single individuals and we are seeing a shift of more families entering into Coordinated Entry. On the QBNL 75 individuals scored an 8 or above and 191 individuals scored between 4-7. Please view report

HMIS Administrator: David Tweedie stated that through the 10-month analysis in his report (shown on page 20 of the HMIS report) it displays the inflow and outflow of clients. The count has spiked, and more people are experiencing homelessness and being sustained in shelter for the last two months. He stated that we need to examine these three lagging indicators:

1. How to reduce inflow of homelessness in our system,
2. How to increase outflow from homelessness into housing,
3. How we can speed up the time process to get people housed as quickly as we can as we are trending in the opposite direction

Essence stated that as this is cause for concern, we will work together with David on determining the internal and external pressures in these trends. There will be a meeting arranged hopefully this month to take a deeper dive into these trends and make sure our resources available in the community align with what the homeless needs and concerns are.

Fiscal Workgroup Subcommittee: Tiffani Wharry stated the biggest task they will work on is making sure to get more financial reports for discussion. Tiffani asked of all the Fiscal workgroup subcommittee attendees to check her report to ensure they were included in attendance at the last meeting. Any updates on the attendance or report can be sent to Tiffani at director@familypromiseofgc.org.

Social Security Outreach Accessibility and Recovery (SOAR): Bill Doub stated that there was a new SOAR approval for a long-term client in the mental health system. Bill thanked Allie Herkenroder for establishing the Google Group call and the next SOAR support group meeting will be Thursday, August 26th. He also thanked United Way of Genesee County for their involvement in support of SOAR staff training.

OTHER BUSINESS

FY'2021-2022 CoC Program NOFA/NOFO Update: Tracey Jackson stated that the 2021-2022 CoC Program NOFA has not been released but there will be a special meeting once it is released. During a national CoC call the SNAPS office stated that the NOFO should be released in the next two or three weeks. As soon as it is published, she will send an email informing the CoC body.

MSHDA ESG 2021-2022 NOFA: Tracey stated she and Shelly Safi of Catholic Charities worked closely to submit the Exhibit 1 and MSHDA ESG 2021 application.

Adjournment: Essence adjourned meeting at 10:26 AM. Next meeting: **September 8, 2021, 9:00 AM** Location: Teleconference

Submitted by Myra Hinkle