



Flint/ Genesee County CoC Minutes

Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2020

9:00 AM Zoom Teleconference Call

Attendance: Greg Ablner, Center for Civil Justice; Kaitlyn Adler, CS Mott; Tony Barker, Hope Network; Angela Beaugard, Literacy Network; Linda Bielskis, Shelter of Flint; Jodi Blair, GHS; Maurice Bush, Wellness; Dwayne Clemons, Hamilton; Kanisha Clemons, YWCA; Suzanne Cupal, Genesee County Health Department; Denise Diller, Crossover Ministries; Bill Doub, GHS; Bob Edgar, Retired; Dawn Everett, Genesee County Landbank; Damon Fortney, Genesee County Planning Commission; Jamie Gaskin, United Way; Brian Glowiak, Metro Community Development; Melton Harvey, Veteran Affairs; Debra Hayes, My Brother's Keeper; Myra Hinkle, Metro Community Development; Claudnyse Holloman, Voices for Children; Sheery Houston, Ennis Center for Children; Jim Hudgens, New Paths; Tracey Jackson, Metro Community Development; Gary Jones, Governor Whitmer's Office; Cindy Johns, Carriagetown Ministries; Ann Kita, YWCA; Lori Kunkel, Greater Flint Health Coalition; Andy Kruse, Ascension-Genesys; Craig Leavitt, Crossover Ministries; Nic Lucic, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan; Jamie Lee-Venable, United Way; Tamika Mack, MDHHS; Cheryl Mathis, HUD; Lorrie McCarty, Genesee Health System; Amy Meister, American Red Cross; Melissa Melhalko, Catholic Charities; Kevin Miller, City of Flint; Molly Mueller, Communities First; Lynn Nee, MDHHS; Bob Nelson, St Luke New Life Center; Katy Nunn, GST Michigan Works; Jill Nylander, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan; Jane Odell, Community Resolutions Center; Diane O'Keefe, Flint Public Library; Stan Page, Genesee County Youth Corporation; Jim Perlaki, Genesee County Youth Corporation; Trina Sanders, YWCA; Dinah Schaller, Mott Community College; Vickie Schultz, Catholic Charities; Kim Shewmaker, Odyssey Village; Omar Sims, HAP; Mark Sorbo, HUD; Kirk Smith, Greater Flint Health Coalition; Teresa Springer, Wellness Services; Mike Striler, Training and Treatment Innovations; Katie Stanley, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan; Shearese Stapleton, Mercy House; Lydia Tabat, Habitat for Humanity; Corey Taylor, Genesee Health Plan; Sheila Taylor, Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission; Sheryl Thompson, MDHHS; Sydney Weycker, Metro Community Development; Kasie White, UofM Social Work; Essence Wilson, Communities First; Jeff Wilson, Genesee County EOC; Rayetta Wray, State of Michigan Veteran Services; Ashnee Young, Metro Community Development & Legal Services of Eastern Michigan; Cheryl Zapfe, Genesee Intermediate School District

Welcome: Meeting called to order by Kasie White at 9:04 AM. Kasie White

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of March Minutes: Minutes were approved.

HARA Update: Kasie stated that she heard that Michelle Edwards from MSHDA is working to update contracts to get funds to Catholic Charities.

Street Outreach: Kasie stated that she asked Jim Perlaki to have someone from the Street Outreach team join the call to give us an update on street outreach. Stan Page of GCYC was present for the update. He stated that street outreach has been doing food distributions, homeless verifications on street and via phone as well as assisting Center for Hope at the Flint and Fenton locations with food delivery boxes. Stan stated we have identified 5 locations where homeless individuals take shelter, but Street Outreach will not bring a lot of attention to those areas because law enforcement (due to 9 pm curfew) may force them to scatter. Stan stated that they make sure to bring them food bags and personal item kits. Stan stated one of the barriers with street outreach is transportation since they cannot transport clients. Kasie stated that as a CoC we should discuss further ways to brainstorm transportation and access to resources during the Flint Genesee County Covid-19 Response call later today.

NEW BUSINESS

Introduction of new Governance Council: Kasie stated that she had a wonderful conversation yesterday with the new Governance Council and everyone was engaged.

Introduction of new leadership: Kasie stated that yesterday the Council elected for a 6-month interim term for the new leadership of chair, vice chair and secretary as they become acquainted with the materials and make decisions.

New Chair- Essence Wilson, Communities First

Vice Chair- Jim Hudgens, New Paths Inc

Secretary- Angela Hood-Beaugard, The Literacy Network

Transference of Leadership: Essence thanked the full body for the leadership role in the Governance Council with Jim Hudgens and Angela Beaugard. She stated that they bring experience and passion and they all look forward to continuing great work. She stated that the Council is currently refamiliarizing themselves with the charter and by-laws. The leadership team will have a call to establish priorities and how they will move forward. She stated in reviewing the Governance charter there is a lot of flexibility and opportunities to define what this will look like for Genesee County. Essence stated that we all know there is important work to be done but she has confidence in the CoC body and Governance Council. Essence stated that if anyone has questions, suggestions or concerns regarding the transition for the next 6 months feel free to contact her by email or phone.

Jim stated he agrees with Essence. He stated let's get moving forward and get through the crisis and go from there.

Angela also agrees that we have a strong, solid team and she looks forward to moving forward. Angela stated that in a CNN interview she watched it shown disparities and how the communities that are experiencing the greater impact and higher death rates are generally the communities of color and the communities of lower socioeconomic status. As we look at things that are going on and how we bring things to the table we need to hold this to our hearts.

Discussion ensued by Debra Hayes regarding structural changes with the oversight of the CoC. She stated her recommendation is to bring in Judy Pearlman, who is a consultant hired by HUD, to enlighten the group into what the system should look like. Debra states we need to start with the professionals to get us on track. Debra stated she would like more people within the community to join the Governance Council.

Discussion also ensued about ESG-CV funding and additional funding coming to Genesee County.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM. Next meeting will be held May 13th 2020. Location: TBD

Submitted By: Myra Hinkle and Ashnee Young