



Flint/Genesee County Continuum of Care

Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2019

Our Vision

Residents of Flint/Genesee County will have the knowledge, skills, and resources to access and maintain permanent housing.

Attendance: [Greg Abler, Center for Civil Justice](#); [Angela Beaugard, Metro Community Development](#); [Kelly Bidelman, CCJ](#); [Maurice Bush, Wellness Aids Service](#); [Katy Carnes, Shelter of Flint/One Stop](#); [Milton Carroll, Genesee Community Health Center](#); [Dwayne Clemons, Hamilton Community Health Network](#); [Sandy Muller, Wellness Aids Service](#); [Bill Doub, Genesee Health Systems](#); [Danielle Augustrom, Family Promise of Genesee County](#); [Michelle Edwards, MSHDA](#); [Damon Fortney, GCMPC](#); [Debra Hayes, My Brothers Keeper](#); [Tracey Jackson, Metro Community Development](#); [Ann Kita, YWCA](#); [Nikola Lucic, Legal Services of Eastern Michigan](#); [Cheryl Mathis, HUD](#); [Charlotte McCann, Building Strong Women](#); [Karem McGregor, Carriage Town Ministries](#); [Kevin Miller, City of Flint](#); [Molly Mueller, Communities First](#); [Neeley Marquay, Building Strong Women](#); [Jim Perlaki, Traverse Place](#); [Julie Pirtle, Metro Community Development](#); [Elizabeth Rueger, Shelter of Flint](#); [Trina Sanders, YWCA](#); [Ashley Seeback, Flint Odyssey House](#); [Tabatha Dolan, McFarlan Villages](#); [Mark Sorbo, HUD](#); [Tracy Smith, BECKA Management](#); [Mike Striler, TTI](#); [Kasie White, UM Flint Social Work Department](#); [Angela Willie, Carriage Town Ministries](#); [Brian Glowiak, Metro Community Development](#)

Welcome and Introductions: Meeting was called to order at 9:07 AM by Kasie White.

Community Presentations: Kelly Bidelman from Center for Civil Justice presented on Homeless Court, [work is currently under way to bring this model to which will be available in](#) Genesee County in the [near](#) future. The person who is experiencing homelessness will be referred to Homeless Court from the [referring party i.e. Shelter or service provider that they are staying in to assist with charges to decriminalize issues regarding homelessness or allowable charges that pose as barriers to securing housing](#). The judge would then come to the shelter to hold "Homeless Court" which [ultimately](#) helps the defendants [help](#) find stable housing, gain steady employment and develop life skills. Once the person has [followed the recommended course of action, taken care of their barriers](#) the tickets or charges are waived. There will be an invitation only luncheon at the Masonic Temple on June 3, 2019 at noon, to hold a forum with judges, attorneys and [Executive Directors](#) of shelters [and those intricately involved in this work](#). If you would like to attend, please contact Kelly Bidelman.

OLD BUSINESS:

Approval of March Minutes: The minutes were approved [as corrected with 1 suggestion by corrected by](#) Kasie ~~White;~~ ~~The White:~~ the Agenda stated Approval of February minutes; it has been corrected to say March minutes.

Spending Report: Tracey Jackson reviewed the HUD spending report [and again explained every column with the CoC body](#). [Metro and the City of Flint](#) Every agency submitted their spending reports to Tracey. [Shelter of Flint reported no new activities from last month on the MSHDA April Spending report.](#)

Genesee Health System: Michelle Edwards stated that MSHDA would be [providing gap funding to GHSpaying](#) for the [Shelter+CareLease-up](#) program for May, June and July. That will give the CoC time to figure out a plan for those families. [The CoC thanked MSHDA for their support.](#)

H.A.R.A.: Katie Carnes stated that she would like [to compile a collaborative](#) rental guide for the entire Genesee County area. Katie will be sending an email to the CoC body with proposed meeting dates and times. Bill Doub also made the request that [Katie Carnes email the guide also reference the eligibility and quality concerns in that referral process.](#) ~~to the H.A.R.A.~~

Subcommittee /Workgroup Report Outs: The following subcommittee/ workgroup reports [were](#) submitted: H.A.R.A., HMIS Agency Administrator, Continuous Quality Improvement, Point in Time (PIT), Social Security Outreach Accessibility Recover (SOAR), By-Name List (BNL), Interagency Services Team (IST), Engagement Committee (PCC) The following subcommittee/workgroup , Legislative Action/ID Taskforce did not meet.

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CoC Governance Policy: Kasie White asked if the roll call vote should be post-poned due to the fact-point that people still had questions. It was brought up that some people did not feel comfortable asking questions and that they could email their questions to Tracey Jackson and they could be asked in anonymity. Liz Ruediger stated that there has been enough time for the CoC body to read the entire document and ask questions, no questions were asked. Liz asked that roll call vote take place. A motion and support was presented and a roll call vote was conducted, and the Governance Charter was unanimously approved as a living document. Jim Perlaki stated that now the real work starts, with the implementation. Kasie White suggested will be hosting a governance forum to-for discussion at the University of Michigan on April 22, 2019 from 9am-11am and April 25, 2019 from 1pm-3pm. At that time, we will have the Governance Charter on a screen to review. Kasie White will email info for calling in to the meeting and also skyping, for those who can't attend.

Executive Committee Openings: Both Tiffani Ferrier and Nikola Lucic were presented and voted on individually by the CoC at large and have been approved for appointment to the Executive Committee of the CoC.

CoC Letterhead/Logo Recommendations: The CoC body cast their vote for the Logo recommendation. The ballots were given to Tracey Jackson and notification will be shared via we will email of the results when they are counted.

New Business:

Shelter of Flint Rapid Rehousing vote: Angela Beaugard started this discussion off chronically listing the history of RRH and with stating that with following total transparency that there have been concerns from both Metro Community Development and Shelter of Flint both parties were at fault. With that being said, Angela stated that it would be in the best interest of the community that Metro Community Development (MCD) process the request for reimbursement Shelter of Flint (SOF) in the amount of \$102,000.00 for the expenses that were incurred without a signed sub-recipient agreement in place for the clients enrolled in the RRH program since August 2018, although the spending report has shown \$0 since last year. The expenses were turned in with proper documentation. Angela Beaugard stated that Rapid Rehousing is for stabilizing families and that the grant was a rental agreement which has a 25% match requirement. MCD mistakenly issued contracts referencing both rental and sent a leasing agreement (which and that has no match requirement). SOF stated that if it was a rental agreement with a match, that they did not want the grant. HUD was then asked to get involved to determine if the grant was a match or no match grant. The issue was took a long time to get a decision due to the following reasons: The grant began in August 2018, HUD sent contracts in September 2108, Sub-recipient agreements was sent in September August of 2018 and not signed; HUD was brought in to investigate the grant on whether or not it was a leasing grant with no match or a rental grant with a match, then we had a government shut down and finally we received a decision stating that it was a rental grant with a match. MCD has been submitting spending reports to the CoC body since October of 2018. The Rapid Rehousing grant has been on the spending report showing \$0 spent. There were conversations in January of 2019 between Liz Ruediger, (SOF) and Angela Beaugard, (MCD) and Liz stated that they would eventually have to sign the contract due to having expenses. All program information has been entered in HMIS. Discussion ensued among all of the CoC and numerous comments and concerns were shared. Motion and support were given to have a roll call vote. It was unanimously agreed upon by the CoC body that MCD would reimburse SOF for the entire of amount of expenses that they turned in and the remaining funds would be re-allocated into the community, with a Request for Proposal (RFP). Brian Glowiak, CEO of MCD stated that there are 2 lessons to be learned here and they are better communication skills between agencies and MCD and that when MCD sends out the sub-recipient agreements they will not have the MCD signatures until the agencies have sent back the signed agreement, they will also have a return by date. MCD will then send the agency a copy of the signed by both party agreement. Cheryl from HUD stated that it is common practice when a grant ends that the agencies continue to provide services until they receive the grant. Brian Glowiak stated that this situation is this is not a precedent and we do not want a repeat of this entire misunderstanding. Jim Perlaki motioned in support of paying Shelter of Flint and Bill Doub seconded that motion. Mark Sorba from HUD stated that it was not common practice to have the entire CoC body determine an issue like this. HUD was impressed by the communication of the CoC as a whole.

Other Business:

Training Topics:

Advocacy Day: Just a reminder that Advocacy Day will be April 16, 2019 in Lansing Michigan.

Sharing announcements/opportunities: email for distribution: tjackson@metroflint.org.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am by Kasie White.

Next meeting: **May 8, 2019** 9:00am at GCCARD (601 Saginaw St; Flint, MI 48502).