



Wednesday, December 11, 2019  
**9:00 AM GCCARD**

*Our Mission:*

*“A community working together to achieve access to safe and affordable housing for all residents of Genesee County.”*

**A G E N D A**

- I. Welcome and Introductions Kasie White
- II. Community Presentations
  - A. Homeless Court MOU **Kelly Bidelman**  
Center for Civil Justice
  - B. SOAR Update **Matt Muszynski & Alicia Pennington**  
SOAR Navigators
- III. Approval of **November** minutes Kasie White
- IV. Reports
  - A. **H.A.R. A** Josh Sinclair
    - 1. HCV
    - 2. ESG Prevention
    - 3. Rapid Re-housing
    - 4. Referrals
    - 5. Extra services
    - 6. After hours plan
  - B. **Subcommittee/Work Group**
    - 1. HMIS Admin
    - 2. CQI – Jim Perlaki
    - 3. CES – Sydney Weycker
    - 4. BNL / SOAR – Bill Doub
    - 5. QBNL– Sydney Weycker
    - 6. Interagency Service Team (IST) – Trina Sanders
    - 7. Governance Implementation– Nik Lucic (Interim)
    - 8. Advocacy (Legislative Action / ID TF) – Debra Hayes
    - 9. Engagement – Kanisha Clemons
    - 10. Homeless Court – Kelly Bidelman
  - C. **Fiscal Workgroup** Kasie White
    - 1. HUD - Tracey Jackson
    - 2. MSHDA – TBD
    - 3. COF - Kevin Miller
    - 4. GCCARD Samaritan Plus - Shardae Davis
    - 5. Genesee County ESG – Damon Fortney
    - 6. Engagement – Angela Beaugard
- V. Old Business
  - A. Governance Implementation Leadership Kasie White
- VI. New Business
  - A. Action Items Kasie White
    - 1. CES Amendment - PSH/RRH Separate Prioritization List Vote
    - 2. BNL Policy Revisions vote
    - 3. QBNL vote to adopt
    - 4. Meeting Status
    - 5. Weather Cancellation
  - B. Nominations for Executive Committee

VII. Other Business

- A. City of Flint ESG and CDBG – due December 19th
- B. PIT Count – Save the date January 29th
- C. Ian DeJong, Consultant, OrgCode – February 12th – 14th community training sessions
- D. Commonwealth coming soon – Jill Nylander Presentation in January 2020

VIII. Announcements

- A. Sharing, Client Successes, announcements & opportunities, email for distribution:  
[flint-geneseecoc@metroflint.org](mailto:flint-geneseecoc@metroflint.org)

IX. Adjournment – Next meeting **January 8, 2020 9:00 AM Location: GCCARD, 601 Saginaw St, Flint, MI 48502**



## *Flint/ Genesee County CoC Minutes*

November 13, 2019

9:00 AM GCCARD

Attendance: Chad Adams, Shelter of Flint; Malinda Baker, Carman Ainsworth Early Head Start; Angela Beaugard, Metro Community Development; Jodi Blair, GHS; Maurice Bush, Wellness Aids Services; Dwayne Clemons, Hamilton Community Health Network; Bill Doub, Genesee Health System; Robert Esselink, CCSGC; Tiffany Ferrier, Family Promise of Genesee County; Damon Fortney, GCMPC; Jey Hall, GFHC; Debra Hayes, My Brother's Keeper; Allie Herkenroder, FHC; Myra Hinkle, Metro Community Development; Tracey Jackson, Metro Community Development; Latoya Jenkins, GCCARD; Christa Jones, Building Strong Women; Brandon Matilla, GFHC; Charlotte McCann, Building Strong Women; Kevin Miller, City of Flint; Molly Mueller, Communities First Inc; Gabriel Parra, US Department of Veteran Affairs; Jim Perlaki, Traverse Place; Elizabeth Phillips, Wellness Services; Trina Sanders, YWCA; Ashley Seeback, Flint Odyssey House; Josh Sinclair, SOF; Shearese Stapleton, Mercy House & Wellspring Lutheran; Mike Striler, GFHC; Jameka Thomas, Genesee Healthy Plan; Deyhana Thompson, City of Flint; Charles Tommasulo, Family Service Agency; Sydney Weycker, Metro Community Development; Angela Willie, Carriage Town Ministries; Vonda Willey, Metro Community Development; Ashnee Young, LSEM & Metro Community Development; Libby Wood, MCD;

- I. Welcome and Introductions: Meeting called to order by Tracey Jackson at 9:04 AM.
- II. Presentation: A supportive session in remembrance of Liz Ruediger was guided by Katie Hendricks, LMSW Clinical Supervisor Easterseals Michigan.
- III. Approval of **October** minutes- Minutes approved.
- IV. **OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. VAWA Vote- Approved unanimously with 1 abstention from Flint Housing Commission.
- V. **OTHER BUSINESS**
  - A. Damon Fortney of Genesee County Metropolitan Planning Commission (GCMPC) stated that the 2020 Home and ESG Applications have been distributed. An application copy can be retrieved by contacting Damon or viewing GCMPC.org. Application copies have also been distributed through the CoC's email List-Serve.
    1. Genesee County Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) 2020 Application Due: Friday 12/6/19 4:00 PM.
    2. Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program 2020 Application Due: Friday 12/6/19 4:00 PM.
  - B. Homeless Verification Training, November 20, 2019 2:00 PM @Oak Business Center -Free to public -GCYC's Stan Page presenting at Oak Business Center at 2:00 PM. Ashnee Young stated that the training will highlight what it looks like to submit a verification request and the process of streamlining verification requests.

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IX. Adjournment – Meeting was adjourned at 10:17 AM. Next meeting will be **December 11, 2019**  
**9:00 AM Location: GCCARD**

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## **Homeless Court MOU**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
67<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT COURT  
FLINT-GENESEE HOMELESS COURT (FGHC)**

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Section 1. Introduction**

This Memorandum of Understanding is entered into between 67<sup>th</sup> District Court, Genesee County Board of Commissions, acting through the Genesee County Prosecutor's Office, City of Flint Law Department, Genesee County Sheriff's Office, City of Flint Police Department Parking Enforcement, Flint Downtown Development Authority, Hurley Medical Center Public Safety, University of Michigan Flint Department of Public Safety, Kettering University Campus Safety, and Mott Community College Department of Public Safety (collectively referred to as "Parking Enforcement"), the Flint/Genesee Continuum of Care, and T.W. Feaster Attorney at Law PLLC in order to document the roles and responsibilities of each agency as members of the Flint-Genesee Homeless Court (FGHC).

**Section 2. Mission Statement**

The purpose of the Flint-Genesee Homeless Court (FGHC) is to provide a safe forum for the homeless to resolve civil infractions and misdemeanors by working with providers and the courts to decrease barriers for people trying to get into housing and accomplish self-sufficiency.

**Section 3. Obligations and Responsibilities**

Each party to this Memorandum agrees to perform the obligations and responsibilities delineated in this Section.

**A. It is agreed that the 67<sup>th</sup> District Court will:**

- i. Designate Judge(s) and clerical staff necessary for the performance of its obligations and responsibilities under this Memorandum;
- ii. Designate staff to screen individuals for eligibility in FGHC when submitted by Providers from the Flint/Genesee Continuum of Care and identified by defense counsel;
- iii. Authorize designated FGHC Judge(s) to recall warrants as previously ordered by any 67<sup>th</sup> District Court Judge;
- iv. Designate and authorize staff to review the Judicial Information System (hereinafter "JIS") (including driving record), criminal records system(s) and/or related records systems to determine eligibility for FGHC;
- v. Provide and maintain, after consultation and approval of the Court and prosecuting attorneys, a calendar of all Readiness Conferences and Hearings;
- vi. Notify the prosecutors' offices of all Readiness Conferences and Hearings.

- vii. Designate Judges and staff to attend scheduled FGHC Hearings (“Hearing”);
- viii. Designate Judges to waive the SOS clearance fee, or a portion thereof, as permitted by law; and
- ix. Designate staff to make all entries into the court record.

B. It is agreed that the **Genesee County Prosecutor’s Office** will:

- i. Designate an assistant prosecuting attorney or proxy to discuss with defense counsel the application for relief, the applicant’s criminal history, the prosecutor’s consent or objection to relief in FGHC, and the disposition and offers for all eligible cases under the jurisdiction of the Genesee County Prosecutor’s office; and
- ii. Designate an assistant prosecuting attorney to attend a monthly Hearing to place on the record the prosecutor’s offers and consent to relief, to state their reliance on the court’s finding of substantial compliance, or submit its position in writing or by proxy.

C. It is agreed that the **City of Flint Law Department** will:

- i. Designate an assistant city attorney or proxy to discuss with defense counsel the application for relief, the applicant’s criminal history, the prosecutor’s consent or objection to relief in FGHC, and the disposition and offers for all eligible cases under the jurisdiction of the City of Flint Law Department; and
- ii. Designate an assistant city attorney to attend a monthly Hearing to place on the record the prosecutor’s offers and consent to relief, to state their reliance on the court’s finding of substantial compliance, or submit its position in writing or by proxy.

D. It is agreed that **Parking Enforcement** will:

- i. Designate staff to research and prepare parking settlement agreements with the assistant city attorney of the City of Flint Law Department for participants approved for relief at the Readiness Conference;
- ii. Permit staff to attend a monthly hearing to place on the record the terms of any parking settlement agreements; and
- iii. Authorize staff to enter the court-approved settlement agreements into the MPD records system and/or related records systems and transfer those records to the Court.

E. It is agreed that the **Flint/Genesee Continuum of Care** will:

- i. Assist Providers in identifying homeless individuals that have certain civil infractions and misdemeanors that are causing a barrier to housing and self-sufficiency and making referrals to the FGHC;
- ii. Assist Providers in identifying resources and programs for homeless individuals to complete their Action Plan;
- iii. Ensure that Providers wanting to host a Hearing maintain their facilities in a manner sufficient to meet the proper decorum for the FGHC;
- iv. Provide or coordinate outreach to the homeless or at-risk of homelessness population as to the availability of social services and legal relief;
- v. Collect and maintain data regarding program participation, case management metrics, and longer term effect of relief on the housing and socioeconomic conditions of applicants awarded relief;
- vi. Send notice of all operational meetings and minutes therefrom to all Authorized Representatives or their designees to all parties to this Memorandum.

F. It is agreed that the **Genesee County Sheriff's Office** will:

- i. Provide Reserve Deputy Sheriff(s) to attend each Hearing for the purpose of inspecting the shelter facilities, screening the public upon entrance, and ensuring the safety of court personnel; and
- ii. Permit Reserve Deputy Sheriff(s) to perform the duties of a Court Officer of the Court at each Hearing.

G. It is agreed that **T.W. Feaster Attorney at Law PLLC** will:

- i. Provide or coordinate the attendance of defense counsel at all monthly Readiness Conferences and Hearings;
- ii. Collect and maintain a list of applicants referred by the Providers for FGHC, with the information necessary for the research of the applicant and determination of their eligibility for relief;
- iii. Discuss with prosecutors on the sufficiency of an application for relief, the applicant's criminal history, each prosecutor's consent or objection to admission into the FGHC and the disposition and offers for all eligible cases;
- iv. Coordinate legal counsel for admitted applicants, including reviewing all cases, and for program participants, verification of programs accomplishments, negotiations for disposition with the prosecuting agencies, and representation and presentation of proofs at Readiness Conferences and Hearings;



H. It is agreed that **Providers** will:

- i. Provide or arrange for the provision of comprehensive services to homeless or at-risk of homelessness populations in a non-discriminatory manner and in accordance with all applicable laws.
- ii. Screen and refer applicants to the FGHC pursuant to the established eligibility criteria;
- iii. Provide defense counsel and the FGHC with candid assessments of an applicant's progress and accomplishments and verification of participation in or completion of services or action plan items or with any additional information requested by the FGHC, prosecuting attorneys, and/or defense counsel; and
- iv. Conduct exit/follow-up interviews of applicants awarded relief to assist the Flint/Genesee Continuum of Care in the collection of data regarding the longer term housing and socioeconomic conditions of past FGHC participants.

I. It is agreed that each party to this Memorandum will:

- i. Designate a lead staff member to answer questions pertaining to this Memorandum and the party's performance of duties hereunder, and disseminate information within their respective agencies;
- ii. Meet with the parties on a regular basis to resolve issues or discuss ideas related to the administration and operation of the FGHC;
- iii. Not require participants to waive any protections afforded by due process, other than the right to a speedy trial, as it may be necessary for docketing of cases pursuant to the established guidelines, and as such applicants shall have meaningful time for review of their cases and issues prior to disposition and may, at any time, opt out of the FGHC and return to the Court's regular docket;
- iv. Comply with state and federal laws and regulations with respect to maintaining the confidentiality of information shared under this Memorandum and any unauthorized release or use of confidential information acquired under this Memorandum shall be reported to all other parties immediately upon discovery;
- v. Refrain from use of any information shared under this Memorandum in a current or subsequent prosecution or proceeding against an applicant;
- vi. Recognize the voluntary efforts of homeless applicants to improve their lives and move from the streets towards self-sufficiency and credit those efforts in program activities when determining case disposition and sentencing;
- vii. Deem completion of appropriate treatment or services to the satisfaction of the Court and prosecuting attorneys as sufficient to merit dismissal or closing with improvement of cases, waiver of any court costs and warrant fees, waiver of SOS clearance to the extent allowed by law, entry of parking settlement agreements, and submissions of an updated abstracts;

- viii. Include, in a timely manner, and acknowledge all participating agencies in all media or promotional related requests, events, and publications including: press releases, interviews, published material, news, trainings, presentations and educational material;
- ix. Perform its obligations and responsibilities at its own expense; and
- x. Not unreasonably withhold consent to the addition of service providers to the homeless who meet any established criteria for new providers and who agree in writing to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Memorandum, such writing to be affixed to this Memorandum.

#### **Section 4. Relationship of the Parties/Liability**

Each party is acting in an independent capacity and not as an officer, employee, or agent of the other parties. No liability or benefits, such as workers' compensation, pension rights, or insurance rights, arising out of or related to a contract for hire or employer/employee relationship, accrues to either party or either party's agent, subcontractor or employee as a result of this Memorandum.

Each party to this Memorandum agrees to be responsible for the claims and liabilities arising out of its own conduct and the conduct of its officers, employees and agents. Each party shall bear its own costs and expenses (including attorney fees and expenses) incurred in connection with this Memorandum. If liability, loss or damage to non-parties arises as a result of activities conducted jointly by the parties in fulfillment of their responsibilities under this Memorandum, the liability, loss, or damage must be borne by the parties in relation to each party's responsibilities under these joint activities. This section is not to be construed as a waiver of any governmental immunity by the parties, their agents or their employees.

#### **Section 5. Term; Withdrawal; Termination**

This Memorandum is effective on date of full execution and renews each year upon mutual agreement of the parties or in the absence of objection of the Court or a prosecuting agency.

Any party, other than the Court, the prosecuting attorneys and the defense attorneys, may withdraw from participation in the FGHC without adverse effect to the continued operation of this Memorandum as to the remaining parties. The withdrawing party shall continue to be bound to the terms of this Memorandum with respect to any act or claim arising from its participation in the FGHC and to any provisions governing or related to the confidentiality of information.

The Court or a prosecuting agency may terminate this Memorandum by written notice to all of the parties. All activities related to the referral, processing and admission of applicants into FGHC shall cease immediately upon receipt of notice of termination. All remaining activities, namely those related to the evaluation and disposition of the applications for relief of admitted applicants, shall cease immediately upon the complete dispositions of all such applications.

**Section 6. Fiscal Terms**

This Memorandum does not involve an exchange of funds.

**Section 7. Insurance**

Each nongovernmental party must maintain, at its expense, insurance or self-insurance, for professional liability, workers' compensation, comprehensive automobile liability, and comprehensive general liability sufficient to protect the public, the parties, and all parties in interest.

**Section 8. Amendment**

Upon mutual consent of all parties, this Memorandum is subject to further negotiation and revision as required to support the needs of the FGHC.

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Signatures of Authorized Representatives:

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Hon. Nathaniel C. Perry III  
Presiding Judge, 67<sup>th</sup> District Court

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Hon. Christopher R. Odette  
Presiding Judge, 67<sup>th</sup> District Court

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Genesee County Commissioner

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Genesee County Corporation Counsel

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David S. Leyton  
Prosecutor, Genesee County

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Robert J. Pickell  
Genesee County Sheriff

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Angela Wheeler  
City of Flint Law Department

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Sgt. Cholyonda Brown  
City of Flint Police Department  
Parking Enforcement

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Flint/Genesee Continuum of Care

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T.W. Feaster, Defense Counsel

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Gerard Burnash, Board Chair  
Flint Downtown Development Authority

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Matthew Murray, Director Public Safety  
Hurley Medical Center

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Raymond D. Hall, Director  
University of Michigan Flint  
Department of Public Safety

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Paul Crane, Director  
Kettering University Campus Safety

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Theresa Stephens Lock,  
Executive Director/Chief  
Mott Community College  
Department of Public Safety



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**Region 6**  
**Number of Homeless on MSHDA HCV WL 11/26/19**

Please see below the number of individuals on the Homeless Preference Waiting List for your county compared to the number of individuals added to the Homeless Preference Waiting List during the month, the total number currently on the waitlist and the number of individuals the Housing Agent has pulled from the Homeless Preference Waiting List as of **November 15, 2019**.

**\*NOTE:** These are ‘moving’ numbers. It may appear a housing voucher is vacant (not leased), however it may be ‘under contract’ – i.e. the household is looking for a rental unit. A household has 60 days to locate housing. The *HARA* would have to check with the MSHDA Housing Agent for precise information. **ALL service providers in the community** - this is a great opportunity to focus efforts on helping households in locating housing! You may have access to leads that others are not aware of.

<b>County</b>	<b># Added to Homeless Preference list in October</b>	<b># of Homeless on Homeless Preference List as of November 15, 2019</b>	<b>Number of Vouchers Allocated as By County</b>	<b>Number of Vouchers Contracted By County</b>	<b># Pulled by Housing Agent in October</b>
<b>Genesee</b>	<b>1</b>	27	<b>1115</b>	<b>1163</b>	0
<b>Huron</b>	<b>1</b>	9	<b>56</b>	<b>51</b>	0
<b>Lapeer</b>	<b>6</b>	36	<b>359</b>	<b>362</b>	12
<b>St. Clair</b>	<b>12</b>	24	<b>370</b>	<b>372</b>	0
<b>Sanilac</b>	<b>1</b>	30	<b>92</b>	<b>89</b>	0
<b>Shiawassee</b>	<b>7</b>	36	<b>130</b>	<b>125</b>	0
<b>Tuscola</b>	<b>7</b>	13	<b>94</b>	<b>93</b>	0

**Project Based Vouchers Number on Waitlist:**

**Genesee:**

Pineshores	1
Swayze Court	5
Willow Haven	6

**Lapeer:**

Drakeshire	23
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**Sanilac:**

Sunrise Village	0
Sunrise –BFDU	0

**St. Clair:**

Bluewater	29
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**Tuscola:**

Grandview Estates 7

**Tips for keeping a waiting list full:**

- Work with/at local shelters so that chronically homeless people are entered on the waiting list;
- If there are zero shelters in your county, speak to your MSHDA Homeless Assistance Specialist regarding counting doubled-up as homeless (for purpose of placement on the HCV waiting list);
- Work closely with your Housing Agent to know when/where turnover is occurring;
- **Ask your Housing Agent about their pull ratio.** Do they pull two names for every vacant voucher available—or three names, or four? Compare that to your ‘waiting list’ numbers.
- Direct persons who are experiencing homelessness or may qualify for the homeless preference to the HARA agency in your community.
- Work with your Housing Agent to help locate those pulled and/or identify housing options.

<b>County:</b>	<b>Address:</b>	<b>Contact Information:</b>
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<b>Huron, Sanilac &amp; St. Clair</b>  P & M Housing Services LLC  Sandra Paraskos	  PO Box 610925 Port Huron, MI 48060	  Ph: (810) 479-9820 Fx: (810) 479-9845
<b>Genesee &amp; Shiawassee</b>  BECKA Management  Erik Soderberg	<b>Flint Office:</b> 711 N. Saginaw St., Ste. #113 Flint, MI 48503  <b>Shiawassee</b> 5085 W. Grand River #200 Lansing, MI 48906	  <a href="#">Glory White</a> Ph: (517) 669-9706 X 2429 Fx: (517) 669-2336  Ph: (517) 669-9706 X 2415 Fx: (517) 669-9706 X 2430



## Sub-Committees, H.A.R.A., Work Groups

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### Monthly Report Submissions

*December 11, 2019 Meeting*

#### Reports Received:

HMIS Agency Administrator

Coordinated Entry System (CES)

By-Name List (BNL)

Social Security Outreach Accessibility and Recovery (SOAR)

Quality By-Name List (QBNL)

Interagency Service Team (IST)

Engagement / HAW

Legislative Action / ID Taskforce\*

(\* An update was provided however the report did not follow the CoC Subcommittee Format which includes attendees, purpose, goals and outcomes.)

#### No Report:

Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (H.A.R.A.)

Continuous Quality Improvement

#### Rescheduled / Cancelled Meeting/ No Meeting

Fiscal Subcommittee

Governance Implementation



# HMIS Agency Admin Subcommittee Report Out Form

**Date: 11/7/2019**

1. Subcommittee Name: HMIS Agency Administrator
2. a) Chair Name: Vonda Willey                      b) Co-chair Name: Click or tap here to enter text.
3. Purpose: To review data quality standards, discuss upcoming HMIS changes, and discuss upcoming reporting requirements
4. a) Meeting Date: 11/7/2019                      b) Frequency: Monthly
5. Goal (short/long term): Long Term Goals: 95% quality data reporting, 100% data entry within seven (7) days, 100% on-time reporting
6. Outcomes:

- a. Quantitative: See tables below

November 2019

Overall Unduplicated	Single Adults	Adults in Families	Children in Families	Number of Families	Unaccompanied Youth
912	379	166	349	150	29

November 2018

Overall Unduplicated	Single Adults	Adults in Families	Children in Families	Number of Families	Unaccompanied Youth
922	356	151	368	159	33

October 2019

Overall Unduplicated	Single Adults	Adults in Families	Children in Families	Number of Families	Unaccompanied Youth
1026	412	169	342	145	28

October 2018

Overall Unduplicated	Single Adults	Adults in Families	Children in Families	Number of Families	Unaccompanied Youth
1000	386	197	397	173	34

- b. Qualitative: According to the HMIS Data Completeness Report Card the average score for all HMIS Participating Providers is a 97.45%.

## HMIS Agency Admin Subcommittee Report Out Form

Date: 11/7/2019

7. Observations, comparisons/Trends: Our System Performance Measurements are due February 28, 2020. As such we are currently working on all data entry corrections with a deadline of 12/15/2019. This will allow time to verify corrections and to run report for submission to the Executive Committee and the CoC during January and February with the final submission being due at the end of February.

### 8. Veteran Information:

On December 3, 2019 a meeting was held with Eddie Turner of Community Solutions Built for Zero Initiative and key members of the Veteran Workgroup. These members included: Sydney Weycker, Coordinated Entry Specialist, Metro Community Development; Shawn Dowling, HCHV Coordinator, Veteran Administration; Gabe Parra, Outreach Specialist, Veteran Administration; Robyn Hoffenblum, Coordinated Entry Specialist, Veteran Administration; Debra Hayes, Executive Director, My Brothers Keeper; Erin Markell, Housing Case Manager, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency; William Doub, Community Housing Supervisor, Genesee Health System; Vonda Willey, HMIS Program Administrator, Metro Community Development. I have attached the notes from that meeting to this report.

# HMIS Agency Admin Subcommittee Report Out Form

Date: 11/7/2019

Built for Zero – Veterans

Meeting Date: 12/3/2019

Facilitator: Eddie Turner, Community Solutions

Attendees: Sydney Weycker, Metro Community Development; Shawn Dowling, Veteran Administration – Ann Arbor; Gabe Parra, Veteran Administration – Ann Arbor; Robyn Hoffenblum, Veteran Administration – Saginaw; Debra Hayes, My Brothers Keeper; Erin Markell, Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency; William Doub, Genesee Health System; Vonda Willey, Metro Community Development

Eddie asked that we look thru the lens of a Veteran experiencing homelessness and answer the following questions:

- What are we grateful for?
  - VASH
  - SSVF
  - BNL Conference Calls
  - Bill
  - Coordination of agencies & willingness to problem solve
  - My Brothers Keeper
  - Staci & Gabe
  - Nothing
  - Veterans wanting & needing services
- What are some of our frustrations?
  - Coordinated Entry > who, where, how
  - Multiple documents to fill out
  - Not a fully housing first community
  - Lacks CE single point of entry
  - Getting documentation
  - Paperwork is too confusing
  - I'm mad at Gabe
  - "HARA"
  - Leadership (Lack of)

The following data integrity concerns were presented:

- Does not think all veterans who are homeless are on list
- Some Veterans who are on the list should not be as they would be candidates for a diversion program
- Prioritization not being based on prioritization policies (a lot of discussion as community members stated they did not understand the prioritization process)
- Not tracking returns from housing
- Gaps in outreach-engagement

The following were suggestions to improve the Veteran By Name List Admin/Policy Meeting

- Small Group
- Only those running a homeless program for Veterans
- Who have the authority to create and implement policies and procedures
- Recommendation is as follows:
  - SSVF
  - SoF

# HMIS Agency Admin Subcommittee Report Out Form

Date: 11/7/2019

- VA
- MBK
- CoC Lead
- HMIS
- Veteran with lived experience (Shawn stated she could find a VASH Veteran to help; Debra stated she had someone that would be able to help (was recommended by Shawn that we find someone who has no “ties” to any providing agency so the “power struggle” can be avoided)

The following improvement strategies were recommended:

- Additional training on prioritization
- All Committees should be demographically similar to population served
- Add the following columns to our BNL
  - Next Step
  - Who Responsible
  - By When
  - System Barriers with Date
  - Eddie asked us to find 3 partners who are not at the table currently who are serving Veterans
    - Action: Vonda will add these columns to the BNL by the end of the week
- Create a process flow (Eddie will return during January or February to assist us create the clear process flow)
  - Action: Vonda will work with Eddie to schedule return date and meeting logistics

The following objectives were created:

Case Conferencing:

1. Collaborate & overcome barriers to get permanent housing
  - a. Measurements
    - i. % of clients with a clear next step identified
    - ii. % of next steps completed
    - iii. Housing placement rate
2. Establish accountability in taking action to house people
  - a. Measurement
    - i. % of next steps completed by agency

Action: Vonda will complete measurements and report back to Eddie and the Committee.

## Coordinated Entry System Subcommittee Report Out

**Date: 12/03/2019**

1. Subcommittee Name: Coordinated Entry Implementation Meeting
2. a) Chair Name: Sydney Weycker      b) Co-chair Name:
3. Purpose: Implement the Coordinated Entry process in a seamless way to ensure that the most vulnerable individuals in the community are housed first. Develop a set of rules and manuals to follow for properly administering the Coordinated Entry Assessment (CESA), create a process to prioritize individuals, properly market/advertise the coordinated entry system to community, and assist providing support and training for agencies.
4. a) Meeting Date: 12/03/19      b) Frequency: Monthly  
Attendees: Sydney Weycker (MCD); Chad Adams (SOF One Stop); China Aquino (OLHSA); Angela Willie (Carriage Town Ministries); Jodi Blair (GHS); Latoya Cannon (SOF); Tracey Jackson (MCD); Michelle Edwards (MSHDA); Josh Sinclair (SOF One Stop); Danielle Greene (SOF); Erin Markell (OLHSA); Maurice Bush (Wellness Services); Brandon Mattila (GFHC); Quartus Henderson (MBK); Angela Beaugard (MCD); Jim Perlaki (GCYC)
5. Goals (short term/ long term):
  - a. Short term: Revise the CE policies and procedures to better suite the community based on observations found in the first few months of implementation.
  - b. Long term: Creation of a cohesive no wrong door entry plan for individuals experiencing homelessness and a prioritization plan for those individuals to ensure highest vulnerability individuals are housed first. To end the cycle of homelessness for our community.
6. Outcomes:
  - a. Quantitative: Many new partners were at the table this month.
  - b. Qualitative: [Click to tap here to enter text.](#)
7. Observations, Comparisons/Trends: The group agreed with the QBNL Committee to proceed with having sperate prioritization lists for PSH and RRH, this was presented to the EC for review Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Coordinated Entry workflow was presented to the committee for review and discussion on revisions will take place at the January meeting. Michelle Edwards was in attendance to provide insight for better work flows.

# BNL Workgroup Report Out Form

Date: 12/05/2019

1. Subcommittee Name: CoC Veterans' Workgroup
2. a) Chair Name: William A. Doub                      b) Co-chair Name: Tiffani Farrier
3. Purpose: Create affordable housing opportunities for veterans to move from homelessness to safe and secure permanent housing with the supports to sustain their individual housing choices.
4. a) Meeting Date: 12/12/2019 **Scheduled** Business Meeting                      b) Frequency: Bi-weekly Conference Calls

**Attendees at 11/21/19 Bi-Weekly Conference Calls:** William A. Doub (GHS), Co-Chairperson; Vonda Willy( Metro Community Development/HMIS); Eduardo Calzada (Region 10 – Veterans' Navigator); Chad Adams (Shelter of Flint/Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA); Debra Hayes and Quartus Henderson (My Brother's Keeper); Gabe Parra (AAVAMC); Angela Willie (Carriage Town Mission); Rayetta Wyatt (Michigan Works/VERS); Robyn Hoffenblum (Aleda Lutz VAMC); Erin Martell (OLHSA);

**Note: Next Veteran's Workgroup – Business Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 12, 2019. The Business Meeting is being folded into a combined Inter-Agency Systems Team/Quality by-Name List for all target homeless populations. Next BNL Conference Calls are tentatively scheduled for December 19, 2019 and January 16, 2020.**

5. Goal (short/long term):
  - a. **Short term:** Establishment and implementation of a Quality By-Name List for the purpose of moving individual veterans from homelessness to long-term stable housing.
  - b. **Long term:** Creation of affordable housing opportunities for veterans to move from homelessness into safe decent housing with the supports they need to sustain their individual housing choices.
6. Outcomes:
  - a. **Quantitative:** Increase in the numbers of veterans moved from the shelter and 'literal' homelessness to housing as identified on the By-Name List and HMIS.
  - b. **Qualitative:** Establishment of a working By-Name List that meets bi-weekly
7. Observations, Comparisons/Trends: **The December 5<sup>th</sup> Conference Call was cancelled by the Chairperson. GHS phone system was completely down agency-wide. The next conference call has been scheduled for Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. In the interim, Members of the CoC Veteran's Workgroup, Ann Arbor VA and Saginaw VA and Metro staff met with Community Solutions. Result: "We have all the pieces to the puzzle. We need to put them together." Further, we need to measure what we are doing against the Benchmarks for achieving Functional Zero. It was also clear from the discussion that we need to look at how Coordinated entry is working/not working in our Continuum. As such, the Continuum of Care is in the process of re-organizing and developing a Quality Veteran By-Name List, which will incorporate the Veteran's BNL. This re-organization is required for the Continuum of Care to be recognized and funded by HUD and MSHDA. From the last call: Four Veterans were housed using the following resources: VASH (1) and SSVF (2); Two veterans were in treatment and will remain on the list and two veterans were moved to inactive. A total of 11 veterans were in the process of looking for housing at different stages. Service providers are following protocol for securing Releases of Information.**

Thank You for your support.

# SOAR Workgroup Report Out Form

Date: 12/05/2019

1. Subcommittee Name: CoC SOAR Stakeholder's Workgroup
2. a) Chair Name: William A. Doub                      b) Co-chair Name: Vacant
3. Purpose: Assisting SHP program participants and other vulnerable individuals with applying for Federal, State and local benefits is an important adjunct to the accomplishing the purpose of the Continuum of Care – that of assisting consumers with moving from homeless to housing and having the supports and income to sustain their housing.
4. Meeting Date: 11/20/2019                      b) Frequency: Quarterly or as needed
  - a. **Attendees:** See attached list of attendees at SOAR stakeholder meeting.  
**Note: MDHHS has announced new cohort training dates. These are shared with Metro for distribution to all community providers. As an outcome from this month's CoC meeting, Bill Doub would like to schedule a meeting of current and potential SOAR Stakeholders to discuss referrals and the SOAR Methodology.**
5. Goals:
  - b. **Short term:** Increase the number of SOAR Trained staff using SOAR Principles and Methodology to assist with applying for benefits.
  - c. **Long term:** Establish a network of SOAR trained staff and SOAR Stakeholders to assist SHP housing recipients and other vulnerable individuals with applying for benefits.
6. Outcomes:
  - a. **Quantitative:** 1) Increase the number of approvals for clients receiving Federal, State, and local benefits; 2) increase the number of SOAR Trained staff assisting SHP clients with applying for benefits. 3) Increase the amount of dollars returned to the County as a direct benefit utilizing SOAR.
  - b. **Qualitative:** Establishment of a network of SOAR – Trained Cadre to assist individual clients with applying for Federal and State benefits.
7. Observations, comparisons/Trends: **The November 20<sup>th</sup> SOAR Stakeholder's Meeting was by all accounts a singular success. Much will follow from the discussion. Individual staff were encouraged to take the on-line training. Technical assistance will be provided locally and via the MDHHS SOAR Navigator's.**  
**Note: Michigan is moving to having all SOAR trained staff become State Certified. Completing the On-Line Course is a key element to this process. 12 approvals were noted this past Fiscal Year and as tracked by the OAT system through MDHHS. 7 applications are being process. Melissa Mays, GHS Water Outreach/Family Navigator, was acknowledge for her contribution. Bill Doub is certified by the State of Michigan as a SOAR Provider.**

Thank You for your support for SOAR!



## ***Flint/ Genesee County SOAR Stakeholder Meeting Minutes***

November 20, 2019

9:00 AM GCCARD

### **Our Mission**

*A community working together to achieve access to safe and affordable housing for all residents of Genesee County.*

*Attendance: Chad Adams, Shelter of Flint; Troy Brown, GHS; Ebony Buckler, GHS; Maurice Bush, Wellness Services; Bill Doub, GHS; Robert Esselink, Catholic Charities; Danielle Greene, SOF; Quartus Henderson, MBK; Allie Herkenroder, Flint Housing Commission; Kermyra Hinkle, MCD; Robyn Hoffenblum, Saginaw VA; Renisha Houston, SOF; Tracey Jackson, MC; Rochelle Kelly, GHS; Erin Markell, OLHSA; Melissa Mays, GHS; Joann McCann, GHS Housing; Kevin Miller, City of Flint; Richard Powers, FOH; Valerie Rutledge, FOH; Trina Sanders, YWCA; Tom Travis, Carriage Town Ministries; Sydney Weycker, MCD; Kasie White, UM Flint & CoC Chair; Vonda Willey, MCD; Angela Willie, CTM*

## **SOAR MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order at 9:05 AM by Bill Doub.**

### **What is SOAR?**

- SSI/SSDI, Outreach, Accessibility and Recovery. A national program designed to streamline the process for those that need social security and are or at risk of homelessness and have a co-occurring substance use disorder, medical impairment or physical impairment.

### **Purpose:**

- We need more people SOAR trained (there are no prerequisites to becoming SOAR trained.)

### **How can we do that?**

- By reeling in others for the standardized online SOAR training (20 CEUs from NASW, free web-based training and support) or participating in a training cohort (SOAR Practitioner level).
- To become SOAR certified you must complete the On-Line SOAR training and attend the webinars that explain how SOAR is practiced. After attending, your name is put on the full trained certified list. (SOAR Certified)



- Having **Bi-monthly or Quarterly SOAR meetings** for SOAR to be discussed by the CoC as a community wide piece to show how SOAR can address community and individual client needs with consistency and what gaps we need to fill to apply for funding. Looking to begin that community strategy work in February of 2020.

#### **Why is this important?**

- HUD, MSHDA (and City of Flint) want to see how we are helping clients apply for benefits. They require that Supportive Housing Program (SHP) participants assist clients in applying for benefits.
- We need to figure out what is keeping the client from working full time (i.e. does the client have occurring substance abuse disorder, serious mental illness, or physical problems etc.) and how does this affect their day-to-day functioning. As a result and based on the medical evidence, we can work with client toward getting them approved and connected to other services.
- It brings resources and funds back into the Flint/Genesee County community (through Medicaid etc.) In 2018 cash benefits and back payments received by individuals spent in the local community was \$20 million (in State of Michigan).

#### **SOAR Community Collaboration:**

- Everyone in community can be a participant/play a part in SOAR. They could play a role in collecting medical records, substance use/abuse records, jail records, school systems (learning disorder records) etc. Client's family members can also be utilized when looking for medical records, if client is comfortable.

#### **New Average:**

- SOAR applications are completed on average of under 70 days. Part of the timeframe comes from the gathering of medical records and if someone has been transitioning in their homelessness, there may be multiple facilities to track down. It takes on average 92 days for the initial application decision. As a state and for FY 2019, 182 SOAR assisted applications were completed with an approval rate of 76%.

#### **Expected Tasks:**

- As a SOAR practitioner in Michigan in order to maintain certification it is expected that each SOAR Practitioner completes a minimum of 3 applications a year. Each application generally takes 20-40 hours over the course of 60 days to complete.

#### **SSI/SSDI and SOAR Information, tools and/or challenges:**

- The Reconsideration Process - Effective October 1, 2019. New information that will help the case further along. Not a re-submit of records or applications that have already been presented. If reconsideration is denied it can go through the appeals process (Administrative Law Judge Hearing).
- OAT Works Online Application Tracking is a useful and easy to use tool to help us track our data, reporting and SOAR progress online. Through SOAR Works website there are

templates available for medical report request letters also there will be access to VA records.

- Working within trauma-informed care setting to figure out clients' functional impairment consider a self-care model.
- Have an "assembly line" approach for review of application and division of tasks within your agency.
- Help Hint: If a SOAR practitioner or client mentions Social Security to a doctor's office or hospital you may get a bill or a refusal of the record. You must state that it is for Coordination of Care.
- Great Lakes Health Virtual Integrated Patient Record, VIPR is a great way to get access to client's medical records at your fingertips.

#### **Action Items:**

**Bill will forward Melissa's email (through Tracey) about the money that has been generated and given back to the community through Medicaid.**

**We need to establish who will be the lead person in the infrastructure and collaboration of SOAR for Flint and Genesee County within the CoC.**

**We need further discussion (Parking Lot) on the SOAR- Decision Process & Referral Prioritization- What determining factors are used to choose clients that meet SOAR qualifications?**

**Also we need to report back from SOAR- what would SOAR reporting look like in being included in CoC and NOFA requests (approval rates reports, numbers of applications submitted across CoC, system report outcomes etc).**

**Alisha will forward out the SOAR Cohort training calendar (CC to Tracey) so it gets out to CoC.**

**Meeting adjourned at 11:29 AM.**

## QBNL /IST Subcommittee Report Out Form

**Date: 11/14/2019**

1. Subcommittee Name: Quality By-Name List Work Group/ Interagency System Team
2. a) Chair Name: Sydney Weycker      b) Co-chair Name:
3. Purpose: Development of an implementation policy and strategy for QBNL within in the Flint/Genesee County CoC
4. a) Meeting Date: 11/14/19      b) Frequency: Monthly

Attendees: Sydney Weycker (MCD); Libby Wood (MCD); Vonda Willey (MCD); Angela Beaugard (MCD); Danielle Greene (SOF); Renisha Houston (SOF); Jim Perlaki (GCYC); Bri'Anna Waller (YWCA); Jodi Blair (GHS); Mike Striler (GFHC); Angela Willie (Carriage Town); Chad Adams (SOF); Josh Sinclair (SOF); Myra Hinkle (MCD)

5. Goals (short term/ long term):
  - a. Short term: Implementation of the QBNL.
  - b. Long term: Effective prioritization plan for those individuals to ensure highest vulnerability individuals are housed first. To end the cycle of homelessness for our community.
6. Outcomes:
  - a. Quantitative:

**CESA forms received Nov-Dec 6<sup>th</sup>- 65 total**

Agency	Carriage Town	YWCA	Wellness Services	MBK	SOF/ One Stop	Odyssey House	Family Promise	MCD	GCYC
<b># of clients referred to CES</b>	21	10	4	20*	1	1	4	4	0

\*8 out of 20 clients no CESA form completed, only shared HMIS numbers via email

**Referrals from CE Nov- Dec 6<sup>th</sup>- 14 total**

Agency	TBRA	RRH	PSH
GHS	n/a	5	4*
Shelter of Flint	n/a	0	4*
MCD	1	n/a	n/a

\*Includes clients from Samartian Plus Program

**Housed YTD with CES- 6**

Agency	TBRA	RRH	PSH
GHS	n/a	1	3

Shelter of Flint	n/a	0	2
MCD	0	n/a	n/a

- b. Qualitative: The QBNL helped Genesee County House the most vulnerable clients first.
7. Observations, Comparisons/Trends: Sydney began the meeting with reiterating that the VISPDAT should be completed at initial point of contact and it should be forwarded to [Cesa@metroflint.org](mailto:Cesa@metroflint.org) asap for prioritization. It is also important that if a client identifies as being chronic, according to HUD's definition, to begin the process of verifying this if its not in HMIS. There was discussion around creating separate QNL lists for clients who score for PSH or RRH on the VISPDAT. If there are ay questions or concerns about a client, they should be directed to Sydney Weycker for review and the case will be presented to the team. The group agreed there is not a benefit in sharing the QBNL because it is an ever-changing document, a client may be number 1 today but not tomorrow. It is important to navigate additional housing options like project-based vouchers, low income tax credits, Medicaid/medical dollars etc. when assisting clients in finding housing.

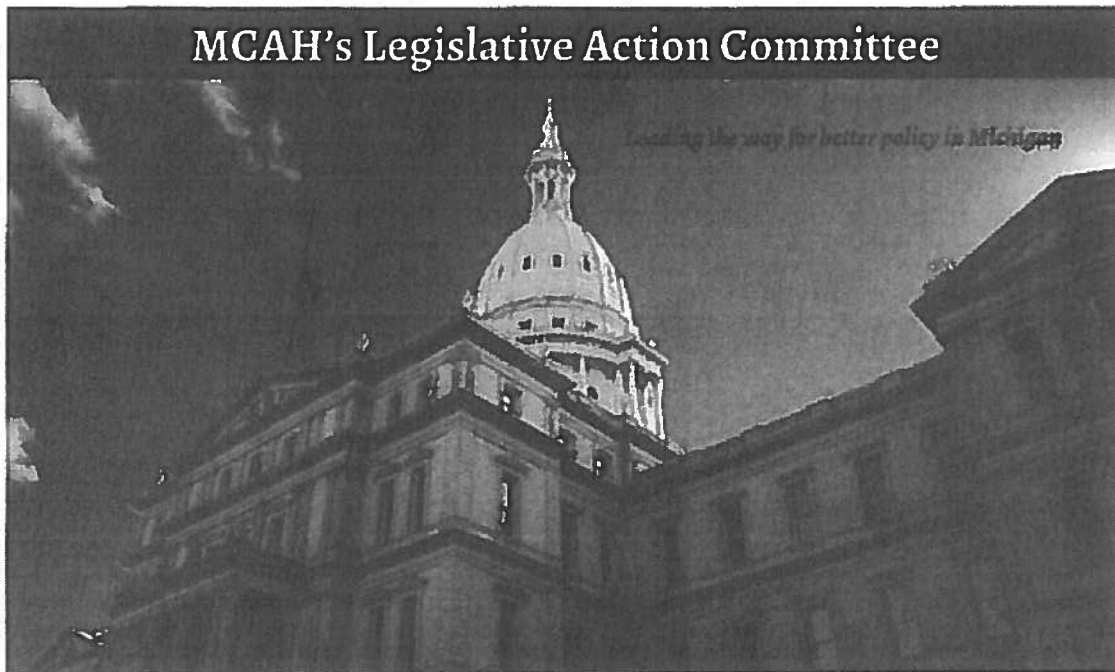
# Hunger & Homelessness Awareness Week Subcommittee Report Out Form

Thursday, October 9, 2019  
12pm-1:00pm  
YWCA Greater Flint Oasis Room

1. a) **Chair Name:** Kanisha Clemons                      b) **Co-chair Name:** Dwayne Clemons
2. **Purpose:** Establishing events in Genesee county for HHAW. The needs for the events. And gathering any information on all events geared towards HHAW.
3. **Meeting:** HHAW meetings we're held every Thursday in October until event at 12:00pm at YWCA Greater Flint
4. **Attendees:** Andrea Keither (GCCARD), Latoya Jenkins (GCCARD), Dwayne Clemons (HCHN), Jessica Flint (CCJ), Cassie Herzenbruger (YWCA-Intern) Kanisha Clemons (YWCA)
5. **Goals: (Short/long term):** Education and connecting community members and partners regarding all available homeless resources.
6. **Outcomes: The group discussed events, and vendors (GCCC presents Navigating comm. Resources, held at hasselbring, Warm all Winter held at CC-Center for Hope, and Bethel Church presents homeless luncheon limited spots were available for event).**

## Qualitative: report out by each partner:

- a) **Carriage Town Ministries:** Representative attended Navigating Comm. Resource, and Warm all Winter.
  - b) **GHS:** Representative from agency attended NCR and W.A.W.
  - c) **Metro Community Development:** Representative from agency attended N.C.R and W.A.W.
  - d) **Shelter of Flint:** Representative from agency attended N.C.R. and W.A.W.
  - e) **Traverse Place:** Representative from agency attended N.C.R. and W.A.W.
  - f) **YWCA** Representative from agency attended N.C.R. and W.A.W.
  - g) **All events for HHAW were very successful!**
- 2) **Announcements**
- i) Next meeting for P.I.T. TBA at YWCA Greater Flint conference room time TBA



**Annual In-Person Meeting  
December 4, 2019  
9:00 – 12:00**

**Agenda:**

- 9:00 Welcome & Introductions**
- 9:15 Michigan State Budget: Overview and Priorities**
  - Paula Kaiser VanDam, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
  - Christina Soulard, Michigan State Housing Development Authority
  - Kristina Leonardi, Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs
- 11:00 Policy Priorities Review and Updates**
  - State ID and Vital Documents
  - Source of Income Protections
  - Homeless Shelter Tax Credit (HB 4992)
  - Risk Mitigation Fund
  - Housing Trust Fund
  - Evictions
  - 2020 Election
  - Scheduling 2020 Homelessness Advocacy Day
- 12:00 Conclude and Meetings with Legislative Offices (optional)**

# Increasing Access to Affordable Housing

*Michigan needs to invest in affordable housing now*

## MI HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FUND

*The MHCDF was created in 2008 to develop and coordinate public and private resources to meet the affordable housing needs of low income, very low income, and extremely low income households.<sup>1</sup>*



In Michigan for every 100 extremely low income renters there are only 37 affordable and available units.<sup>2</sup>



The MHCDF has only received funding twice: 2008 and 2012.<sup>3</sup>

## MICHIGAN IS FALLING BEHIND

Housing Trust Fund, ongoing, dedicated funding source  
Housing Trust Fund, no dedicated funding source



30 U.S. states have an ongoing, dedicated source of revenue for housing trust funds outside of the appropriations process.<sup>4</sup>

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX**  
**DOCUMENT RECORDING FEE**  
**STATE GENERAL FUND**  
**STATE HOUSING FINANCE AGENCIES**  
**INTEREST FROM REAL ESTATE ESCROW ACCOUNTS**

The real estate transfer tax is the most popular dedicated revenue source.<sup>4</sup>

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Create a permanent funding source for the Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund (MHCDF).



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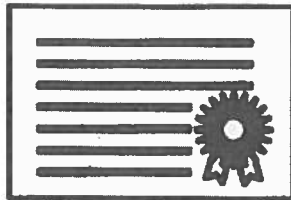
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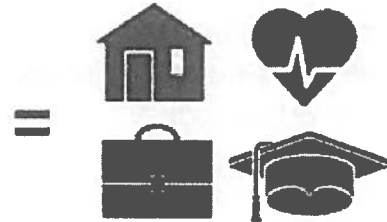
# Obtaining Vital Documents in Michigan

Birth certificates are necessary for school enrollment, many MDHHS services, & obtaining a state ID

## EXITING HOMELESSNESS REQUIRES VITAL DOCUMENTS



In a 2017 survey of homeless service providers, birth certificates were identified as the most difficult document to obtain for people experiencing homelessness.<sup>1</sup>



Individuals experiencing homelessness need a birth certificate to get a state ID, which is required to access services, medical care, shelter, employment, and more.<sup>2</sup>

## OBSTACLES TO ACCESSING BIRTH CERTIFICATES

Birth certificates held by DHHS can cost up to 3x as much as those at the county level and take longer to process.<sup>3</sup>

**\$**  
**13.38**

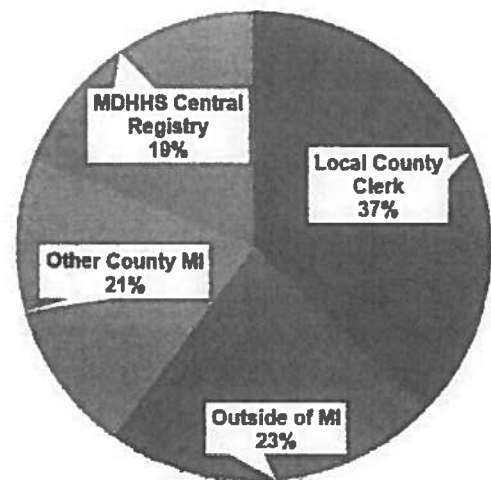
Average cost of birth certificate at county clerk office

**\$\$\$**  
**34.00**

plus processing fees

Cost of birth certificate at MDHHS Central Registry (unwed mothers before 1978 and adoptions)

Origin of Birth Certificate Asks<sup>1</sup>



## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Support HBs 4152 & 4153 which allow County Clerks to charge the same fee for birth records whether they are obtained locally or from the MDHHS Central Registry.



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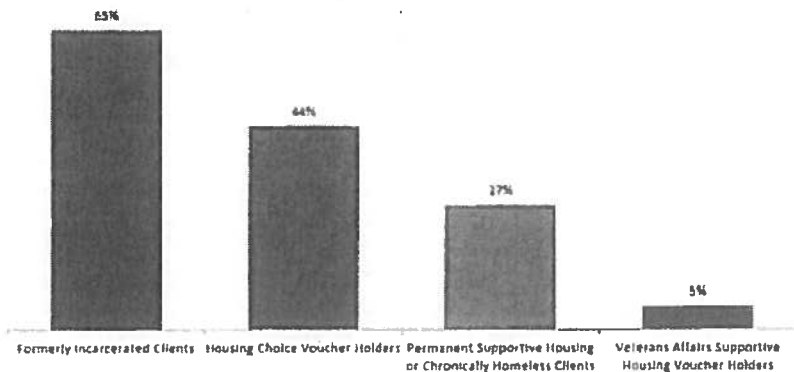


# Decreasing Barriers to Affordable Housing

*You shouldn't be discriminated against because of your source of income*

## SOURCE OF INCOME DISCRIMINATION

Clients That MI Landlords Typically Will Not Accept



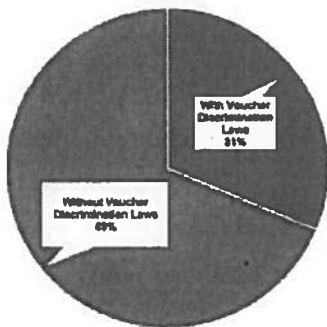
44% of MI homeless service providers said landlords typically won't rent to clients who are Housing Choice Voucher holders.<sup>1</sup>



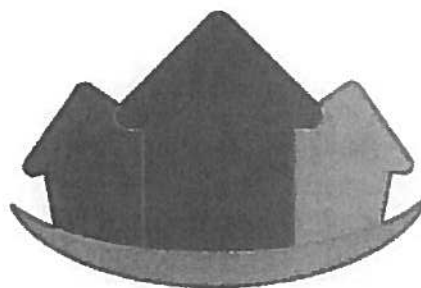
Only 1 in 3 voucher holders nationally are protected from source of income discrimination.<sup>2</sup>

## PROTECTIONS HELP LOW INCOME FAMILIES

Landlord Denial Rate of Voucher Holders



Source of income protections result in fewer landlords denying voucher holders.<sup>2</sup>



Housing Choice Vouchers expand housing options to higher opportunity neighborhoods with better schools and employment opportunities.<sup>3</sup>

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- Support Representative Wittenberg's source of income discrimination bill which would make it illegal for landlords to reject potential tenants based on their income, including vouchers, SSI/SSDI, veterans benefits, and any other legal form of income.



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## Source of Income Discrimination

### Michigan Need

- Over 65,000 individuals experienced literal homelessness in Michigan in 2018<sup>1</sup>
- 66% of those successfully exiting homelessness go into rental units, with only 2% going into home ownership
- Many of the 1,128,343 renter households in Michigan<sup>2</sup> face barriers to securing safe, affordable housing, such as their source of income, poor credit and rental history, limited income, criminal history, and more
- Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV - also commonly referred to as Section 8) are the federal government's largest rental housing assistance program and provide much needed financial support for those struggling to afford housing
  - HCVs allow an eligible individual or family to rent a qualified unit of their choosing while paying 30% (or maximum of 40%) of their monthly adjusted gross income in rent and utilities
  - HCVs are administered by Michigan's Public Housing Authorities (PHAs)
  - Often families are on waiting lists for months or years. Once approved, the voucher holder has 60 days (or more if granted an extension by the PHA) to lease up a unit<sup>3</sup>
  - The Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) administers the majority of these for the state (28,000 HCVs<sup>4</sup>), but an estimated 55,100 households<sup>5</sup> receive HCVs to subsidize their rent
  - Only 1 in 4 individuals who are eligible for rental assistance programming actually receive assistance due to lack of resources<sup>6</sup>

### Source of Income Discrimination

- The national Fair Housing Act provides protections for 7 protected classes – Race, Color, Religion, Sex, Handicap, Familial Status, and National Origin. Source of income is not protected under this act<sup>7</sup>
- Michigan's Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act also does not provide protections for source of income<sup>8</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Michigan Campaign to End Homelessness (2019), *Ending Homelessness In Michigan: 2018 Annual Report* (2019). Retrieved from: <https://mihomeless.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2018-Annual-Data-Report.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> United States Census Bureau (2017). American Community Survey: poverty. Retrieved from: [https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community\\_facts.xhtml](https://factfinder.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/community_facts.xhtml)

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# Help us #EndMIHomelessness

There were 65,104 homeless persons in Michigan in 2018.

We can do better.

## Decrease barriers to affordable housing

- Representatives Rabhi and Wittenberg's source of income protection bills would prevent landlords from rejecting potential tenants based solely on their source of income, including vouchers, SSI/SSDI, veterans benefits, and any other legal form of income.
- Over 55,000 Michigan households are voucher recipients. Too often, they are unable to find appropriate housing that meets their needs and accepts this form of payment.
- These protections do not prevent a landlord from using other legal screening criteria to select a tenant. Landlords can still consider the renter's history and calculate whether the income threshold is met as long as all legal forms of income are included.
- We encourage you to become a co-sponsor of this legislation before it is introduced in early December.

## Increase funding for homeless services

- HB 4992 would reinstate the charitable tax credit for donations made to homeless shelters and food banks.
- Homeless shelters rely heavily on individual donations - both large and small - to support operations. These funds not only provide shelter, they also support additional services such as job placement programs, medical and mental health services, and more.
- After the charitable tax credit was eliminated, Michigan shelters experienced a decrease in individual donations.
- We encourage you to support HB 4992 and empower food banks and homeless shelters to raise additional funds for these crucial services.



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## **Fiscal Spending Report**

Mission: *A community working together to achieve access to safe and affordable housing for all residents of Genesee County.*

### **Fiscal Spending Submissions** *December 11, 2019 Meeting*

#### **Reports Received:**

**County ESG**

**HUD CoC**

**TBRA**

#### **No Report:**

**MSHDA ESG**

**City of Flint ESG**

#### **No Change**

**ENGAGEMENT**

**Genesee County - 2018/2019 ESG Spending Report - as of 12/9/2019**

Agency	Activity	HUD AWARD	Disbursed	Balance	% of grant spent	% of grant remaining	Contract End Date
<b>MBK</b>	Emergency Shelter	\$18,569.00	\$2,473.41	\$16,095.59	13.3%	86.7%	9/30/2020
<b>Shelter of Flint</b>	Emergency Shelter	\$18,569.00	\$0.00	\$18,569.00	0.0%	100.0%	9/30/2020
	Homeless Prevention	\$10,830.00	\$0.00	\$10,830.00	0.0%	100.0%	9/30/2020
	Rapid Rehousing (2018)	\$20,511.00	\$17,595.76	\$2,915.24	85.8%	14.2%	12/31/2019
	Rapid Rehousing (2019)	\$20,887.00	\$0.00	\$20,887.00	0.0%	100.0%	9/30/2020
<b>Metro</b>	HMIS	\$7,736.00	\$0.00	\$7,736.00	0.0%	100.0%	9/30/2020
	TBRA (2018 HOME)	\$42,864.77	\$36,451.00	\$6,413.77	85.0%	15.0%	11/7/2019
	TBRA (2019 HOME)	\$43,000.00	\$0.00	\$43,000.00	0.0%	100.0%	9/30/2020
<b>GCYC</b>	Emergency Shelter	\$29,188.00	\$600.00	\$28,588.00	2.1%	97.9%	9/30/2020
<b>GCCARD</b>	Homeless Prevention	\$10,830.00	\$0.00	\$10,830.00	0.0%	100.0%	9/30/2020
<b>YWCA</b>	Emergency Shelter	\$26,507.00	\$0.00	\$26,507.00	0.0%	100.0%	9/30/2020

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APR 2019	MCD- Homeless Outreach 4/1/2019- 3/31/2020	0147-810	supp svc	\$100,203.00	\$19,154.30	\$81,048.70	7	19.12%	80.88%	5	\$16,209.74		
			admin	\$7,014.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,514.00		49.90%	50.10%		\$702.80		
		Total		\$107,217.00	\$22,654.30	\$84,562.70		21.13%	78.87%		\$16,912.54	\$3,236.33	
APR 2019	SOF- Chronic Homeless Families 4/1/2019 - 3/31/2020	0343-804	supp svc	\$14,911.00	\$6,914.88	\$7,996.12	7	46.37%	53.63%	5	\$1,599.22		
			leasing	\$79,029.00	\$40,149.80	\$38,879.20		50.80%	49.20%		\$7,775.84		
		Total	admin	\$6,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00		50.00%	50.00%		\$600.00		
		Total		\$99,940.00	\$50,064.68	\$49,875.32		50.09%	49.91%		\$9,975.06	\$7,152.10	
APR 2019	Sof - Veterans Lease Up 4/1/2019- 3/31/2020	0344-805	supp svc	\$25,461.00	\$11,129.58	\$14,331.42	7	43.71%	56.29%	5	\$2,121.75		
			leasing	\$79,818.00	\$40,545.93	\$39,272.07		50.80%	49.20%		\$6,651.50		
		Total	admin	\$6,056.00	\$3,028.00	\$3,028.00		50.00%	50.00%		\$504.67		
		Total		\$111,335.00	\$54,703.51	\$56,631.49		49.13%	50.87%		\$11,326.30	\$7,814.79	
APR 2019	MCD-Coordinated Entry 4/1/2019 - 3/31/2020	0613-800	supp svc	\$69,509.00	\$16,443.97	\$53,065.03	7	23.66%	76.34%	5	\$10,613.01		
			admin	\$4,865.00	\$2,432.50	\$2,432.50		50.00%	50.00%		\$486.50		
		Total		\$74,374.00	\$18,876.47	\$55,497.53		25.38%	74.62%		\$11,099.51	\$2,696.64	
APR 2019	SoF - CoC Lease Up 7/1/2019-6/30/2020	0143-811	ops	\$17,400.00	\$11,005.17	\$6,394.83	4	63.25%	36.75%	8	\$799.35		
			supp svc	\$80,613.00	\$22,631.59	\$57,981.41		28.07%	71.93%		\$7,247.68		
		Total	leasing	\$163,736.00	\$49,588.00	\$114,148.00		30.29%	69.71%		\$14,268.50		
		Total		\$16,253.00	\$4,063.25	\$12,189.75		25.00%	75.00%		\$1,523.72	\$21,822.00	
		Total		\$278,002.00	\$87,288.01	\$190,713.99		31.40%	68.60%		\$23,839.25	\$21,822.00	
APR 2019	SoF - Rosewood Manor 7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020	0150-811	ops	\$30,242.00	\$7,800.82	\$22,441.18	4	25.79%	74.21%	8	\$2,805.15		
			supp svc	\$33,657.00	\$12,123.50	\$21,533.50		36.02%	63.98%		\$2,691.69		
		Total	admin	\$4,172.00	\$1,043.00	\$3,129.00		25.00%	75.00%		\$391.13		
		Total		\$68,071.00	\$20,967.32	\$47,103.68		30.80%	69.20%		\$5,887.96	\$5,241.83	
JUL 2019	GCYC Transitional Living	0144-811	ops	\$55,869.00	\$7,447.44	\$48,421.56		13.33%	86.67%		\$6,052.70		
		supp svc	\$62,500.00	\$3,348.98	\$59,151.02		5.36%	94.64%		\$7,393.88			

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	7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020	Total	admin	\$8,285.00 \$126,654.00	\$0.00 \$10,796.42	\$8,285.00 \$115,857.58	4	0.00% 8.52%	100.00% 91.48%		\$1,035.63 \$14,482.20	\$2,699.11	Spending down other grants unit end of Sept/OCT historical
	<b>MCD - CoC Planning</b>	<b>0614-800</b>	CoC planning	\$107,000.00	\$10,852	\$96,148.31	4	10.14%	89.86%	8	\$12,018.54		
	7/1/2019 - 6/30/2020	Total	admin	\$0.00 \$107,000.00	\$0.00 \$10,851.69	\$0.00 \$96,148.31		10.14%	100.00% 89.86%		\$0.00 \$12,018.54	\$5,425.85	\$12,500 quarterly
	<b>SoF - Lease UP</b>	<b>0314-807</b>	supp svc	19,000.00	\$3,667.85	\$15,332.15		19.30%	80.70%		\$1,703.57		
	8/1/2019 - 7/31/2020	Total	leasing admin	96,895.00 7,147.00	\$24,087.00 1,786.75	\$72,808.00 \$5,360.25	3	24.86% 25.00%	75.14% 75.00%	9	\$8,089.78 \$595.58	\$9,847.20	
	<b>SoF - Community Lease Up</b>	<b>373-805</b>	supp svc	\$10,579.00	\$2,374.32	\$8,204.68		22.44%	77.56%		\$911.63		
	8/1/2019 - 7/31/2020	Total	leasing admin	\$97,435.00 \$7,175.00	\$21,742.61 \$1,793.75	\$75,692.39 \$5,381.25	3	22.31% 25.00%	77.69% 75.00%	9	\$8,410.27 \$597.92	\$8,636.89	
	<b>GHS - Lease Up</b>	<b>0149-810</b>	leasing	\$259,284.00	\$61,919.62	\$197,364.38		23.88%	76.12%		\$21,929.38		
	8/1/2019 - 7/31/2020	Total	supp svc admin	\$73,548.00 \$31,816.00	\$17,431.59 \$0.00	\$56,116.41 \$31,816.00	3	23.70% 0.00%	76.30% 100.00%	9	\$6,235.16 \$3,535.11	\$26,450.40	through September
	<b>MCD - HMIS</b>	<b>0146-811</b>	HMIS costs	\$85,747.00	\$0.00	\$85,747.00		0.00%	100.00%		\$9,527.44		
	8/1/2019 - 7/31/2020	Total	admin	\$3,830.00 \$89,577.00	\$0.00 \$0.00	\$3,830.00 \$89,577.00	3	0.00% 0.00%	100.00% 100.00%	9	\$425.56 \$9,953.00	\$0.00	Historically spent down
	<b>GHS - RR</b>	<b>0447-804</b>	rental assista	\$195,852.00	\$32,697.65	\$163,154.35		16.70%	83.30%		\$18,128.26		
	8/1/2019 - 7/31/2020	Total	supp serv admin	\$41,747.00 \$15,396.00	\$9,513.47 \$0.00	\$32,233.53 \$15,396.00	3	22.79% 0.00%	77.21% 100.00%	9	\$3,581.50 \$1,710.67	\$14,070.37	through September

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TBRA 11/8/2018-11/7/2019			\$42,864.77	\$36,451.00	\$6,413.77	12	85.04%	14.96%	0	#DIV/0!		
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	Total		\$42,864.77	\$36,451.00	\$6,413.77		85.04%	14.96%		#DIV/0!	\$3,037.58	
TBRA 11/8/2019-11/7/2020			\$43,000.00	\$1,670.00	\$41,330.00	1	3.88%	96.12%	11	\$3,757.27		
	Total		\$43,000.00	\$1,670.00	\$41,330.00		3.88%	96.12%		\$3,757.27	\$1,670.00	