

CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD MEETING JAN 16, 2019 | 3-5PM

UNITED WAY ANN ARBOR | 2305 PLATT RD. ANN ARBOR

Members Present: Rhonda Weathers, Teresa Gillotti, Renee Smith, Jean Carlberg, Pam Smith, Susan Wyman, Pam Cornell-Allen, Amanda Carlisle, Jimena Loveluck, Shamar Herron, Jan Little, Alice Seipelt, Jillian Rosen, Dan Kelly, Shawn Dowling, Marla Conkin, Jim Mogensen, Tony DeGiusti, John Heiftje, Linda Rama

Staff & Presenters: Morghan Williams (OCED), Laura Urteaga-Fuentes (OCED), Andrew Kraemer (OCED), Lindsey Crandle (OCED), Lisa Gentz (CMH), Wendy Carty-Saxon (Avalon), Aubrey Patiño (Avalon)

Public: Liz Hill (Red Cross), Sara Saylor (UM Ginsberg Center), Annette Sobocinski (Childcare Network), Amanda Crosby (Childcare Network), Takisha Jones (Salvation Army), Ellen Schulmeister (IHN), Mark Creekmore (National Alliance on Mental Illness)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:00pm	1. Call to Order J. Hieftje called the meeting to order at 3:11
3:01pm	2. Welcome/Introductions
3:03pm	3. Public Comment (<i>limited 2 minutes per person</i>) No public comment given
3:05pm	4. Approval of Agenda (ACTION) J. Carlberg moved to approve the Agenda. T. Gillotti seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion carried with no opposition.
3:06pm	5. Approval of Minutes (ACTION) A. Carlisle indicated a correction was needed to the November 28, 2018 minutes section 11 as the proposition discussed was Proposition A not Proposition 2.
	J. Little moved to approve the minutes with the change. S. Wyman seconded. The minutes were approved with no additional discussion.
3:08pm	6. Select CoC Board Chairs (ACTION) J. Hieftje and R. Smith were nominated to continue serving as Co-Chairs.
	R. Weathers moved to approve nominations and P. Cornell-Allen seconded. The motion carried with no opposition.
3:15pm	7. Washtenaw County Equity Policy- Teresa Gillotti, OCED Teresa Gillotti shared that this policy passed in September 2018 and provides an overarching guidance for racial equity and accountability for the county and community. The focus is on integrating this racial equity lens into everyday work. The county is currently in the process of hiring an Equity Officer, for which there will be public presentations on February 4, 2019, from 4:30 – 8:30 followed by a meet-and-greet for the finalists. Once a decision is made, the new Equity Officer will hire a team and work with several other teams throughout the county, including hiring and training, to support the equity initiative. Eventually, this team will review policies and procedures so that the impact begins to look outwards to the community. The OCED has developed a Racial Equity Plan for 2019, which will require engagement and perseverance to meet both short-term and long-term equity goals.

3:35pm

8. 2019 CoC Board Calendar Approval (**ACTION**)- *Laura Urteaga-Fuentes, Office of Community & Economic Development (OCED)*

Some change to the calendar is expected as the CoC receives information on funding application dates. Updates will be made available throughout the year as this information is released to the CoC. Equity Efforts were added to the calendar this year as the Board will be having conversations throughout the year on how to integrate this into the CoC's efforts. The Board is invited to reach out for any training needs as the year continues.

J. Carlberg moved to approve. J. Morgensen seconded. The motion carried with no opposition.

3:45pm

9. CoC Systems Collaboration & Efforts-

- a. CMH Millage- *Lisa Gentz, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health*
In October, the Board of Commissioners approved the 11 investments approved by the Mental Health Advisory Council, and these investments are moving forward. The Access Plus Program has been expanded to align with the elected focuses for these new investments, and will be renamed CMH CARES. The expanded services for this program will begin in March of this year and will include addition supports on top of the crisis response that already exists; the services may be offered for up to one year. This initiative also hopes to overcome some of the barriers related to the waitlist and funding to improve early access and prompt access to treatment. This will also include efforts to meet the needs of rural communities through pop-up clinics.

- b. Hickory Way & Platt Road- *Aubrey Patiño & Wendy Carty-Saxon, Avalon Housing*

The new Hickory Way construction will offer 15 fully-accessible units with elevators and no-step entry. Of the 70 units in these two buildings, half are for homelessness and half are AMI units. One building will begin construction in April and the second building will be finished in 2020. The zoning is already completed for this initiative.

The Platt Road initiative is on county-owned land and will be divided between Thrive (approximately 75 units), and Avalon (50 units). Avalon's 50 units will include 30 units of supportive housing, with 10 Avalon units for clients of Ozone. The initiative is currently working on zoning with the county. Construction will likely begin in 2021 with an expected completion date in 2022. The market-rate units have their own financing, so those development dates may vary.

There is another opportunity in Dexter for a 2-acre plot of land for affordable housing units. This would be a collaborative effort with Faith in Action. The purchase agreement is expected on January 28, 2019 to apply for County Home funds with the formal presentation of the development expected in May.

J. Hieftje offered assistance with any lobbying needed to expedite the zoning process. He also requested that the CoC provide a list of affordable housing units coming online with construction or going offline to inform potential advocacy opportunities.

- c. Built for Zero Year End Update- *Andrew Kraemer, OCED*
See Built for Zero handout in the Board packet

The CoC has been using the Built for Zero participation model since its start in 2015 on prioritization of housing placements for veterans and chronically homeless individuals. As noted on the handout, there is a seasonal pattern of homelessness for veterans which seems to run opposite of the seasonal trend for families. This may be because families with children have extended relatives that are more likely to take them in during the cold weather months.

d. Homeless Response System Analysis- *Amanda Carlisle, Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA)*

See handout in the Board packet

The WHA will be selecting a consultant by February in order to quantify the number of units needed moving forward. The decision should be in line for the next CoC Board meeting, and the results will be sent to Corporation for Supportive Housing, U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, and Housing Solutions.

e. Youth Homelessness Efforts- *Laura Urteaga-Fuentes, OCED*

The CoC has been finalizing Youth Homelessness Survey Report and started meeting with key community partners to develop the Youth Committee. In compiling the report, the CoC found several gaps in policy and policy-related barriers to youth accessing services, including parenting youth and youth without parental consent to stay at shelters. The full report will be finalized soon and made available to the Board and larger public. The goal of this initiative is to address gaps and barriers to services for youth, and incorporate the youth voice into all aspects of the CoC decision-making process.

f. Winter Shelter- *Dan Kelly, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County & Morghan Williams, OCED*

Attendance at the shelter has increased 60% since last year, so SAWC has looked at potential off-site options for overflow this winter (count on December 31, 2018 was 95 out of a maximum of 118). They have met with a group of Ypsilanti and county congregations for space and volunteering, and a few congregations have responded with interest. The goal is to find space specifically in Ypsilanti because community members have identified this as an area of higher need. D. Kelly requested that Board members pass on any known connections or interest as SAWC is seeking solutions outside of the box to resolve any potential shortages.

4:15pm

10. Washtenaw Housing Alliance Update- *Amanda Carlisle, WHA*

The PIT Count Planning Committee has been meeting regularly since November for the count on January 30, 2019. The time has changed this year to 10:00pm – 2:00am to attempt to capture more youth in the count. Volunteer numbers are sufficient for the count.

WHA has several immediate advocacy needs:

WHA is working with L. Gentz from CMH to advocate that the resources earmarked for affordable housing are put towards this use. The City Council previously voted to put 40% of the funds (about \$900,000) towards housing, 75% of which would go to affordable housing and 25% to supportive services. The City Council has since decided to send out a poll to certain residents, but it is unclear how many residents will be polled. A. Carlisle requested that attendees spread information to their connections about this poll to spread awareness.

WHA is also advocating for the approval through City Council of the Lockwood of Ann Arbor apartment development. This would offer 95 units of senior housing with 38 units at 50% AMI or lower. The developer is making these available for 99 years. There is a lot of neighborhood opposition so WHA is putting out a call to action, asking organizations to support this development and contact city council members. There is a link on the WHA website for additional information.

The Ann Arbor Y lot was previously used for 100 units of affordable housing, and there is now a public engagement process around what to use the lot for. This is an opportunity for affordable housing on this lot.

Many units of Affordable Housing will be going offline in the next few years, and WHA is keeping record with a working document of these units. T. Gillotti is making contact with communities where these units are located to encourage their continuation.

Other Updates:

Sycamore Meadows has made a lot of progress over the last year, but still needs more work and support. This complex offers 260 units of affordable housing in Superior Township.

Most of HUD is furloughed due to the government shutdown. There has been concern about resources, but most rental assistance and vouchers are locked in place for January, but there may be potential problems in February. There is also insecurity around SNAP benefits after February, which may impact recipients.

4:20pm

11. Board Member Updates/Issues

J. Mogensen provided an update from the last meeting on the advocacy work around housing. There was a Moral Fusion summit on December 16, 2018 and there is still a possibility on coordinating as it relates to affordability. There is a history of collaboration within the interfaith community after the recession, but this community has not been used in a while. There will need to be an effort to renew this collaboration. One benefit is that most funding from religious organizations is unrestricted. Please contact J. Mogensen with any concerns or issues.

D. Kelly reported that there was a recent Housing Choice Voucher pull by CMA that put clients in a problematic situation. The clients were given 2 business day notice by mail for a required appointment; many did not receive the notice before the appointment. The clients were given the same appointment time, then were pulled in one-by-one for their meeting, causing inefficient use of client time. Many clients were not able to attend due to the short notice or no notice for this appointment. Community partners may need to advocate if their clients are turned away for not attending this meeting. There was a discussion around contact with MSHDA and CMA to improve future pull processes; it was decided that the CoC Board Executive Committee will follow through with communication for more effective results.

S. Wyman reported that St. Joseph has a new president who held a recent meeting on reducing racial inequities and disparities in the healthcare system. The hope is that this initiative will lead to more outreach from St. Joseph and a larger presence from the healthcare system in the community.

4:25pm

12. Public Comment (*limited 2 minutes per person*) No public comment given.

4:30pm

13. Adjournment J. Hiefje adjourned the meeting at 4:33.