

CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD

JANUARY 20, 2021 | 3:00-5:00PM

ZOOM MEETING (LINK WILL BE SHARED VIA EMAIL)

Board Members Present: J. Hieftje, A. Seipelt, A. Patiño, M. Conkin, T. Lee, A. Carlisle, R. Smith, K. Hoener, K. Wyatt, J. Monahan, T. Gillotti, J. Little, S. Dowling, R. Kraut, J. Rosen, K. Montgomery, R. Weathers, Z. Fosler, J. Mogensen

OCED Staff: A. O'Toole, M. Boydston, A. Kraemer

Members of the Public: W. Carty-Saxon, L. Velez, A. Bartha, J. Carey, C. Ledon, S. Collins, B. Niess-May, A. Payne, M. Creekmore, E. Chang, M. Jackson

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:00pm	1. Call to Order J. Hieftje called the meeting to order at 3:03 pm
3:01pm	2. Welcome/Introductions
3:05pm	3. Public Comment None
3:10pm	4. Approval of Agenda (ACTION) Motion was moved for discussion by M. Conkin; seconded by R. Smith. The motion carried with no opposition.
3:12pm	5. Approval of Minutes (ACTION) Motion was moved for discussion by A. Seipelt; seconded by R. Weathers. The motion carried with no opposition.
3:15pm	6. CoC Letter of Support for The Grove at Veridian (ACTION) – Wendy Carty-Saxon and Lauren Velez, Avalon Housing Motion was moved for discussion by R. Weathers; seconded by A. Carlisle Presented by W. Carty-Saxon and L. Velez: This project has been presented to this Board before, and adjustments have been made since then that Avalon would like to present to the Board. The property's tax credit application is due Feb 1. The Grove will have 50 total units, at least 13 of which will be PSH units. Avalon has site planning and zoning approved and are seeking CoC support today for the property's tax credit application. If all goes through, we will be starting construction in 2022 with move-in in 2023. J. Hieftje applauded Avalon for the perseverance to see this through over ten years. The motion carried with no opposition.
3:25pm	7. Selection of CoC Board Chairs & Secretary (ACTION) – Anna O'Toole, OCED Motion was moved for discussion by M. Conkin; seconded by A. Seipelt.

	<p>A. O’Toole: Each year per the Governance Charter the CoC Board is required to select two chairs and a secretary, who will provide leadership to the Board and will sit on the Executive Committee. There were no volunteers. J. Hieftje, R. Smith, and D. Kelly have all agreed to continue in their roles.</p> <p>The motion carried with no opposition.</p>
<p>3:30pm</p>	<p>8. Delegation of Authority to the Executive Committee to Approve 2021 Letters of Support (ACTION) – <i>Anna O’Toole, OCED</i></p> <p>Motion was moved for discussion by A. Seipelt; seconded by T. Lee.</p> <p>A. O’Toole: The board occasionally provides letters of support, and at times the timing for the letters of support does not align with the board meeting schedule. We are seeking permission for the Executive Committee to approve such letters if the timing is such that the full board does not have time to meet before the letter is due.</p> <p>The motion carried with no opposition.</p>
<p>3:35pm</p>	<p>9. 2021 Point-in-Time Count Update & Methodology (ACTION) – <i>Andrew Kraemer, OCED</i></p> <p>Motion was moved for discussion by A. Seipelt; seconded by A. Carlisle.</p> <p>A. Kraemer: We are presenting this methodology for approval by the Board. The Point-in-Time (PIT) count is an annual census of people experiencing homelessness. This year our methodology is the same as previous years with one change to the unsheltered portion. The sheltered count will still take place through HMIS, with special arrangements made for DV providers.</p> <p>For the unsheltered count, HUD is emphasizing safety this year due to the pandemic. After consulting with street outreach and the wider community, we will be conducting an observation only unsheltered PIT count, instead of the detailed interviews that we usually conduct. We have already notified HUD of our intent to utilize a waiver for this purpose.</p> <p>The motion carried with no opposition.</p>
<p>3:45pm</p>	<p>10. OCED 2019 Year In Review & COVID-19 Response Report – <i>Teresa Gillotti, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)</i></p> <p>T. Gillotti: Brief highlights of the year from OCED, including serving senior meals without interruption, and the incredible work of the Summer Works program for teens.</p>
<p>4:00pm</p>	<p>11. 2020 Continuum of Care System Data – <i>Andrew Kraemer, OCED</i></p> <p>A. Kraemer presented on numbers served in 2020. Throughout 2020 overall, Washtenaw County saw a decrease in the number of families experiencing homelessness, an increase in chronic homelessness, a decrease in non-chronic</p>

homelessness, and a decrease in veteran homelessness. See packet for more details.

4:10pm

12. Winter Shelter Response Update – Shelter Association of Washtenaw County; Marla Conkin, Salvation Army; Rhonda Weathers, SOS Community Services; Krista Girty, Ozone House

M. Conkin: On the family side, we housed 7 families in the hotel, 6 who are high risk and one that is waiting for space in a congregate setting. We are working with SOS Community Services for RRH, and they've already housed 2 families. The other family currently in the hotel will self-resolve. We're having regular meetings with the families staying in the hotel.

A. Bartha (SAWC): We're still operating multiple individual sites, sheltering over 135 people per night across all nights. We've maintained a low positive rate, although with the recent surge we've seen some cases and needed to isolate people. SAWC staff are continuing their work on housing people as quickly as possible.

4:25pm

13. Discussion of Emergency Solutions Grant Written Standards – Morghan Williams Boydston and Anna O'Toole, OCED

M. Boydston. We are looking to develop and update our ESG standards in light of the additional funds available this year. We went through a community process to develop these and identify areas to change.

A. O'Toole: Some of the major changes include:

- Shelter prioritization: Developed with shelter providers, new policy for ESG shelter (non-congregate only) prioritizes those at greatest risk of severe illness if they contract COVID-19.
- Homelessness prevention: Historically, we've only served Category 2 households, meaning those households within 14 days of losing their housing. HUD allows communities to also serve Categories 3 (homeless under other statutes) and 4 (fleeing DV) and people At Risk of Homelessness, which is a broad definition. After community discussion, we are opting to serve these additional categories of homelessness with prevention resources.
 - We will also continue to use the prevention tool, starting with a data collection period to understand how the tool is working.
 - We are also expanding the allowable costs under prevention. Historically, we've provided only rental assistance and security deposit; moving forward, we will provide additional assistance, including application fees, moving costs, and landlord incentives.
 - We are removing the one time per year assistance cap; households can receive up to \$3K total annually.
- Rapid Re-Housing: We are continuing to serve Cat. 1 and 4 persons and following CHP Prioritization.
 - We are specifying allowable costs for ESG RRH for the first time

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Basically, if HUD allows it we will allow it to provide flexibility to providers to be able to house clients. ● Due to the pandemic, with ESG-CV dollars we have flexibility with the Fair Market Rent (FMR) requirement and are allowing 110% of FMR during the pandemic, so long as units are still rent reasonable. ● These standards are a living document and we anticipate making changes based on feedback from providers. We will bring it back to the Board for final approval at a later date. ● These standards cover \$4.1 million of ESG, and specifically \$2.4mm from HUD ESG. Not all of that money is allocated to direct assistance. These amounts are part of the pandemic response on top of our base funding.
<p>4:40pm</p>	<p>14. Recent CARES Act Funding Awards – Anna O’Toole, OCED</p> <p>A. O’Toole: This is an update on some funding decisions that were made since the last Board meeting. The Board had previously delegated authority to the Executive Committee to make this decision between Board meetings.</p> <p>The Funding Review Team (FRT) provided recommendations for the entirety of our Round 2 MSHDA ESG-CV allocation (\$811,699) and a portion (\$218,610) of CDBG-CV funds dedicated to homelessness response. The Executive Committee approved the FRT’s recommendations.</p> <p>As part of the process, the FRT reviewed all of the applications previously received, as well as the MSHDA requirements and community needs. With all of this in mind, the FRT reached the recommendations in your packet, including administration funding for OCED; positions and prevention direct assistance at HAWC; a housing navigator position at WHA; and family rapid re-housing at SOS Community Services.</p> <p>The FRT also discussed funding year 2 of prevention work at Legal Services. Since ESG is more restrictive, the FRT opted to fund Legal Services with CDBG-CV funds, which will allow them to serve more clients further upstream.</p> <p>Lastly, the FRT recommended and the Executive Committee approved moving a small amount of prevention direct assistance to HAWC that had previously been allocated to Barrier Busters.</p>
<p>4:50pm</p>	<p>15. Board Member Updates/Issues</p> <p>J. Mogensen: The AATA plans are moving forward. In August, they are planning to restart. They will be looking at ridership more than coverage. They will be starting a process for public comment in February or March. Just a heads up because this is an important issue in the community to make sure people aren’t left out of the conversation.</p> <p>M. Boydston: We’ve recently learned that we have around \$20mm in rental assistance money from the Treasury Department. We have to hire at least 21 staff, and 75% need to be in place by March 15. We are hoping to start the</p>

	<p>program on a small scale by the beginning of March. We will have bilingual case managers and people to work with special populations.</p> <p>A. Carlise: The Biden administration has extended the eviction moratorium through the end of March and is looking to extend it to the end of September. There's a lot in the transition plan that would impact people experiencing homelessness and housing instability. There may be some advocacy opportunities coming up to support these plans.</p>
4:55pm	<p>16. Public Comment</p> <p>None</p>
5:00pm	<p>17. Adjournment</p> <p>J. Hieftje adjourned at 4:00pm.</p>

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