

# CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD

MARCH 20, 2019 | 3-5PM

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER (4135 WASHTENAW AVE. ANN ARBOR)

**Members Present:** Dan Kelly, Jan Little, Jim Mogensen, Jillian Rosen, Jennifer Hall, Zachary Fosler, Shawn Dowling, John Hieftje, Tony DeGiusti, Amanda Carlisle, Susan Wyman, Rhonda Weather, Jimena Loveluck, Teresa Gillotti, Heather Linky, Alice Seipelt, Renee Smith, Nicole Adelman, Marla Conkin, Shamar Herron, Pam Cornell-Allen

**Staff & Presenters:** Mirada Jenkins (OCED), Morghan Williams (OCED), Andrew Kraemer (OCED), Lindsey Crandle (OCED), Wendy Carty-Saxon (Avalon)

**Public:** Doug Smith (Faith in Action), Barbara Niess-May (Safe House)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:00pm	1. Call to Order J. Hieftje <b>called the meeting to order at 3:10</b>
3:01 pm	2. Welcome/Introductions
3:03pm	3. Public Comment ( <i>limited 2 minutes per person</i> ) <b>No public comments</b>
3:05pm	4. Approval of Agenda ( <b>ACTION</b> ) A. Carlisle indicated that Agenda Item 8b should be removed from the agenda as was discussed previously by the Executive Committee. There are no major updates on this item and it was mentioned in the WHA general update.  R. Smith moved to approve the agenda. Z. Fosler seconded. The Agenda was approved without any additional amendments.
3:06pm	5. Approval of Minutes ( <b>ACTION</b> ) N. Adelman reported that she was listed as present for the January 16, 2019 meeting but did not attend; she proposed that her name be removed from the attendees list.  R. Smith moved to approve the minutes. Z. Fosler seconded. The minutes were approved with no other changes.
3:08pm	6. Dexter site Tax Credit Application ( <b>ACTION</b> )- Wendy Carty-Saxton, Avalon Housing (see handout in Board Packet) Avalon is seeking action from the Washtenaw CoC in the form of a signed letter of support for the 2019 October tax credit application for 7651 Dan Hoey Way. This is a 2-acre site currently owned by the city of Dexter. Of the 22 planned units, 11 will be dedicated as supportive housing units for the CHP list, and rent for the other 11 set at a reasonable rate. Faith in Action will administer the supportive services, including an on-site food pantry.  R. Smith moved to approve. Z. Fosler seconded. The motion was carried with no opposition.
3:20pm	7. Voucher 101- <i>Mirada Jenkins, OCED</i>

(see handout in Board Packet) Several CoC Board members indicated that the PSH numbers on this handout do not seem correct and may need updating.

J. Mogensen requested a comprehensive list of affordable housing buildings and units including their expiration date to aid in advocacy work.

3:45pm

8. CoC Systems Collaboration & Efforts-
  - a. Built for Zero Update- *Andrew Kraemer, OCED*

A. Kraemer has been meeting monthly with chronic homelessness and Veteran leadership teams. The Veteran Team focuses on USICH benchmarks and examining inflow into our system. Next week, a team will attend a learning session in Atlanta and receive the results from the Veteran Research Project that was submitted last year. This data was combined with five other communities, and our report will include an Improvement Project Playbook with ideas for veteran inflow pilot projects specific to Washtenaw County. The data will then go to the Urban Institute in Washington D.C. to be analyzed and disseminated outward from there. The CoC also submitted the application for the Chronic Inflow project as part of this initiative. Applications are approved on a first-come-first-serve basis, so we recognize A. Kraemer's efforts in submitting the application within 24 hours of it being released.
  - b. Homeless Response System Analysis- *Amanda Carlisle, Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA)*  
(removed from the Agenda)
  - c. Youth Homelessness Efforts- *Krista Girty, Ozone House*

Pam Cornell-Allen presented from Ozone House. The Youth Homelessness Committee held its first meeting on February 28th with great turnout results! Leadership disseminated the Youth Homelessness Report and discussed some community strengths and challenges found through the report process. The committee then dug deeper with a SWOT analysis, which the CoC is synthesizing to move the committee forward. Ozone and CoC are collaborating on forming a sub-committee to develop a plan on how to involve youth on the full committee. The Youth Homelessness Committee will meet again in May and continue to meet bi-monthly.
  - d. Winter Shelter- *Dan Kelly, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County*  
(see handout in Board Packet) Winter Shelters will come to a close in 11 days, though SAWC is watching the weather and will extend this if needed. The rotating shelter will continue until April 9th. Highlights of this past season include several extreme winter weather conditions, and completion of the PIT count by volunteers in -14 degree weather! Several agencies were also recognized for stepping up their donations and fundraising for much-needed winter gear, including a sorority that raised over \$2,000 from University of Michigan students by accepting \$5 Venmo donations. This winter also saw a 23% increase in warming shelter utilization from last year and the highest utilization we have ever seen! We also saw a higher percent of older adults using shelter services. SAWC has also stocked a form of Narcan that is easier to administer, and had 6 active saves (not including cases addressed prior to an emergency).
  - e. ESG eligible cost MSHDA policy feedback- *Andrew Kraemer, OCED*  
(see handout in Board Packet) MSHDA has proposed to increase areas of expense and increase expense limits in a way that allows us to serve

clients better. The CoC reached out to community providers for feedback on the changes and has drafted a letter to respond to MSHDA's request for feedback. Two minor changes were suggested by board members and noted by OCED to update.

This was not listed as an action item, but the response letter to MSHDA requires approval from the Board. R. Smith moved to approve the letter. Z. Fosler seconded. The motion carried with no additional changes.

9. Equity Findings- *Morghan Williams & Lindsey Crandle, OCED*  
(see handout in Board Packet) The CoC will continue to present research findings in future board meetings as an ongoing effort to follow Washtenaw County's Equity Initiative.

4:10pm

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

The Lockwood Senior Housing initiative was voted down on Monday night, which is a difficult loss for our efforts towards affordable housing options in Washtenaw County. An Affordable Housing Resolution did pass Monday evening to explore additional housing opportunities, including the old fire station on Stadium Blvd.

WHA is currently drafting a budget for affordable housing and will present this to elective bodies in the county to ensure they are considering affordable housing issues in all decisions. For now, this project is being called "The Pledge" but it may change names in the future. This will involve putting together a list of advocacy efforts for the next few years, and will eventually become a one-pager with a draft expected in May. The Ann Arbor Human Services Board will advise it and pass it on to the Ann Arbor City Council to be the first to adopt it. It will eventually reach out to all municipalities. The enclosed handout includes current projects and goals. A. Carlisle requested feedback on these documents. A. Carlisle also reminded the Board of the importance of attending and representing their voice at city council meetings. An invitation was extended to put out displays and information outside the entrance to city council meetings as this is a good opportunity to speak with both city council members and some of the environmental activists. The mayor will also be working to reaffirm the millage issue in the near future, which is another advocacy opportunity for affordable housing.

The Point-In-Time (PIT) count debrief will occur on April 8

4:15pm

11. Policy Specialist Update- *Morghan Williams, OCED*

The OCED will conduct interviews over the next two weeks to fill the Policy Specialist position. Morghan is the contact person for the CoC while we work on filling the position. The CoC has already established a plan for the NOFA application and will be moving forward to ensure this moves forward without complications. We also have a call with a consultant for the Youth Demonstration Project next week.

4:20pm

12. Board Member Updates/Issues

April 16th is the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness and there will be an Advocacy Day. This will include a training and free lunch for staff, clients, and community members, and allow individuals to speak with their representatives. Selected advocacy points relate to affordable housing and income discrimination.

The Health Department is preparing for a Community Health Assessment to build upon existing community engagement work. The assessment will utilize

the Working Mobilizing for Action using Planning and Partnership (MAPPS) process. The Health Department will need 12 – 16 members for a steering committee; an invitation was sent out for board members to apply themselves or nominate someone.

MIWorks! Is planning for its Summer Youth Employment Program. They currently have 300 youth enrolled, and only 40 employment placements. A request was made for agencies to consider taking on a young person for the summer. If funding is a barrier, the Ann arbor Foundation may have funding available so that agencies can offer a young person employment for the summer. Ages for participation are 16 – 24 years; for more information or registration, visit [www.domoresummer19.com](http://www.domoresummer19.com)

4:25pm

13. Public Comment (*limited 2 minutes per person*) **No public comments**

4:30pm

14. Adjournment J. Hiefje adjourned the meeting at 4:28