

CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD

MAY 15, 2019 | 3-5PM
LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER | 4135 WASHTENAW AVE. ANN ARBOR
(AMENDED)

Members Present: Linda Rama, Dan Kelly, Jan Little, Jean Carlberg, Jim Mogensen, Jillian Rosen, Tarah Hearn (attending for Zachary Fosler), John Hieftje, Kathy Wyatt, Tony DeGiusti, Amanda Carlisle, Susan Wyman, Rhonda Weather, Jimena Loveluck, Heather Linky, Alice Seipelt, Marla Conkin, Shamar Herron, Pam Cornell-Allen (attending for Krista Girty)

Members not in Attendance: Shawn Dowling, Greg Dill, Jason Forsberg, Renee Smith, Marci Scalera

Staff & Presenters: Teresa Gillotti (OCED), Morghan Williams Boydston (OCED), Anna O’Toole (OCED), Lindsey Crandle (OCED), Lauren Velez (Avalon)

Public: Nicole Schalow (MSHDA), Jessie McShane (Child Care Network), Annie Hyrila (Avalon), Eric Hendershot (HAWC), Annette Sobocinski (Child Care Network), Tish Wu (Legal Services)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:00pm	1. Call to Order J. Hieftje called the meeting to order at 3:06
3:01pm	2. Welcome/Introductions We welcome Anna O’Toole, the newly-hired Policy Specialist for the Continuum of Care at OCED.
3:03pm	3. Public Comment (limited 2 minutes per person) No public comment given.
3:05pm	4. Approval of Agenda (ACTION) J. Mogensen moved to approve the amended agenda. K. Wyatt seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion carried with no opposition.
3:06pm	5. Approval of Minutes (ACTION) A typo was found in section (8); currently says “better leadership teams” instead of “Veteran leadership teams.” J. Carlberg requested that members absent from the board meetings also be listed in the minutes. J. Carlberg moved to approve the amended minutes. R. Weathers seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion carried with no opposition.
3:08pm	6. Discussion on Equity Research Plan (ACTION) - Morghan Williams Boydston & Lindsey Crandle, OCED Report out on Los Angeles’ recent report on black homelessness (see Board Packet for a detailed summary of this report).

	<p>The CoC has created a Racial Equity Research Plan to understand how experiences differ between white and black people experiencing homelessness in Washtenaw County. Members participated in a pair-and-share with results to be emailed to M. Williams Boydston. Some concerns included funding for conducting research and adding to existing staff responsibilities. Another concern presented related to the use of “people of color” or “African American” as these are two separate terms; it was suggested that the CoC determine which group is being targeted in this research plan and adjust the language accordingly. Other suggestions included conducting interviews with a wide range of ages as experiences may be different for the different age groups.</p> <p>A. Carlisle moved to approve the Research Plan; D. Kelley seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion carried with no opposition.</p>
3:20pm	<p>7. Homelessness Annual Report - Morghan Williams Boydston, OCED (see Board Packet for the Executive Summary) The full report for 2017 is expected within the next week and will be posted to the CoC website. The data shows that literal homelessness has declined and the number of people with new homelessness is lower now than ever before, and fewer people are returning to homelessness. We hope to turn around the 2018 report by the Fall. There will be some widjets in the full electronic document that highlight certain issues and subpopulations.</p>
3:25pm	<p>8. CoC Systems Collaboration & Efforts-</p> <p>a. Built for Zero Update-Morghan Williams Boydston, OCED We are very close to ending Veteran homelessness (only 31 people on the CHP list). We have set a date in July to end veteran homelessness. Once we eliminate veteran homelessness, the CoC will need to get approval from USICH to publicly claim that we have ended veteran homelessness. After this happens, we can apply the tactics used for veteran homelessness towards chronic homelessness. The next project we have begun is coordinating with hospitals to look at diversion techniques and incorporate them across the system. We are trying to establish collaboration with the county court alternatives. (See handout in packet for more information). We will also be working on recruiting landlords to engage them around veteran housing and offering supports.</p> <p>Youth Homelessness Efforts - Krista Girty, Ozone House (presented by Pam Cornell-Allen) Yesterday we submitted the YHDP application, which was a big effort. This program supports communities in having a coordinated response to youth homelessness (defined as being age 24 or younger and unaccompanied). This year HUD is giving \$75 million to 25 communities (17 of which apply to urban areas). This year the YHDP added a new focus on Racial Equity. This year we have started the Youth Homelessness Committee, which we did not have last year. We were applying for a certain amount of money, not specific projects and strategies, as these will be identified if we receive the grant with technical assistance</p>

from HUD. We expect to hear back sometime this summer.

Ozone House is now offering screening hours for youth to complete the TAY-SPDAT assessment. At this time, Ozone staff let youth know what types of housing opportunities they may be eligible for and get on the wait list if there are no resources immediately available. Staff are located at both Ozone House locations and screening hours will be posted on the website soon. For agencies referring youth to these hours, it would be helpful if they brought identification but no documentation is required as Ozone will work with youth to obtain the needed documents.

b. SAWC updates - Dan Kelly, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County

(see Board Packet handout for details)

SAWC is already thinking about next winter and the warming shelters. SAWC had a record occupancy this winter, most likely due to the polar vortexes. Capacity is 113, and one night had 114 which led to an emergency offsite location. SAWC is noticing some emerging themes in an increase in opioid and substance use, youth using the shelter, and human trafficking survivors. This past year SAWC served 8 survivors of human trafficking though the actual number is likely much higher as many individuals won't disclose this information or seek assistance. Of these 8 individuals, all were women, most were younger, 2 were pregnant, half still had contact with the person they were fleeing, and nearly all had police involvement. They are working with Sanctum House and Sparrow Freedom Project to develop partnerships linking human trafficking survivors to resources, law enforcement to report incidences, as well as the University of Michigan Human Trafficking clinic and Eastern Michigan University for training SAWC staff on how to address the safety and needs of these clients. Jewish Family services was identified as a potential resource on this issue.

SAWC is also in a pilot program with U of M on opioid issues. All staff are now trained on administering Narcan. The disability rate continues to skyrocket in the shelter (45% to 65% in the last few years) and SAWC is seeing higher medical acuity among these individuals.

c. SIM/CHRE -Lauren Velez, Avalon Housing; Amanda Carlisle, WHA

The State Innovation Model/Community Health Innovation Regions (SIM/CHRE) is a State-funded program that offers 25 HCV's through MSHDA and support coordination funding through MDHHS to reduce the frequent use of high-cost emergency Medicaid services through housing services. This innovation is taking place in 4 counties across the state, including Washtenaw, Muskegon, and Traverse City. The target population is individuals and families experiencing literal homelessness and frequently using Medicaid emergency services (ER visits). MDHHS provides a list of individuals which

is reviewed by the CHP committee. We currently have 20 households in housing (4 families) with 5 households remaining. The goal was 25 but the program has been able to serve 26.

One individual in this program was camping outside for over 6 years. He was not comfortable using the warming centers, shelters, or other supportive services so he wasn't on the CHP list. He was brought to their attention and moved into housing a few months later. His case manager is working with him to address some of his ongoing health issues to reduce ER visits. The program is also working with a family of 11 (10 children) and they were able to move into housing. The Doctor is able to come into the home to provide medical services, because the mother was unable to get all of the kids to doctor appointments because of childcare and transportation barriers. Washtenaw County is doing very well with this project compared to other counties due to the higher collaboration and communication on this project.

- d. Trump Proposal to Evict Undocumented Immigrants from Subsidized Housing - Jimena Loveluck, Washtenaw Health Department; and Amanda Carlisle, WHA **(ACTION)**

This ruling would prevent families of mixed immigration status from receiving subsidized housing. Currently they can receive supports if there is one citizen or resident in the household. There is a thought that this would only apply to new households seeking supports, but existing households may not want to stay given the greater scrutiny on their documentation status. HUD estimates that this would impact 108,000 people, 55,000 of whom are children. If this rule goes into effect, it would also place a financial burden on local governments to step in and replace housing supports for these families. This rule has been published and there is an extended comment period in effect until July 9. There have already been a lot of comments and pressure on Ben Carson to not allow this rule to go in place, but we don't know if it will be stopped given the current political climate.

The CoC Board indicated interest in submitting a comment. The next CoC Board meeting occurs after the comment period ends so J. Mogensen moved to create a resolution that authorizes the Executive Committee to approve a letter on behalf of the CoC Board. A. Carlisle seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion carried without opposition.

- e. Anticipated NOFA Dates for ESG & COC - Morghan Williams Boydston, OCED

MSHDA-ESG still has not been released for FY2019. There was a slight increase of HUD ESG funds from last year; this needs to be approved by the Board of Commissioners before it is published. We are also still waiting for the HUD-CoC application to be released.

4:10pm

- 9. Washtenaw Housing Alliance Update - Amanda Carlisle, WHA (See the Board Packet for more information)

The city of Ann Arbor is creating a task force to determine what

	<p>happens at the Library Lot and they are currently accepting applications. A. Carlisle encouraged interested parties to apply. The city held a reception on May 6 regarding affordable housing, climate action, and safety. This meeting showed great partnership among these topics. A. Carlisle urges members to contact city council members and ask them to fully fund affordable housing in the millage budget.</p>
4:15pm	<p>10. Policy Specialist Update - Morghan Williams Boydston, OCED Anna O'Toole has started as the Policy Specialist at OCED. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a BA in International Studies and Spanish. She is coming to us from Washington D.C. where she worked for the Migration Policy Institute on a broad range of intersection fields.</p>
4:20pm	<p>11. Board Member Updates/Issues</p> <p>J. Mogensen reports that the AATA will be presenting part 2 of its fair study tomorrow evening and releasing the 300-page report. It is important for us to know this since SMART and A-RIDE have changed their board policies to allow them to make changes more quickly. The new government structure does not allow the public to go to sub-committee meetings anymore which means sudden changes could be made without much public awareness. There will be public comment periods. They are looking at fairs, ridership, and routes, which impact people served by our housing and homelessness agencies.</p> <p>S. Herron thanked this community (nonprofits and human service agencies) for stepping up and providing opportunities for the youth summer employment program in a way that the private sector did not.</p> <p>D. Kelly announced that the Michigan Coalition against Homelessness had Advocacy day on April 15th trying to change discrimination in housing applications. Advocacy building the housing trust fund to increase affordable housing and funding for shelters. We hope for some legislative changes around a Landlord risk mitigation fund and income equity to come out of this event. Also, SAWC received an announcement of a \$100,000 grant for the recuperative care pilot program which will begin towards the end of the summer.</p> <p>J. Little announced that Michigan Ability Partners submitted a grant for the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program and thanked the Executive Committee for signing off on a letter of support from the CoC. MAP hopes to receive a 3-year grant with opportunities for renewal to offer income to homeless veterans.</p>
4:25pm	<p>12. Public Comment (limited 2 minutes per person) No public comment given.</p>
4:30pm	<p>13. Adjournment J. Hieftje adjourned the meeting at 4:33pm</p>