Members in Attendance: Treasurer Brenda McKinney (Superior Township); Cath Howard (Augusta Township); Craig Lyon (Pittsfield Township); Councilperson Elizabeth Nelson (City of Ann Arbor); Joe Meyers (City of Ypsilanti); Clerk Karen Lovejoy Roe (Ypsilanti Township); Supervisor Marlene Chockley (Northfield Township); Michael Moran (Ann Arbor Township); Michelle Aniol (City of Dexter)

Communities Absent: City of Saline; Bridgewater Township; Dexter Township; Lima Township; Manchester Township; Salem Township; Saline Township; Scio Township; Sylvan Township; Webster Township; York Township

OCED Staff Present: Mirada Jenkins, Morghan Williams Boydston, Tara Cohen

Guests: Chris Brown (Habitat for Humanity of Huron Valley); Marta Larson (Whitmore Lake resident); Pam Kisch (Fair Housing Center of Southeast and Mid MI)

Meeting called to order: 2:10pm

Mirada Jenkins, OCED Housing and Infrastructure Manager, called the meeting to order and explained that she would be facilitating due to Commissioner Morgan’s unexpected absence (another meeting ran longer than planned).

I. Public Comment – None

II. Announcements
   • Introductions were made around the room.

III. Minutes - Approval of 6-6-19 Meeting Minutes (ACTION)
Following Meyers’ seconding the motion to approve the June meeting minutes, Chockley pointed out Item IV.A where she was named as having asked a question that she did not recall asking, pertaining to Avalon Housing (CHDO) operating costs. Cohen responded that it is possible she may have confused her with someone else and will make a correction to the minutes.

Meyers stated that this can be treated as a “friendly amendment” and therefore the group did not need another motion for this item.

Moved by Lovejoy Roe. Support by Meyers.
Motion passed (with “friendly amendment” that Cohen will make one revision to item IV.A to replace Chockley with “a UCEC representative.”)

IV. General Administration
   A. Fair Housing Presentation (Pam Kisch, Fair Housing Center of Southeast & Mid MI) – Pam Kisch, Executive Director of the Fair Housing Center of Southeast & Mid MI, passed out a 1-page “Fair Housing Quiz” handout for everyone to complete individually. After everyone completed the quiz, Kisch led the group aloud through the correct answers for each question, followed by brief
discussion and questions from Committee members and staff. After this activity, Kisch showed an online film by Mark Lopez called Segregated by Design ([www.segregatedbydesign.com](http://www.segregatedbydesign.com)). The film is based on Richard Rothstein’s book *The Color of Law: A Forgotten History of How our Government Segregated America*.

After the film, Moran asked whether it is available and free to distribute. Kisch replied that it is intended to be shared widely. Cohen agreed to send out the website link to the UCEC listserv.

**B. Washtenaw County 2019 Point-in-Time Review (Morghan Boydston Williams, OCED)**

OCED Human Services Manager Morghan Boydston Williams presented on the most recent Point-in-Time Homeless Count ("PIT Count") in Washtenaw County, which was conducted on January 30, 2019 between the hours of 10PM and 2AM (for the unsheltered count). The presentation was included in the meeting packet found [here](#).

One committee member asked how the date and time is selected. Williams explained that HUD requires every Continuum of Care (CoC) across the U.S. to conduct the PIT count during the last week of January, however the local CoC gets to choose the specific night of the week.

Howard commented that the polar vortex this past winter had resulted in some churches and other locations opening their doors to serve as informal shelters, most likely getting the word out on the neighborhood level. She noted that these sites wouldn’t may not have been surveyed since they were not part of the more formal network of known/established shelters.

A brief discussion took place about how HUD defines “chronic homelessness” and whether there are common understandings of the definition. (More information can be found [here on the HUD Exchange website](#).)

**C. General Updates**

1) 2019-20 Action Plan approved by BOC; OCED submitted to HUD

2) Ad Hoc Subcommittee updates – Cohen stated that the following four (4) members have volunteered for the subcommittee to address CDBG funding set-asides: Aniol, Chockley, Howard, and Lyon. She mentioned that they are just waiting on one person to complete the online meeting calendar poll, at which point Cohen will confirm the date and time for the first meeting, likely to be in August. She noted that the goal is to meet twice before mid-October, so that the full UCEC can decide on any relevant process guidelines in time for the 2020 Action planning process beginning in November.

3) Local Project updates - Cohen provided some brief updates on CDBG-funded infrastructure and demolition/affordable housing projects underway or with pending contracts, which can be found in the [packet](#).

4) Community Announcements/updates – Aniol announced that on July 16th the City of Dexter will be holding a public forum for Avalon Housing to educate the public about their organization’s work and share plans for the Dan Hoey project. Aniol explained the context for this forum, in that a small group of residents in Dexter are advocating against this project to construct affordable housing. This group has expressed opposition to the City selling the land to Avalon Housing, and their petition has approximately 50 signatures thus far. Aniol’s sense is that
the City Council will not back away from the Dan Hoey project, also noting positive newspaper coverage in both the Sun Times and a second (online) paper.

V. **Adjournment** - Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 3:23pm (quorum no longer present).

Adjourned: 3:23pm