

CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD

JULY 21, 2021 | 3:00-5:00PM

ZOOM MEETING (LINK WILL BE SHARED VIA EMAIL)

Board Members Present: J. Hieftje (Ann Arbor), D. Kelly (Ann Arbor), R. Smith (Ypsilanti), R. Weathers (Ypsilanti), K. Hoener (Ypsilanti), A. Carlisle (Ann Arbor), J. Mogensen (Ann Arbor), M. Conkin (Ann Arbor), J. Monahan (Ypsilanti), A. Seipelt (Ypsilanti), J. Epps (Ypsilanti), T. Gillotti (Ypsilanti), S. Dowling (Ann Arbor), N. Adelman (Washtenaw County), T. Lee (Ypsilanti), , K. Montgomery (Ypsilanti)
 OCED Staff: M. Boydston (Detroit), A. Kraemer (Ann Arbor), Lauren Gant (Ypsilanti), M. Biscamp (Ann Arbor)

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:00pm	1. Call to Order J. Hieftje called the meeting to order at 3:04pm.
3:01pm	2. Welcome/Introductions
3:05pm	3. Public Comment None
3:10pm	4. Approval of Agenda (ACTION) M. Conkin moved to approve. R. Weathers seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion was carried with no opposition.
3:12pm	5. Approval of Minutes (ACTION) A. Seipelt moved to approve. J. Epps seconded. There was no further discussion and the motion was carried with no opposition.
3:14pm	6. FY21-22 Emergency Service Grant (ESG) Funding Decisions (ACTION) – <i>Morghan Williams Boydston, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)</i> R. Weathers moved the agenda item for discussion. A. Seipelt seconded. The CoC’s Funding Review Team met on July 15 and 19 to review performance of current ESG-funded agencies and evaluate community need to identify appropriate funding recommendations for the next fiscal year. The MSHDA ESG funding application is due July 30st. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD ESG: \$183,820 (a decrease of \$2,768 from 2020 funding) • MSDHA ESG: \$491, 569 (an increase of \$20,158 from 2020 funding) • Total ESG: \$675,389 Considerations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant influx of funding due to the pandemic. • Need for assistance is expected to continue to rise in the coming months. • Issues with data quality and program outcomes but were not significant enough to impact agency funding. • HAWC has had to prioritize spending down prevention and eviction assistance • FRT is recommending all programs and agencies funded in full

	<p>There was no further discussion and the motion carried with no opposition. M. Conkin – Abstained</p>
<p>3:35pm</p>	<p>7. Emergency Housing Voucher (EHV) Memorandum of Understanding and Prioritization Update – <i>Morghan Williams Boydston, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Plymouth Housing Commission b. Continuum of Care <p>There will be a meeting next week for a coordinated approach for EHV allocation along with Plymouth Housing Commission to prepare for the end of July contract.</p>
<p>3:40pm</p>	<p>8. Continuum of Care Quarterly Data Report – <i>Andrew Kraemer, OCED</i></p> <p>A. Kraemer presented Washtenaw CoC Data Review – March through May 2021. See board packet for data visualizations. So far, the number of people experiencing homelessness is down 9% (292) and the number of people permanently housed is down 17% (229) since May 2020. The average days from intake to permanent housing is down 6% (129) since 2020.</p>
<p>4:00pm</p>	<p>9. COVID Emergency Rental Assistance (CERA) Updates – <i>Morghan Williams Boydston, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED), Rhonda Weathers, SOS Community Services and Marla Conkin, Salvation Army</i></p> <p>M. Boydston – In total, spent ~\$1.6M in CERA funds between SOS and Salvation Army. There have been 150 cases approved and as of today there are 172 cases pending approval. OCED will so conduct a press release to remind residents that CERA funds are available thru 2022. OCED has partnered with Buenos Vecinos to help navigate the process for Spanish speaking residents. OCED is currently seeking volunteers via ICPJ to provide navigation assistance to the community-at-large, especially for the aging population.</p> <p>R. Weathers – There has been some difficulty with staff transitions but are excited to be nearly fully staffed again.</p> <p>M. Conkin – Agrees with R. Weathers and adds that we continue to have bi-weekly meetings with court and landlord attorneys to problem-solve and help streamline services. HAWC still has a court liaison who can keep track of the status of cases.</p> <p>M. Boydston – Currently have a 30-day stay with CERA but may change once the moratorium ends. This also applies to DTE arrearages. Residents should still apply for CERA and must still show up for court.</p> <p>J. Mogensen – Regarding seeking volunteers for helping residents navigate</p>

	<p>the CERA application, RAAH is ready and willing to help in the efforts.</p>
<p>4:10pm</p>	<p>10. HMIS Coordinated Entry Change – <i>Lauren Grant, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)</i></p> <p>L. Grant (HMIS Specialist with OCED) – OCED recently implementing a HUD mandated change that is requiring HAWC intake staff to collect more information from clients when they initially call for services. Collecting more information takes more time, which creates longer call-times on the intake lines, which has been decreasing the volume of calls that staff can take. HAWC has done a great job so far with this change.</p>
<p>4:12pm</p>	<p>11. Shelter Updates, Individuals – <i>Dan Kelly, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC)</i></p> <p>D. Kelly – Transitioned out of general hotel use at the end of June and happy to report no one ended up homeless as a result of leaving the hotels. The second floor remains open for overflow. Currently at 65 beds overall per night at Delonis Center and are working with public health to get back to 100% occupancy per room. Partnership with CDC and Packard Health to add recuperative care beds. Currently at 8 beds in operation in a local hotel for folks who are homeless and being discharged from hospitals and clinics. The diversion program has been successful since the start in January. 40% success rate, which is 20% better than most programs across the country</p> <p>Questions: K. Montgomery – is recuperative care being done at the hotel? Yes.</p>
<p>4:22pm</p>	<p>12. Shelter Updates, Families - <i>Marla Conkin, Salvation Army</i></p> <p>M. Conkin - Continuing to practice diversion for families coming in for shelter. If not able to divert, then we look at shelter stay and if they do not have any openings and the family has nowhere to go, then we look at placing them into a hotel. Since we started with the hotels in June, we have placed 8 families. One family was transitioned into a shelter due to barriers. Currently have 7 families in the hotel and all but 1 have rapid rehousing. We are using FEMA and MSHDA Covid funding for the hotel stays. Each funding source allows up to 30 days in hotel per family, meaning a family could stay up to 60 days in a hotel. We practice diversion with them daily while in the hotel to help get them into housing.</p>
<p>4:32pm</p>	<p>13. American Rescue Plan (ARP) – <i>Teresa Gillotti, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)</i></p> <p>T. Gillotti – See packet for further information on the plan. This is a significant amount of funding, ~\$71M over the next 4 years related to recovery. There will be a survey and community meetings, but please share this information</p>

	<p>broadly with your networks. This is a unique opportunity for community to weigh in on how these funds will be used. Some are related to CoC work and some are not. Generally, the categories available for funding are broad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General categories <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • filling in funding that was lost due to Covid to help local units stay afloat • helping residents broadly • infrastructure support • <i>Connecting Washtenaw County</i> – broadband and internet access – infrastructure and cost relief, expanding public wifi • <i>Encouraging Generational Success</i> – childcare access and early childhood, investing in high impact tutoring due to loss in education due to Covid, universal childhood savings account to every entering first grader in the county, Launching financial counseling – Financial Empowerment System • <i>Housing & Homelessness</i> – working to increase home ownership in BIPOC communities, • <i>Creating a More Sustainable Community</i> – climate action plan, expanding solar infrastructure, expanding weatherization program • <i>Supporting a Strong Local Economy</i> – economic opportunity for small businesses – direct relief, support for farmers and agricultural businesses, support entrepreneurs, specifically BIPOC businesses • <i>Health & Wellbeing</i> – mobile support services to go out into the community, medical mobile clinic, microgrants for emerging nonprofits • <i>Practicing Good Government</i> – 5-year strategic plan, accounting for loss revenues, reinvesting on county government infrastructure, supporting county employees – looking at hazard pay and other salaries • PLEASE SEND SURVEY OUT
4:40pm	<p>14. Board Member Updates/Issues J. Mogensen – Ann Arbor Transportation Authority: people taking the bus more often, if you are aware of gaps, please contact Jim. J. Mogensen – Senior Ride (previously gold ride) was going to eliminate but brought it back.</p>
4:55pm	<p>15. Public Comment None</p>
5:00pm	<p>16. Adjournment J. Hieftje adjourned the meeting at 4:13pm</p>