

Macomb Continuum of Care (CoC)**Board Meeting Minutes**

Virtual meeting held via Microsoft Teams

May 5, 2020**2 p.m.**

Present: Dawn Calnen, Julie Hintz, Rev. Kelly Cooper, Lisa Chapman, Connie Lasher, Jacquelyn Theriot-Merchant, Heather VanDenburg, Lydia Moore, Natalie Dean-Wood, Dr. Gerald I.F. Curley, Ricky Garcia

Not Present: Mark Henderson, Deanne Honeycutt, Dawn Revyn, Heather El-Khoury

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
1. Meeting Called to Order	The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. by Calnen.	Roll call was conducted. A quorum was present.
2. Introductions	Introductions were conducted.	
3. Approval of the Agenda	Motion made by Lasher to approve the agenda and seconded by Cooper.	Motion approved.
4. Approval of the March Meeting Minutes	Motion made by Lasher to approve the minutes of April 7, 2020 and seconded by Chapman.	Motion approved.
5. COVID-19 Updates	<p>Dean-Wood presented on COVID-19 updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• There have been some homeless individuals testing positive for COVID on the west side of Michigan, but homeless people in Macomb have not been impacted significantly at this time. Guidance from the State for long term care and congregate sites testing includes the homeless population. Health Departments have been charged with testing at all long term care facilities and shelters.• Dean-Wood has been working with Honeycutt on connecting with shelter directors in Macomb County, including asking shelters how prepared they are, what resources they need from the Health Department, and how many residents they typically have. Health Department will follow up with the shelters.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CoC, MHC and other agencies need to work on a plan to address positive tests for people who are homeless. • In Macomb County there have been 5,832 cases; 633 deaths; 1,834 have recovered. Majority of cases are male. Race breakdown of: 46% white, 25% black, 22% unknown, 3% Asian, 4% other; working to fill in gaps in data that wasn't collected (unknown). • Highest number of cases have been in Warren with over 1,100 cases, following Warren are Sterling Heights, Clinton Township, Macomb Township, Eastpointe, St. Clair Shores, and Roseville; highest number of deaths is in Warren. Dashboard on County website, updated daily. • Merchant provided a MDHHS/Salvation Army Region 10 update. MHC has placed 10 families into motels currently using funds received. People are asked if they have symptoms, MDHHS/Salvation Army will work with them to be tested. • Merchant stated that the Macomb Community Action ESG NOFA for shelter providers is hosting a meeting today for this funding. • Chapman asked if there are overall strategies for congregate shelters to deconcentrate the shelters and are there plans for health screenings or options for testing as people enter shelters. Chapman also asked if the Coordinated Entry process is changing in light or prioritizing people. • Merchant stated that health screenings and testing is happening at MATTS and MCREST as coordinated by MDHHS/Salvation Army Region 10 • VanDenburg stated that MCREST is screening guests themselves and asking if people have symptoms, but not providing formal testing. All guests are currently in a motel with one roommate or with their family unit. • Chapman asked if there were difficulties finding motel space. Vandenburg replied no, MCREST has a long relationship with a motel near MCREST's office where all guests are housed. • Dean-Wood stated that there are not currently public health nurses going to shelters at this time. • Calnen asked if there were specific "hot spots" in Macomb County. Dean-Wood responded that the dashboard heat map indicates the southern part of the County, Sterling Heights, Clinton Township and Mount Clemens are hot spots. • Calnen asked if Macomb County has applied for FEMA relief. Dean-Wood replied no, this has not been done and this would require a declaration from the local health officer. VanDenburg stated that MCREST's director April Fidler was looking into this. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calnen stated there needs to be a coordination of funds coming in to best help our community and what is the place this coordination happens. There was additional discussion on this topic. 	
6. Operations Update from CoC Lead Agency	<p>Merchant reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MSHDA ESG NOFA was sent out on Friday. Merchant sent information to CoC Board with RFPs on Monday. MSHDA is funding current ESG providers and is looking for new providers. Deadline in one week to identify agencies that have capacity/documentation in place. Funding is able to be used for hotels, funding case management to assist people moving to permanent housing, for assistance is available for longer periods of time for existing ESG. Merchant answered Cooper's question about assistance with homelessness prevention, which can be provided with these funds. Chapman asked if it is up to the communities to determine how funds are used in certain percentage toward services or targeted. Merchant responded that this initial RFP is to identify providers and the next part will be addressing the strategy for services. There are no required percentages for services. Chapman asked how many agencies currently receive MSHDA ESG funds. Merchant responded that MCREST, Salvation Army MATTS, FYI and MHC are the current MSHDA ESG funded agencies. Those who are not currently providers would be considered new and would have to be approved by MSHDA. Calnen asked about Turning Point. Merchant stated that they are doing well, but they could use additional funds for hotels and RRH. Calnen asked about family sheltering and the impacts on families. Merchant stated that the MSHDA ESG funding allows for help for a longer amount of time; this is a first round of funding with additional funds expected. Chapman asked if in addition to shelter, motels, case management, RRH, can this funding used for supplies, PPE, and outreach. Merchant stated yes, the funds can be used for these areas. Merchant indicated that no action is needed from the CoC Board on the RFP. 	
7. HMIS Lead Agency Update	<p>Garcia reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no specific updates or changes to report for HMIS. Deadlines for submission into HDX for LSA, PIT and HIC have been pushed back to June 30 due to COVID. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSA reporting – waiting on ABT associate to contact Garcia. No communication has been received yet. Possibly delayed due to COVID. 	
8. Standing Committee Updates	<p>a.) Point in Time Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No report <p>b.) Coordinated Entry Systems Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Merchant stated that there has been continued consistency and attendance on the calls. • Merchant stated there has not been discussion about changes to CE in response to COVID. <p>c.) Grant Ranking Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Honeycutt and Jazmyn Thomas are working on reviewing the HUD tool. • Merchant stated that the CoC debriefing document for FY 19 was received and this can be discussed at the June Board meeting. Our CoC scored well. Merchant will make sure the document is sent out. <p>d.) Compliance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curley reported that he has the MOU to review and will get it to Deanne. • This year's reviewed still need to be completed once the stay at home order is lifted. <p>e.) HMIS and Data Quality Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garcia reported the data quality overall is doing well; no issues to report. <p>f.) Awareness and Advocacy Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VanDenburg reported that the committee has not had a formal meeting since COVID started. • Most advocacy efforts have been around finding supply chains for PPE. Co-chair Sarah Gisdorf is reaching out to connections to purchase needed items. MCREST will need items. Merchant asked if MDHHS/Salvation Army Region 10 reached out to MCREST. Vandenburg stated yes there has been weekly contact, but no PPE provided. • Calnen reported that CHN has been able to obtain PPE to give to people who are in the community and homeless. Plan to this with street outreach starting as soon as next week. 	

	g.) Mainstream Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No report 	
9. Other items/ Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cooper asked if homeless people on the street can be placed into a hotel. Merchant stated that people should call MHC at 586-213-5757 for assessment. Funding is to help people who are unable to get into a shelter due to COVID. Cooper asked if hand sanitizer is available. Calnen referred Cooper to herself and Lasher. Merchant asked if we having a membership meeting in May. Discussion followed and a decision that there will be no meeting in May, but there will be a meeting in June. 	
10. Close	Motion to adjourn made by Curley seconded by Dean-Wood at 3:18 p.m.	Motion approved.
11. Next Meeting	CoC Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 2 at 2 p.m. via Microsoft Teams/conference call.	Agenda will be sent prior to meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Julie Hintz.

CoC Coordinator Report
Macomb County CoC BOD Meeting
Tuesday May 5th, 2020, 2:00pm
Conference Call

I. HUD Updates:

- a. Due to COVID-19 being a pressing topic for today, for the June 2020 CoC Board Meeting the HUD FY19 Debriefing Document will be attached for review.

II. MSHDA:

- a. J. Merchant to report: MSHDA ESG CARES ACT Funding Process

III. Macomb Homeless Coalition Lead Agency Update:

- a. J. Merchant to report: MSHDA COVID-19 ESG Application

Respectfully Submitted,

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