

**Macomb Continuum of Care (CoC)
Membership Meeting Minutes
MCA Conference & Training Center
21885 Dunham Rd. Clinton Twp., MI 48036**

April 11, 2018 @ 9:00 am

Meeting Called to Order by Henderson @ 9:06 a.m.

Attendees:

Jacqueline Merchant	MHC	Dawn Calnen	CHN
Ryan Bush	Humana	Diane Van Coppenolle	Liberties Inc.
Liz Seargent	Salvation Army Matts	Ricky Garcia	MHC
Gail Hardin	MATTS	Zachary Dieck	TTI
Kara Black	Amelia Agnes	Kathy Goodrich	MCWC
Gerald Fisher-Curley	VAMC	Daun Revyn	Volunteer of America
Lori Baumgart	CMH	Courtney Roberts	FYI-TLP
Sarah Gilstarf	CFHC	Sama Harp	MCA
Jazmyn Thomas	MCA	Kate Halloran	Lakeshore Legal Aid
Joe Gulino	CARE	Donna Williams	Southwest Solutions
Takara Woods	Turning Point	Gloria Kekalos-Allum	VAMC
Catherine Donovan	DNOM	Michele Edwards	MSHDA
Natalie Dean-Wood	MCHD	Jacqueline Chace	MISD -Homeless
Mark Henderson	Macomb CWC	Connie Lasher	Path/HUD/SOAR
Heather El-Khoury	Oakland University	Cynthia Jackson	Northeast Guidance Center
Michael O'Keefe	St. Margaret of Scott	Sharon Common	Northeast Guidance Center
Jena Connell	MORC	Mary Beth Ortwein	Macomb Offender Success

Agenda Item	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the Agenda • Approval of the Minutes 	<p>Lasher 1st and Fisher-Curley 2nd</p> <p>Lasher 1st and Ortwein 2nd</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Table Introductions 	<p>Attendees introduced themselves and stated the agency they represent.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations by member agencies – continue –Part 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macomb Community Action - Jazmyn Thomas wanted to add three more announcements (follow-up) before other agencies make their presentations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 - Public Comment for MCA-CDBG Annual Action Plan until April 24. 2 - The ESG Shelter Operations NOFA would be available 4/16 and due 4/27. 3 – Information on LGBTQ+ Learning Session event will be held on May 16, 2018 covering housing issues. <p>The event flyer and information would be distributed through the CoC listserv at a later date.</p> • Macomb Homeless Coalition – Jackie Merchant reported MHC is the Collaborative Applicant/lead agency for Macomb County CoC. MHC is unique since it leads the HUD and MSHDA NOFA Applications, it also provides direct services to clients through ESG grants. MHC is also the Housing Assessment Resource Agency (HARA) which allows MHC to be the coordinator of services for Macomb County families and individuals. Additionally, MHC is the Homeless Management Information System Lead (HMIS). Agency’s brochure was distributed to attendees for further information. • Ray of Hope – Henderson reported that 8 -15 clients are seen on a daily basis, completing HCV applications and SPDATs. Henderson welcomes questions and referrals. 	<p>Henderson requested status update on available funds for direct services to clients, Merchant responded, funds have been exhausted since February of 2018.</p>

- **Northeast Guidance Center** – Cynthia Jackson reported their agency is a community mental health organization and has been in existence for 55 years servicing east side of Detroit. Agency also has a contract to provide behavioral health treatment to Macomb residents since they border Macomb. Jackson spoke on their C.A.P.A Program which is a collaboration with law enforcements in the city of Detroit to help homeless persons find supportive services. Attendees were provided with literature and encouraged to attend Northeast Guidance Center’s Community Forum on opioids. Forum is called “Opiates: Wonder Drugs in the Wonder Years” will be on May 4, 2018 from 5 -7:30 p.m. at the Salvation Army in Detroit.
- **Southwest Solutions** – Donna Williams, outreach coordinator, reported that SWS is a community mental health organization, provide services on linking people to PATH programs and a CDBG program. Williams spoke on the agency’s collaboration with Detroit’s CoC, outreach initiatives with police departments to locate homeless persons, participate in the By Name List, and other outreach activities to assist the hardest to reach population. Williams would like to seek a collaborative partnership with agencies in Macomb County.
- **Community Housing Network** – Dawn Calnen in her capacity as Vice-President of CHN, reported that the agency provides services in Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties and quite active in all of the CoCs of those counties. CHN is the largest community supportive housing provider. Calnen chose not to speak on the PSH programs, but other innovative programs her agency offers such as Springhill Pooled Accounts Trust. This trust provides a way for people with disabilities to use their savings without endangering important public benefits. Calnen also introduce the regular workshops offered by her agency, i.e. Understanding your Rights as a Tenant, Homebuyer Education, Financial workshops, “How to Advocate for Your Rights”, Rent Right programs, etc. Calnen spoke on the agency’s mission, vision and history. CHN opened its doors in 2001 and have grown quite rapidly.
- **Disability Network of Oakland and Macomb**- Catherine Donovan reported that organization’s main mission is supporting people with

	<p>disabilities and opening paths toward independence and personal choice to live autonomously. DNOM provides Information and Referral services, offers links to community resources as well as support and education, vocational Readiness Trainings, Peer Support, and Nursing Facility Transition Services. Additionally, they provide free demos to help disabled persons stay independent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humana - Ryan Bush- Humana is a Medicare Advantage HMO, PPO and PFFS organization with a Medicare contract. Humana is one of the largest in the nation. Concentration is on seniors, Medicare recipients. Bush is happy to provide education on Medicare and its complexities. Bush stated there are many plans for low-income people that would help them supplement Medicare and Humana partners with many communities, senior housing providers and wants to collaborate with Macomb CoC. Bush is ready to educate any agency/organization on Medicare and Humana's products and services. 	Ryan Bush -810-623-5311
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President's Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calnen reported the Charter is posted on the website, CoC page. • Updates to the Memorandum of Understanding between Continuum of Care and Macomb Homeless Coalition our Collaborative Applicant, as well as the HMIS Lead are still pending. • Calnen reminded attendees that board is looking for people to be part of the CoC board that have been formerly homeless and are successfully housed. Any candidate interested in joining the board must feel that it is the right "fit". The process is a two-way street and it works! Calnen reminded membership to get the word out and send her names of persons interested in joining the board. 	
CoC Coordinator's Report presented by J. Merchant	<p>I. HUD Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Awaiting Registration for the FY 2018 HUD Consolidated Application Process. <p>II. MSHDA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. New Macomb County HCV Process is running smoothly. 2 Briefings were held in the month of March. A few clients have 	<p>Any questions regarding the CoC Coordinator's Report, please email:</p> <p>jtmerchant@macombhomelesscoalition.com</p>

	<p>received their HCVs within 2 weeks of being placed on the HCV HP list.</p> <p>b. Attended the Spring Convening of the MCTEH/MCAH/MSHDA.</p> <p>III. MSHDA NOFA has been released. Information was sent out to agencies.</p> <p>IV. Macomb Community Action.</p> <p>a. Attended the Public Hearing with Dawn Calnen.</p> <p>b. Environmental Review Discussion on the CoC's involvement in Environmental Review's took place with S. Burgess & Staff, Dawn Calnen, CoC BOD President & J Theriot-Merchant, CoC Coordinator Macomb. If interested HUD has a webinar to provide guidance on Environmental Review for CoCs. To access the webinar go to https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84HRDYgNbmQ</p> <p>c. MCA & MHC to host LGBTQ Training on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon at the MCFRC. More details to follow.</p> <p>V. Veterans Administration Discussion on Transitional Housing Beds took place Wednesday, April 4, 2018 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at MCFRC Room 24. More information to follow.</p> <p>VI. Community First Health Centers (Formerly Downriver Medical Center). Discussed the Homeless Health Care Project. Sarah Gilstorf, Outreach & Eligibility Specialist is interested in joining the CoC BOD.</p> <p>VII. State ID Taskforce Meeting took place Monday, March 19, 2018. Legislative efforts surrounding 1. Standardization of ID requirements as it relates to the Homeless Population. 2. Sharing of MDHHS Vital Records Database with County Clerks 3. Social Security Administration protocol for using HMIS IDs. Reference MI State Bill 404; MI House Bill #s 5584 & 5418. Issues in Macomb County due to the current Macomb County Clerk. Next steps is to participate in a webinar on how to access vital records.</p>	
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	<p>VIII. Lakeshore Legal Aid & Macomb Homeless Coalition will host a Senior Outreach Event on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 from 9:00 am to 11:00 am in the Cafeteria of the MCFRC.</p> <p>IX. MHC update - Community Connection Days are coming back. The first one will be scheduled in August of 2018 and vendors will be invited to participate. It will take place at Life Applications Ministries Church on Schoenherr in Warren. More information and date to follow.</p>	
Committees Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinated Assessment – Garcia stated that numerous homeless persons have been successfully housed in the last few weeks and reminded providers that PSH, category 1 + mental health diagnosis has openings and to refer those with high SPDAT scores. All referrals are going to Community Housing Network. Garcia encouraged providers to reach out to him if they need guidance on making referrals. 2. Grant Ranking – Sama stated – Committee is dormant for now and will be mobilized once FY-2018 HUD NOFA is released. Sama invited members of agencies not involved with HUD NOFA to consider joining the committee. More members are needed. 3. Compliance committee - members continue to work with Oakland County CoC, Alliance for Housing, to adopt best practices. Compliance Committee's role will be a collaborative effort process with providers and not punitive in any way. 4. Community Engagement and Outreach – members meet every first Tue and every third Thursday at the Masonic Temple, where they see from 4 - 15 people and handout backpacks with hygiene items, snacks, water and outreach program resources. 5. Mainstream Resources – Amy has been proactive in sending out announcements on activities in the tri-county areas. 6. Community Housing Prioritization – Henderson is Chair, no updates at this time. 7. HMIS Committee – Next meeting is in two weeks at FRC @ 1:30 p.m. 8. Strategic planning – Final draft is being printed and will be on the 	

	website.	
Community Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Edwards from MSHDA reported the final numbers of homeless persons in Macomb County are showing a decrease. MSHDA is in the process of finalizing numbers and Edwards cautioned providers to confirm the numbers before final release. • Edwards handed out posters on the Final Rule to Equal Housing for providers to post. • Membership was reminded to “Save the Date” for 2018 Fall Convening which will be held on October 17, 2018 and Homeless Summit on October 18 -19, 2018 will in Ann Arbor Marriott Ypsilanti at Eagle Crest. • 2019 Homeless Summit will be October 23, 2019 –Blue Water Convention Center, Port Huron, MI • Edwards discussed with the Membership MSHDA’s new 1% Provision effective October 1, 2018 for MSHDA’s ESG RRH. The HARA is required to pay the gross rent to landlord and MSHDA ESG participants are required to pay 1% of their gross annual projected income toward their monthly rent directly to the HARA (not to the landlord). RRH clients will be required to pay 1% of their annualized income to be paid monthly. This 1% allows the HARA to get it as income and use it for many purposes. MSHDA does not require the collected money to be paid back to them, but that HARA is collecting it and all money should be tracked. • Calnen commented that the 1% creates an administrative burden on agencies since the amount of payment can be extremely low. Edwards provided clarity that it is 1% of annual income paid monthly and not divided by 12 months! If one’s income is \$8000 a year X 1% = \$80 a month. • Edwards also commented that clients are set up for failure if they are not contributing on a monthly basis to their rent and to paying their 	

	<p>bills. When RRH assistance ends, they are 100% on their own. This provision helps people become more accountable and start paying some rent from month one!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Words of appreciation on the collaboration/partnership between MSHDA and Macomb CoC were mentioned between Edwards and Calnen. • Calnen thanked Courtney Roberts of FYI for the refreshments provided to the Membership. • Henderson announced that April 14, 2018 will be the last day for the Macomb County Warming Center. Reminded attendees that MCREST and MATTS are open and to make referrals there. MCWC will re-open in November. 	
1. Next Meeting	2. May 9, 2018 @ 9:00 AM at MCA Conference & Training Center. Verkuilen Building; 21885 Dunham Rd Clinton Township, MI 48036	
• Adjournment	Meeting adjourned by Henderson @ 10:30 a.m.	

Respectfully Submitted by Sama Harp, Board Secretary

2018 CoC Membership Hospitality Schedule/Refreshments

Agency/Organization	Month	What to Bring?	
		Food	Drink
Szajna & Associates	February		X
Lake Shore Legal	February	X	
Offender Success	March	X	X
FYI	April	X	X
	April		
	May		
	May		
	June		
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	July		
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	August		
OLHSA	September	X	X
MHC	October	X	X
MCA	November	X	X
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