

**Macomb Continuum of Care (CoC)
General Membership Meeting Minutes**

Macomb County Family Resource Center – Cafeteria
196 N. Rose St.
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

**May 8, 2019
9 a.m.**

Present:			
Heather VanDenburg	MCREST	Ricky Garcia	MHC
Julie Hintz	MCA	Natalie Dean-Wood	MCHD
Jackie Chace	MISD Homeless Education	Tracy Hayden	Turning Point
Courtney Roberts	FYI-TLP	Joe Gulino	CARE
Scott Bentas	Michigan Works!	Gina Misuraca	CHN
Jazmyn Thomas	MCA	Renee Hall	CHN
Deanne Honeycutt	MHC	Richard Cannon	Hearts 4 Homes
Paula Ramerez	CHN	Kara Black	Perfecting CDC
Connie Lasher	CMH/CHN	Kathy Goodrich	MCWC
Alysa Wamsler	TTI-SSVF	Dawn Revyn	VOA
Paula Keena	Offender Success	Gerald Fisher Curley	VAMC-Detroit
Amy Smolski	CMH Commonwealth	Mark Henderson	MCWC
Janet Smith	VAMC-Detroit	Sam Hines	Michigan Works
Heather El-Khoury	Oakland University	Sherry Hatrick	OLHSA
Nora Swoveland	Hearts 4 Homes	Liz Lucas	OLHSA
Sian Washington	DNOM	Sue Walker	Salvation Army
Dawn Calnen	CHN		
AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION		DECISION/ACTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting Called to Order 	Meeting called to order at 9:02 by Calnen.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the agenda 	A request was made to add Henderson and Cannon to the agenda for a presentation after item 6, Guest Speaker. Motion made by Lasher to approve the amended agenda and seconded by El-Khoury.		Motion approved.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approval of the march minutes 	Motion made by Lasher to approve the minutes and seconded by Cannon.		Motion approved.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round table introductions 	Attendees introduced themselves.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President's Update 	Calnen reported: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CoC Committees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committees are meeting; updates later in the agenda. Deanne is working with the committees to learn what they are doing and creating descriptions. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asking for all members to join a committee • CoC Membership Meeting: Membership will meet in June. Date is June 12 at the VerKuilen Building – Conference and Training Center. • Coordinated Entry Committee Update: Update later in agenda; thank you to committee members for attending and participating. • CoC Board Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board voted to extend current MOU with Lead Agency as Collaborative Applicant – Macomb Homeless Coalition for 90 days. Current MOU expires May 8. ○ Compliance Committee is meeting with MHC in May and will bring feedback to membership by July. • Advocacy Updates – Statewide <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calnen provided copies of documents from the Building Michigan Communities Conference and Michigan Homeless Advocacy Day that include advocacy updates. ○ Vital documents – Legislation has been passed to make it easier for homeless people to obtain vital documents. ○ Discussion has been happening at the State committee level around increasing the per diem for emergency shelter programs from \$18 to \$24 per day. ○ Also at State committee level – MDHHS and local partners have had discussions around “social determinants of health.” Review of data around how without housing, employment, food, and transportation, people have diminished health. There has been one initial “data dump” for baseline information with plans for monthly pulls of data. In the initial pull, for Category 1 homelessness, there is an increased factor for high medical costs, such as frequent hospital visits. Shows need more specialized housing and case management. Next step is looking at how housing agencies can bill for housing case management services by October 1, 2019. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinator’s Report 	<p>Honeycutt reported:</p> <p>HUD Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank you to Janet Smith, Coordinated Entry Specialist at VAMC-Detroit for presenting today. • FY 2019 HUD CoC Program Competition: Expected to be released soon. • Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project NOFA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Currently underway. Goal is to support communities by putting together a planning 	

	<p>body to implement a coordinated community approach to preventing and ending youth homelessness. Collecting letters of support from partner agencies. Application is due May 15, 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calnen requested additional information on how the CoC can support the YHDP. ○ Honeycutt responded that they are currently reaching out to the agencies who work with youth, but are open to ideas. The first phase is planning for implementation and the second phase would include a percentage of funds for funds for housing. ○ Only 25 communities will be selected. ○ Thomas asked what kind of housing and what are the ages for youth. Honeycutt responded that the ages are 16-24 and the type of housing will depend on the participating agencies and will be determined as part of the planning. ○ Calnen requested that Honeycutt ask Jackie Theriot-Merchant to send information to the membership to make sure they are aware of this initiative and provide input and support. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD HMIS NOFA: CoC was not selected to move on to Phase 2 of this NOFA. MSHDA will allow MHC to use ESG funds for technical assistance to address HMIS issues. Updated QSOBAA in progress now will make sure all agencies are using the same provider page. • HMIS Training/Refresher: May 29, 2019 at 9 a.m. for new and existing users. • Macomb Veteran By Name List Work Group: Meets weekly to expand collaboration and better serve homeless veterans. <p>MSHDA: Nothing to report at this time.</p> <p>Macomb Homeless Coalition Lead Agency Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FY 2019 Recommendations are being reviewed by the CoC Board before presentation to the Membership. <p>Garcia reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PIT Count <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Copies of 2019 PIT count report were provided. Total persons in emergency shelter: 229; Total persons in transitional housing: 16; Total persons unsheltered: 20. Total of 265. In comparison to last year, number is similar. Persons in shelter is up slightly due to MATTS having recently reopened and not full at time of last year's PIT Count. 	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calnen requested a presentation by Garcia at July membership meeting. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guest Speaker 	<p>Guest speaker Janet Smith, Coordinated Entry Specialist at VAMC-Detroit presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social worker at VAMC-Detroit; Coordinated Entry Specialist since November 2018. Cover the areas of Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and out-Wayne counties. Counterpart covers city of Detroit. • Role is to work with local CoCs to help build, support and improve how we support homeless veterans • Meet every Monday at Macomb County Veterans Services for Veteran By Name List Work Group. Participants include TTI-SSVF, DNOM-SSVF, Garcia, Honeycutt, Veteran's Services, Macomb Community Action and the VAMC. • Goals: No wrong door for homeless veterans and end veteran homelessness in Macomb County. • Collaborating with Macomb veteran navigator to present to hospitals. • Have to provide training on Veteran suicide prevention and will hold a training in Macomb County. • For the By Name List Workgroup – group works from this list and case conference to match all veterans on list to agencies who serve them, including HUD VASH housing vouchers. • Working policies and procedures. • Calnen asked how the veteran coordinated entry interacts with mainstream coordinated entry. Honeycutt responded that Janet will be on the mainstream coordinated calls to identify veterans and collaborate with mainstream providers. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: Macomb Homeless Center Coalition 	<p>Henderson and Cannon presented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Henderson and Cannon provided a packet to attendees with information about the Macomb Homeless Center Coalition initiative. • Macomb Warming Center has been operating a rotating shelter in the winters at churches for the last 17 years. There have been challenges in maintaining this operation related to church capacity, volunteer capacity, and feasibility of moving homeless people from site to site. • A group has been discussing the concept of a year round shelter and looking at potential sites. There are three main reasons behind this project: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ People who are hard to house shouldn't be on the street; housing first is the model, but there are people we are not reaching. ○ There is inconsistency in the provision and coordination of services. It is difficult to 	

	<p>address physical and mental health issues that lead to hospitalization/emergency room visits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Get more people into permanent housing, including permanent supportive housing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential building is in Mount Clemens. • Things CoC member agencies can do: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letters of support are requested by the end of May in support of the concept and that there is a demonstrated need. ○ Notify Cannon if agency is interested in providing on-site services. ○ Notify Cannon if interested in being on the planning committee. • Lasher asked if the initiative will be pursuing grants. Cannon responded yes. Want to replace rotating shelter with a year round shelter. Serve 80 chronically homeless adults a year with a coordinated effort to advance people to housing. • Lasher asked if there will be a limit on the length of time a person can stay. Cannon responded probably not, but is still in development. • Lasher asked if it will be a safe haven. Cannon responded it will be a low barrier shelter. • El-Khoury asked what the barriers to previously unsuccessful programs were. Cannon's understanding is there was a lack of support from elected officials, especially for projects that will not be paying property taxes, though generally the community is concerned and wants to help address homelessness. Must build community support. • Calnen stated that the idea is conceptual if the specific building currently under consideration does not work out. • Calnen stated that the CoC Board will review the information and draft a letter of support per the existing policy. Will send information to membership and members are invited to provide input to CoC Board. 	<p>Cannon is requesting letters of support by the end of May for the Macomb Homeless Center Coalition initiative.</p> <p>CoC Board will review the request for a letter of support.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee Updates 	<p>Coordinated Entry Systems Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calnen presented an update from Lisa Chapman and Sama Harp. Committee meets every month, but not in May, on the last Thursday of the month. • Worked on funding program grid; posted on MHC website. • Holding weekly referral/case conferencing meetings. Face to face meetings on the third Thursdays of the month at 2 p.m. • Working with MCAH and MDHHS on visibility issues and PATH referrals; VI-SPDAT is not visible in HMIS to all agencies. • QSOBAA is also being updated 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Coordinated Entry participation agreement will be sent out to agencies/members. • Working on CE Policy document • No meeting in May; meeting in June. Regular CE calls/meetings are continuing as scheduled. <p>Compliance Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revyn reported that the committee is scheduling monitoring site reviews. Scheduled for MCCMH, MHC, and CHN; working on dates with FYI and Amelia Agnes. Hope to complete by end of June. • Tools for monitoring will be sent out prior to visits. • Consultation approach for site visits. • New members are welcome to join committee from non-HUD or MSHDA funded agencies. <p>Ranking Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • El-Khoury reported that the tool used will be changing. Theriot-Merchant is working with HAND and updating our ranking tools that have been used for the last several years. Looking at tools that are electronic format. • Committee needs/welcomes new members from non-funded agencies. <p>Community Engagement Outreach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misuraca reported that calendars are on CoC website. • New site in June – First Presbyterian in Warren on Thursdays. <p>Mainstream Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Smolski reported on Eastpointe Housing Choice waiting list is opening. • Smolski reported on numerous upcoming community events that can be found on Commonwealth. <p>HMIS Data Quality</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Garcia reported that there is HMIS user training scheduled for May 29 at 9 a.m. at the Macomb County Family Resource Center. Submit feedback or concerns before training to Garcia. • There is now an option to reset your own password in ServicePoint. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Announcements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting is June 12 at 9 a.m. at VerKuijen Building Conference and Training Center. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjournment 	<p>Motion to adjourn made by Fisher Curley, seconded by Lasher at 10:38 a.m.</p>	<p>Motion approved.</p>

Respectfully submitted by Julie Hintz, Macomb Community Action