

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

**May 9, 2018 @ 9:00 am**

**Meeting Called to Order by Calnen @ 9:04 a.m.**

**Attendees:**

Jacqueline Merchant	MHC	Dawn Calnen	CHN
Shelly David	Szajna & Associates	Diane Van Coppenolle	Liberties Inc.
Liz Seargent	Salvation Army Matts	Ricky Garcia	MHC
Christina Gassner	Szajna & Ass	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	Judy Dudek	MCREST
Jennifer Brubaker	Gianna House	Heather VanDenburg	MCREST
Courtney Roberts	FYI-TLP	Kali Miller	PACE
Mike D	Salvation Army	Tom Hartwiz	Lakeshore Legal Aid
Paula Keena	Offender Success	Jacqueline Chace	MISD -Homeless
Mark Henderson	Macomb CWC	Connie Lasher	Path/HUD/SOAR
Heather El-Khoury	Oakland University	Teresa Sandner	CARE of SEM
Amy Smolski	MCCMH	Kim Grant	Turning Point
Tamara Gaines	The Salvation Army		

Agenda Item	DISCUSSION	DECISION/ACTION
<p><b>Approval of the Agenda</b></p> <p><b>Approval of the Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Round Table Introductions</b></p>	<p>Lasher 1<sup>st</sup> and Henderson 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Lasher 1<sup>st</sup> and Merchant 2<sup>nd</sup></p> <p>Attendees introduced themselves and stated the agency they represent.</p>	<p>AIF</p> <p>AIF</p>
<p><b>President's Report</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calnen announced that Memorandum of Understanding with MHC and HMIS Lead have been completed and are in place.</li> <li>• Calnen spoke on the importance of information sharing during our community announcements to help us collaborate and coordinate better which would lead to positive outcomes and support to the larger community.</li> <li>• May 16, 2018 - LGBTQ learning session done by Affirmations from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Calnen encouraged the members to attend this session. Which is important not only for the CoC members, but also to our Consolidated Applications. HUD wants to know what the community is doing and what opportunities are offered to the Continuum of Care.</li> <li>• May 17, 2018 –The Macomb County Warming Center &amp; Ray of Hope Day Center event, “Spring for the Homeless Dinner” 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. @ Vintage House in Fraser. Tickets are on sale. Donations were encouraged by Calnen to Support this function.</li> <li>• June 2, 2018 – Mental Health Peace of Mind – A free event -Community Collaboration Public Forum from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. An open forum for discussion on improvements needed in the Michigan public mental health system with a focus on Macomb County Community Mental Health. Advocates will introduce issues and objectives and local legislators/local public officials will discuss their views and respond to</li> </ul>	

	<p>concerns about the public health system. Calnen encouraged attendance at the session.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Calnen spoke on the subject of grass roots and what it means. Grass roots is the most basic level of an organization and ordinary people are collectively regarded as the main body of an organization's membership. Calnen reminded membership to advocate for those that we serve, to speak up on their rights and on their behalf!</li> </ul>	
<p><b>CoC Coordinator's Report presented by J. Merchant</b></p>	<p>I. HUD Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Two- step process is complete for Macomb County CoC. Registration &amp; Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) submitted to HUD.</li> <li>b. Project Award Letters for FY17 Awards have been mailed to CoC Funded Agencies. If any Agency has not received their Award Letter, please contact your HUD CPD Representative.</li> <li>c. HUD's All Grantee Meeting will take place Wednesday, July 18, 2018. For the first time, the meeting will take place via Skype. Please send any suggestions for subject matter to <a href="mailto:detroitcpd@hud.gov">detroitcpd@hud.gov</a>.</li> </ol> <p>II. MSHDA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Building Michigan Communities Conference (BMCC) took place in Lansing April 30 – May 2, 2018. Tanya Harris and Ricky Garcia attended from MHC.</li> <li>b. Richard Cannon from Hearts for Homes received the Terrance Ballard Award at BMCC.</li> <li>c. Veterans Grant Update. Information letters have been shared with Veterans groups in Macomb, Oakland &amp; Wayne County in hopes of getting the message out regarding the funding available to Vets with a Less Than Honorable Discharge status.</li> </ol> <p>III. Macomb Community Action.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. MCA &amp; MHC to host LGBTQ+ Training on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon MCA Training &amp; Conference Center, Please rsvp to <a href="mailto:Jazmyn.thomas@macombgov.org">Jazmyn.thomas@macombgov.org</a></li> </ol>	<p>Any questions regarding the CoC Coordinator's Report, please email:  <a href="mailto:jtmerchant@macombhomelesscoalition.com">jtmerchant@macombhomelesscoalition.com</a></p>

	<p>IV. Macomb Homeless Coalition Lead Agency Updates:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Connection Day (CCD) August 15, 2018 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at Life Application Ministries Church on Schoenherr in Warren. Vendor &amp; Volunteer signup sheets forthcoming.</li> <li>MHC Office will be closed the morning of May 16<sup>th</sup> due to the LGBTQ+ Training.</li> </ol>	
Committees Updates	<p><b>Coordinated Assessment</b> -Garcia reported PSH- referrals are going well. Presently, two individuals, category 1 homeless are on the waiting list.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garcia reminded attendees that category 1 coupled with mental health diagnosis qualifies individuals for PSH and he sends out referrals to CHN.</li> <li>Path – Referral is requested –Category 1 homeless family coupled with mental health diagnosis.</li> <li>Calnen reminded attendees that as homeless services providers, we are in a huge need of landlords.</li> <li>Cannon spoke extensively on the subject– discussion on affordable housing, landlords, community needs and gaps, also on how needs can be satisfied by providing landlords with incentives.</li> </ul> <p><b>Grant Ranking</b> - Sama stated that NOFA’s for 2018 have not been released yet.</p> <p><b>Compliance committee</b> - Tools for measuring outcomes are in place and reviews will begin end of May.</p> <p><b>Community Engagement and Outreach</b> – Lasher stated organized outreach by Salvation Army which are held twice a month. Dates are May 15, 11 am – 1 pm at Salvation Army day center and the May 21, at Masonic temple center from 11 am -1 pm.</p> <p><b>Mainstream Resources</b> – do not have a formal report. Loosely formed group provide updates on different things. Inter-agency, counseling meeting will be May, 9 which is that afternoon. Smolski stated, Commonwealth Google group will be shared and it allows so much information to be displayed. Emails of</p>	

	<p>members not part of the Commonwealth is encouraged to be added for information sharing purposes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>HMIS Committee</b> – Garcia cited improvements, 640 report of the HIMS is up and running.</li> <li>• <b>Strategic planning</b> – all about implementation, specific committees working together. Cannon stated that he wants to go after funding to increase case managements. What is specific methodology and plan to go after the funding. How we are going to do that? What kind of criteria's we need to meet.</li> <li>• <b>Community Housing Prioritization</b> - Calnen stated that coordinated assessment and community housing prioritization have a lot similarities and they should be combined moving forward! Cannon added, prioritizing is more focused, strategic, must evaluate and update the plan on regular basis. Harp suggested to have an open dialogue as to what is working and what is not with coordinated entry. Also, to gather best practices for COCs state wide.</li> <li>• Calnen affirmed that Coordinated Entry System P&amp;P needs to be on the web side.</li> </ul>	
<b>Community Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• T. Gaines - Salvation Army - Shared her monthly updates on Hepatitis A. 800 cases, 80% hospitalization. Macomb County is ranked number 1, City of Detroit is number 2 and Wayne County 162, Oakland 132, and St. Claire county only 32 cases. Advocate for vaccination especially for homeless and substance abuse individuals. Gaines encouraged to get vaccinated as soon as possible.</li> <li>• T. Sandner from CARE of Southeastern MI – Free Summer Camps for students –Preschool – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: June 25 – 29, 2018 and August 6-10, 2018 is “Leadership Academy” for students entering 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade – theme, self-empowerment, community services, and life skill strengthening/character development. July 23 – 27, 2018 – Preschool – 12<sup>th</sup> grade is “Camp Care” for children</li> </ul>	

	<p>whose loved one has been touched by a substance abuse disorder. June 7 – July 19, 2018 – Peaceful Alternatives to Tough Situations (PATTS) ages 9 – 18 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gassner from Szajna &amp; Associates announced there are 13 phone lines available to answer concerns, questions of HCV recipients. An updated phone directory was passed to membership. Gassner requested patience when leaving a voicemail and confirmed calls will be returned within 24 hours.</li> <li>• Harp announced that Macomb Community Action’s Office of Senior Services is hosting a “Senior Fun Fest” a free event at the Jimmy John’s Field on June 12, 2018.</li> <li>• Henderson reminded attendees of the dinner and entertainment will be the “Blues Brothers “tribute”. Amy Lange from Channel 2 will be the Emcee.</li> <li>• Jennifer Brubaker from Gianna House announced they will have their Grand Opening in August for their new facility for pregnant teenagers. Date will be announced through Facebook and their website.</li> </ul>	
1. Next Meeting	2. July 11, 2018 @ 9:00 AM at MCA Conference & Training Center. Verkuilen Building; 21885 Dunham Rd Clinton Township, MI 48036	Reminder – No meeting in June of 2018.
• Adjournment	Meeting adjourned by Calnen @ 10:10 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
None	May		
	July		
	July		
	August		
OLHSA	September	X	X
MHC	October	X	X
MCA	November	X	X
	December		
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