

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

March 14, 2018 @ 9:00 am

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

Attendees:

Jacqueline Merchant	MHC	Patrice Garry	OLHSA
Evette Szaina	Szajna & Assoc.	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
Kali Miller	PACE	Courtney Roberts	FYI-TLP
Sarah Gilstarf	CFHC	Sama Harp	MCA
Jazmyn Thomas	MCA	Tom Hortwiz	Lakeshore Legal Aid
Christina Gassner	Szajna & Assoc.	Juanita Siyad	Community First Health
Takara Woods	Turning Point	Tamara Gaines	Salvation Army
Catherine Donovan	DNOM	Michele Edwards	MSHDA
Jennifer Brubaker	Gianna House	Jacqueline Chace	MISD -Homeless
Mark Henderson	Macomb CWC	Connie Lasher	Path/HUD/SOAR
Heather El-Khoury	Oakland University	William Schranz	MCCMH
Michael O'Keefe	St. Margaret of Scot.	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>Merchant 1st with one change- Agencies' Presentations to move after Committee Updates , _____2nd?</p> <p>Lasher 1st and Cannon 2nd</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round Table Introductions 	<p>Postponed due to agency presentations</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President's Report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Calnen reported that completing the Charter has been the main focus in order to move forward with the MOUs between Macomb CoC and the Lead Agency aka Collaborative Applicant as well as the HMIS Lead Agency. To date these MOUs are still pending completion. Calnen confirmed that by next membership meeting that MOUs will be completed. Calnen, also updated membership on Board Members and reminded attendees that board is looking for people to be part of the CoC board that have been formerly homeless and are successfully housed. Additionally, newly voted board member, Cyndy Schalter-Salsido may not be able to serve on the CoC Board of Directors due to a conflict of interest. Merchant confirmed that a member of their agency, Turning Point, is also serving on the Macomb Homeless Coalition Board. 	
<p>CoC Coordinator's Report presented by J. Merchant</p>	<p>I. HUD Updates:</p> <p>a. 2018 PIT Count Data being compiled/completed by HMIS Coordinator. Report will be presented to membership in April 2018.</p>	<p>Any questions regarding the CoC Coordinator's Report, please email: jtmerchant@macombhomelessco</p>

	<p>b. National Conference on Ending Youth & Family Homelessness in LA focused on strengthened the CoCs participation with the Youth Service Provider Groups. Youth Homeless Demonstration Projects & establishing Youth Services Leadership Committees.</p> <p>II. MSHDA:</p> <p>a. Macomb County HCV meeting took place February 7th at MCFRC 196 N Rose St. Mount Clemens. A discussion on a new Macomb County HCV Process. Discussed gaps in information sharing. MSHDA is providing Macomb County with unlimited HCV for a temporary period while we locate clients back to December 2017.</p> <p>b. 17/18 MSHDA ESG Client Financial Assistance. An additional \$30,000.00 has been secured. MHC has a new ESG Policy we will be sharing with the Macomb County Service providers who have RRH Funding from HUD.</p> <p>III. Building Communities Conference will take place next month in Lansing. (April 30 – May 1, 2018)Tanya Harris and R. Garcia will be in attendance. If anyone else is going from Macomb, let J. Merchant know so attendees can “tag-team” sessions.</p> <p>IV. Macomb Community Action. Discussions have taken place with MCA Stephanie Burgess/Jazmyn Thomas about the Agencies that report to MCA as the Fiduciary for HUD RRH dollars.</p> <p>Calnen reported that input was provided to MCA on CoC recommendation to divide 2018 HUD ESG funds with a 60/40 split in favor of HP and shelter operations.</p> <p>V. Macomb Homeless Coalition Lead Agency Updates:</p> <p>a. MOU update. MHC Board President & CoC Coordinator</p>	alition.com
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	<p>reviewing MOU presented by Macomb County CoC Board President.</p> <p>VI. Annual Performance Reports have been provided to the Compliance Committee members for review.</p> <p>VII. 2018 Public Hearings for the CDBG Applications underway. CoC Coordinator have submitted applications for all 5 Independent Jurisdictions. City of Warren, Sterling Heights, Charter Township of Clinton, City of Roseville and the City of Saint Clair Shores.</p>	<p>Letter of Recommendation submitted to MCA will be posted on the Google Drive.</p>
Committees Updates	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinated Assessment – Garcia stated -Presently 2 providers have funds for rapid re-housing: HUD RRH (Connie Lasher’s Program) and Macomb Community action. MCREST and MHC ran out of funds and slowing down quite a bit. Once these agencies get more funds, referrals will resume. There is a waitlist for now. Those that qualify for PSH will be sent to CHN. 2. Grant Ranking – Sama stated - Awaiting for FY2018 HUD NOFA. Sama Harp reported that she has chaired the Grant Ranking Committee for the last two years and will step down in order to allow this opportunity to other members. Sama will continue to support the new Chair. Sama invited members of agencies not involved with HUD NOFA to consider joining the committee. 3. Compliance committee - members are working with Oakland CoC to adopt best practices. 4. Community Engagement and Outreach – members meet every first Tue and every last Thursday at the Masonic Temple, where they see more than 15 people and handout backpacks with hygiene items, snacks, water and outreach program resources. 5. Mainstream Resources - (Amy). Social networking like “speed dating” took place on March 13, 2018. 130 participants attended the event and shared information on their agency. 	

	<p>6. Community Housing Prioritization – Henderson is Chair, no updates at this time.</p> <p>7. HMIS Committee– Two weeks ago Data Quality Meeting was held and it was decided to do bi-monthly meetings. Workflows on how to run agency data reports will be sent to everyone.</p> <p>8. Strategic planning – Plan was completed and uploaded to Google drive. Membership was asked and strongly encouraged to look at the plan. It was recommended to have an annual report based on a calendar year as part of an updating strategy.</p>	
<p>Presentations (All Agencies)</p> <p>(Purpose is to find out what each member agency in Macomb is doing toward ending homelessness or preventing homelessness)</p>	<p>Richard Cannon – Hearts for Homes (H4H) focus is to assist families of homeless children to help them access affordable permanent housing. Agency provides motel stay when shelters are full, provide security deposit and short term rental assistance. H4H also coordinate with agencies in Macomb and help participants develop a plan toward self-sufficiency. Additionally, agency provides a landlord guarantee up to \$2000 for losses due to unpaid tenant rent or damages for evictions that occur within 12 months of a signed lease.</p> <p>Kathy Goodrich – Macomb County Warming Center – From November through April, homeless adults can find a place to sleep and a warm meal at one of the participating churches. As a shelter they need help with security services, volunteers and they are trying to do a community fundraiser due to limited federal funds. Goodrich spoke on challenges encountered at the warming centers such as violent behavior due to mental illness or substance abuse.</p> <p>William Schranz – Macomb County Veteran Navigator - Mental health advocate for VA, who is helping vets and their families navigate and connect with the systems and resource that are available. Helping veterans with health care such as Medicare in the tri-county area. Contact William @ 586-913-6023.</p> <p>Connie Lasher - WCMH Has 3 programs: Path, HUD Rapid Re-housing, and SOAR. Assists individuals who are facing homelessness to get into housing.</p>	

Path program assists with security deposit and rent. Participants must prove they can pay rent after assistance ends. Rapid re-housing is a program for individuals with a minor child, category 1. SOAR program for individuals who do not have income but they can gain SS or SSD/SSI. Lasher conducts outreach, helps with wrapping services from employment, education, anything from A-Z

Jennifer Brubaker - Gianna House –offers parenting and pregnancy center. Women of all ages who are pregnant or have children. Assists with clothing's, car seats, hygiene product, also education and how to live a successful life. Ultimate goal is to get them out of the poverty. Right now they are renovating their agency, and by August they will have a new agency. Will host this August 7 homeless teenage girls, all under 17 years of age. They will be able to provide them with shelter, living accommodations up to a year. The goal is to help and educate young mothers with skills, after care, adoption counseling if needed, and spiritual counseling and so on. Objective to teach young girls how to break the cycle of poverty. Services are on a first come, first serve, since the building is under renovation. Gianna House has a Facebook page which is updated regularly. No program in the state of MI can assist homeless teenage pregnant girls, under the age of 17 except for Gianna House.

Tacara Woods – Turning Point Shelter - Shelter helps victims of domestic violence in Macomb County. Turning Point offers temporary emergency shelter for women and children as well as males who have been subject to domestic violence, sexual assault. They offer case management, life skills, and empowerment skills, therapists in home therapy when they transit, from shelter to home. 58 beds in the new shelter, 12 rooms all together. 6 of these rooms are handicapped accessible. The director of the shelter decide as to how long a person can stay at the shelter. 24/7 crisis line is a getaway of the resource for individuals who are in need.

Dawn Revyn- Volunteers of America/ Safe Haven is a transitional housing, apartment styled, for veterans who are chronically homeless and are eligible

for full benefits. Services include employment, housing, evictions, and substance abuse, case management, HVRP services and SSVF which is Supportive Services for Veteran Families.

Gerald Fisher-Curley- VAMC – Transitional Housing liaison for VA; Salvation Army, offer bridge programs bridge housing. Spoke on the role of VCRRC (Veterans Community Resource and Referral Center) and programs offered. Literature was distributed that offers guidance on the programs within VCRRC.

Tamara Gaines - Salvation Army. Emergency shelters. 10 million to 14 million of funds. Emergency shelters program are invited in the event. RSVP/Salvation Army

Zachary Dieck; Training and Treatment Innovations offers many programs and services. Dieck spoke on the SSVF program which is a housing first program for Veterans and funded by Department of Veterans Affairs. SSVF is a short term program, offer wrap around services from 90 days up to one year.

Sama Harp – Macomb Community Action – Agency's Mission is Persistent Action to diminish Poverty and Promote Independence. The agency has 3 divisions: Children and family services, Office of Senior Services and Community Services.

- Children and Family Services has head start program 0-5 yrs. of age; Emergency food program/commodity card; onsite food pantry and mobile pantry. IDA program for those building their resources with the goal to buy their first home.
- Three community action centers provide emergency and non-emergency services. Such as eviction, utility services, and food services. Non-emergency services such as weatherization program which can help to make your house energy efficient.
HUD ESG -Rapid re-housing, wrap around services, financial management, energy education transportation, schooling, referral to substance abuse, and so on.
- Office of Senior Services offer Nutrition Services such as meals on

wheels, Dining Senior Styles; Adult Day Center, matter of balance, and contracted services like Chore and Home Injury Preventions. Urgent Request - volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels program!

- Community Services – Sama spoke on Weatherization assistance to reduce heating bills and DTE Refrigerator Replacement for eligible residents.
- Sama passed to Jazmyn Thomas to present on other Community Services.

Jazmyn Thomas – MCA – presented Home Weatherization program which consists of whole house energy audit and installation of energy efficient measures to lower utility bills. HOME rehab – an interest free, deferred payment loans for housing repairs. ESG funds; Minor Home Repairs in specific communities such as furnace service, plumbing and electrical. Repairs limited to \$500. Accessibility Program – makes home more accessible to residents with a disabling condition.

Tom Hortwitz – Lakeshore Legal Aid – Referral process has been streamlined, callers are screened over the phone and referred to a local office that can assist with their legal issue. Can assist with many types of legal aid except criminal or traffic-related issues. Program is for low-income people and seniors.

Kali Miller – PACE Southeast Michigan – objective is to promote senior independence (55 years of age and older) through health care and support. Agency offers an alternative to nursing home placement. Participants are provided with comprehensive health care services to meet senior's individual needs while staying independent as long as possible. Some of these services include: registered nurse services, medications, dental, vision, podiatry, medical equipment and supplies, rehab therapy, social work services and personal care, meals and home chores. Medicare, Medicaid and private funds are used to cover all medically necessary care and services. 4 locations – Warren, Southfield, Detroit and Dearborn. Also, they offer in-home support for seniors that are unable to do laundry, cook, and personal support for dressing, showering and even cleaning house.

Sarah Gilstarf – Community First Health Centers – A non-profit health care center with 3 locations: Algonac, New Haven and Port Huron. Services offered include Family Medicine and Primary Care, Women’s Health Services, Behavioral, Maternal Infant health, Homeless Health services and WIC services. Free transportation to medical appointments. They accept Medicare, Medicaid and Private insurance.

Jackie Chace – MISD Homeless Education Project – Provides support with school enrollment and transfer of student records; liaison between family and school; families can choose to either stay in the school of origin or to attend the school nearest to their temporary home.; transportation is provided to and from school of origin. Provide backpack, school supplies, clothing, shoes, and referral to community agencies for medical and non-medical services.

Catherine Donovan- Disability Network Oakland/Macomb – Non-profit agency for people with disabilities and helping them break down barriers toward independence.

Diane Van Coppenolle –Liberties Inc. A Consumer Support Center, they have a PATH Program to prevent homelessness for the mentally ill. Participants must prove mental illness and can be helped to move to permanent housing but must have income to sustain housing. Community centers have fun activities, support groups and they give free haircuts.

Courtney Roberts – Family Youth Interventions and Transitional Program for youth 16 – 21 years of age. While in transitional housing for up to 18 months, youth are focusing on schooling, getting a job, and counseling. Also, agency has an emergency shelter for 21 days for those 12 – 17 years of age. The focus is on family re-unification. Also agency has a Street Outreach Program for youth aged 15 -20 to assist this population in making a transition from life on the streets to building self-sufficiency.

Gail Hardin – MATTS Shelter – Shelter has been closed since August 19, 2017 due to sewer issues and re-opened first week in January 2018. Hardin stated

	<p>they are ready for referrals and there are empty beds for men. 90 day program, MHC comes to help with HCV vouchers, MDHHS helps residents with their services and AA meetings 3 times a week.</p> <p>Mary Beth Ortwein – Macomb Offender Success – Offenders/parolees released from prison will be given tools to succeed in the community. A paid for grant through the Michigan Department of Corrections. Since it is illegal to be homeless and must have an address, transitional housing is provided, clothing vouchers, bus passes, wrap around services and rental assistance up to 90 days to those transitioning out of transitional housing. Refer any Macomb County Parolees.</p> <p>Due to time constraints, remaining presentations/agencies are encouraged to present at the next month membership meeting.</p>	
Community Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Michelle Edwards from MSHDA reported that an extra funding amount of \$20,000 will be awarded to MHC to be used for ESG rapid Re-Housing. Edwards also brought attention to ESG funded providers to pay attention to the Caper reports that will be sent to HUD. Significant data quality concerns exist in the quarterly reports. Edwards stressed that completing Data Quality elements by each provider is crucial to the reports and many issues have been identified. Edwards reminded ESG funded providers to begin cleaning up data issues in preparation for the next upload. Garcia as well as MCAH are available to assist with resolving these data issues. Funding can be delayed due to data errors. 	<p>M. Edwards will send out a two-page data report via email, data will need to be resolved.</p> <p>Edwards will also share some best practices done by other communities to assist Macomb CoC providers.</p>
1. Next Meeting	2. April 11, 2018 @ 9:00 AM at MCA Conference & Training Center. Verkuilen Building; 21885 Dunham Rd Clinton Township, MI 48036	

• Adjournment	Meeting adjourned by Calnen @ 11:38 a.m.	
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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
	April		
	April		
	May		
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	July		
	July		
	August		
OLHSA	September	X	X
MHC	October	X	X
MCA	November	X	X
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