

Out-Wayne County Homeless Coalition Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2017, 9:30 AM
Wayne County Community College District
21000 North Line Road, Taylor, MI 48180

1. The meeting began at 9:36am. Present and introductions:

- Zienab Berro, ACCESS
- Joan Brophy, WMCAA
- Charlotte Carrillo, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority
- Christine Chapa, WMCAA
- Jeannette Felton, Community Housing Network
- Tamara Gaines, The Salvation Army
- Ilene Hogan, First Step
- Tania James, Samaritas
- Carol Jolly, Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan
- David McCoy, The Salvation Army
- Debbie Petri, Christnet
- Joan Siavrakas, Wayne County
- Michael Appel, AppelWorks
- Mitch Blum-Alexander, AppelWorks

2. Additions to agenda - No additions to agenda were made.

3. Review of FY 2017 HUD CoC Consolidated Application

AppelWorks presented the responses to the 2017 NOFA Project Priority Listing and Consolidated Application and facilitated discussion around each response. Of note:

- There was no reallocation done by the CoC this year.
- Both Joan Brophy and Mitch Blum-Alexander reviewed the priority listing to ensure that it was entered as approved by the CoC.
- Total request, including 17 renewal applications, 2 new projects and the CoC planning grant, is \$\$4,148,080.
- The CoC should document how we handle HOPWA referrals since there is no member of the Out-Wayne CoC that provides HOPWA services.
- After becoming more involved with the CoC, Melvindale Public Housing Authority has adopted a housing preference policy this year.
- A new question around issues of sexual orientation and gender identity was addressed through an update of the

Coordinated Entry processes. It was suggested that policies around LGBTQ persons experiencing homelessness be developed for the CoC.

- A correction was made to the table in Section 1.B.1. Covenant House is a Non-CoC funded organization that serves youth and regularly attends CoC meeting.
- Answers to certain questions indicated a reduction in units for chronically homeless between 2016 and 2017. AppelWorks suggested we look into why this occurred. This was reported several months ago in the HIC.
- The narrative about "Unsheltered County" included new information based on the process from last January lead by AppelWorks consultant Mercedes Brown.
- In Section 4, there is a specific question around Street Outreach which is an area that the CoC has already identified as requiring work.

MOTION by Ilene Hogan, SUPPORTED by Joan Siavrakas, to approve the Priority Listing and Consolidated Application as presented. MOTION PASSED. The vote was unanimous.

4. Announcements & New Business

- Registration for the 2017 Homeless Summit being held on October 9-10, 2017, at the Grand Traverse Resort is now open; the link is <http://www.regonline.com/2017homelesssummit>
- Registration is now open for the 2017 Fall Convening, being held on Wednesday, October 11, 2017, in conjunction with the Homeless Summit at Grand Traverse Resort. The link to register is: <http://www.regonline.com/2017fallconvening>. The convening will focus primarily on Coordinated Entry.

5. Next Meeting

- The next membership meeting is October 5, 2017, from 9:30am to 11:00am.
- The meeting will take place back in Westland at the Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center,

Meeting adjourned at 10:54 AM.