



OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

Homeless Services Coalition

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES COALITION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 7, 2017, 9:30-11:00am

(NOTE: FOLLOWED BY SPECIAL PRESENTATION AT 11:00AM BY MSHDA REGARDING THE HCV PROGRAM)

JEFFERSON BARNES COMMUNITY VITALITY CENTER

32150 DORSEY STREET, WESTLAND, MI 48186

<http://www.outwaynehomeless.org>

1. Introductions

- Welcome New Members

Nawal Jabbar, ACCESS	Julie Ratekin, Wayne Metro
Debra Petri, ChristNet	Courtney Hierlihy, Wayne Metro
Angela Simmons, Community Housing Network	Lindsay Karas, Wayne Metro
Jeanette Felton, Community Housing Network	Alicia Ramon, Wayne Metro
Charlotte Carrillo, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority	Janice Adams, Michigan Rehab Services
LaTonya Shepherd, First Step	Melissa Fundukian, Community Living Services
Carol Jolly, Neighborhood Legal Services	Cheryl Daly, Arkay
Tamieka Andrews, Samaritas	Mike Sheppard, Canton Township
Tamara Gaines, The Salvation Army	Mitch Blum-Alexander, AppelWorks
David McCoy, The Salvation Army	Michael Appel, AppelWorks
Sue Kosak, Community Care Services	Ashley Kaufman, Wayne Metro
Allison Green, Wayne Metro	Mohammad Yamin, John Dingell VA Medical Center
	Joy Flood and Seana Page, Detroit Housing Commission

2. Additions to Agenda

3. Coalition Business

- Finance Report
\$2405.62 is in the bank account plus \$7,100 in proceeds from Music by Moonlight. There is a total of \$9,505.62.
- Dues
Dues are usually collected in January. Alicia Ramon presented the ideas of postponing the dues until the Spring after the initial work of the Governance committee and the website is updated. The COC agreed that dues will be collected in the Springtime.



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- AppelWorks - AppelWorks is starting a new programmatic year working with the COC. The first Point in Time planning meeting is on the calendar. Governance review is the next priority along with Point in Time count. Friday, the PIT committee will meet to start the planning process. Mercedes will provide an update about the PIT planning at the January meeting. The unsheltered PIT count will happen on January 31st. If individuals want to be on the PIT planning committee they should contact Mitch Blum-Alexander of AppleWorks at mitch@red-maple-resources.com.
4. Community Care Services Presentation for Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing Development Project
Sue Kozak presented on a permanent supportive housing development project that will be financed by Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC's). The project consists of 32 single apartments located on Outer Drive in Lincoln Park. 4 units are handicap accessible. Community Care Services has a 24% homeless population, but many don't actually qualify for housing because they are living in a doubled-up situation. Clients need supportive housing and supportive services. The CoC approved support for the project a year ago but the application for LIHTC's was not funded by MSHDA. CCS is resubmitting their application to MSHDA and is requesting that the CoC renew its support. COC will vote at the January meeting on whether to support the project.
 5. Covenant House and outreach services for Out-Wayne County
Stephanie Taylor and Covenant House were not present. Mitch gave an overview of how Covenant House wants to expand their connections with various members of the COC.
 6. Update on Restructuring CoC Website & Upcoming Event
Lindsay Karas presented on how the COC website will be restructured. She reviewed the new capabilities which will include a calendar and better organization. Lindsay will present a draft of the new website at the next meeting. The date for 2018 Music by Moonlight will be September 14, 2018 on the Rooftop at the Daly Merritt Building in Wyandotte. More information to come.
 7. HMIS and Data Quality
 - Data Quality Report Cards
Report cards will be coming out if you didn't get one
 - AHAR submitted December 1st



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- HUD Published PIT and HIC Notice
The CoC will publish a report summarizing key findings about homeless data once data is finalized for the PIT and HIC
8. Coordinated Entry/Programs/Initiatives
- Coordinated Entry
Coordinated entry is going well, clients are calling the call center and are screened and placed into housing. Allison to send out coordinated entry process document to COC.
 - SSVF
There will not be a SSVF workgroup today.
 - Lincoln Park Lofts/Visger/Raupp
There are no openings, but applications are always being accepted.
 - Christnet
Deb Petri said Christnet is full and they are referring people to Wayne Metro. Ashley Kaufman has been doing SPDAT and HCV. Harvest for the Homeless exceeded goal of \$50,000.
 - Schedule of monthly meetings for case managers
 - SPDAT/By-Name List/SSVF
Meeting every Thursday at Biddle training room
 - 1st of Month is a SPDAT review
 - 2nd of the month is the case manager meeting
 - 3rd Thursday is an in-service - this month is chronicity
 - 4th Thursday is case consultation
9. HUD and the VA
- SAGE
Mitch asked for feedback or questions on SAGE. No questions.
 - HUD notice to PHA's to register for next round of HUD-VASH
There will be a new round of HUD-VASH vouchers-PHA's need to register to be eligible. COC sent out email to PHA's to let them know to register. However, the Detroit VA is maintaining that data shows there is enough HUD-VASH vouchers for the Metro Detroit region and new ones are not needed.
 - The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has announced the availability of per diem funds to eligible entities to provide transitional housing beds under VA's Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem (GPD) Program models. This NOFA does not limit funding to entities that have provided GPD services in the past. Applications are due February 28th.



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10. MSHDA/MDHHS

- HCV/PBV waitlist
Applications are still being accepted. Joy Flood and Seana Page of the Detroit Housing Commission provided additional information on the process of service agencies helping clients manage deadlines and requirements for applications. They will present at the January membership meeting.
- Moving Up Vouchers
Allison Green reported that Wayne Metro is working with MSHDA to figure out how the process will look
- ESG FY 2016-17 - extension was granted until October 31st
- ESG FY 2017-18
Started spending for this FY
- Highlights of HUD ESG Sub Recipients Webinar
Christine Chapa will give an update at the next meeting.

11. Homelessness Awareness Week and Fall Fundraiser (Julie Ratekin Committee Chair)

- Assessment of activities carried out during Homelessness Awareness Week
This year was the most successful Project Homeless Connect. 140 individuals received services, and 75 received a haircut. Beaumont did health screening, Blue Cross Complete helped sponsor and brought snuggle sacks with blankets, winter gear and hygiene kits. 263 coat vouchers were received for the event; if you need some, please get clients name to Allison Green.
- Ideas about Homelessness Awareness Week for 2018
Political awareness campaign
- Fall Fundraiser Save the Date: September 14, 2018
- Donation Drive for MLK Day
Wayne Metro has applied for a small grant to host a project for MLK Day. They will be assembling hygiene and warming kits to be given out during the PIT count and throughout the year. They are looking for donation of travel sized toiletry and other items to be included in these kits.

12. Policy

- Application of the Secretary of State Pilot Exception program to assist program participants in obtaining ID. At this time, the program is available in Macomb, Oakland, Wayne, Calhoun and Genesee Counties
 - Federal Policy Update - Mitch reported that the bill around taxation greatly affects homelessness. Potentially cutting
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discretionary programs like funding allocated to COC programs. Agencies should communicate with their legislators on the importance of these programs.

13. Other Issues/New Business

Youth Homeless Demonstration Grant - Mitch reported that it is likely HUD will issue a new NOFA based on information from NAEH. Out Wayne COC has an opportunity to apply. Out-Wayne did not apply for the first round of funding. The first NOFA excluded the opportunity for Out-Wayne to apply jointly with Detroit. Julie Ratekin is in support of strong consideration of applying for the grant.

MI Department of Health and Human Services - Tamara Gaines of the Salvation Army noted that the outbreak of Hepatitis A is still a crisis. The homeless and substance abuse users are highly vulnerable populations.

Sock it to us - Deb Petri's granddaughter has been leading a sock donation drive for four years - gave out 528 pairs of socks at Project Homeless Connect. She is seeking donations of new socks.

14. Special Presentation Following Membership Meeting - At 11:00am a MSHDA housing agent will provide a training on updated procedures that were put in place at the beginning of the year regarding the processing of MSHDA HCV applications. The training will address the issues that CoC agencies have experienced with getting rent reasonableness approved on recent MSHDA HCV applications.

15. Next Meeting

- Next regular membership meeting is Thursday, January 4, 2018 from 9:30 to 11:00. Location: Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, 32150 Dorsey Street, Westland, MI 48186.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR!