



# OUT-WAYNE COUNTY

## Homeless Services Coalition

OUT-WAYNE COUNTY HOMELESS SERVICES COALITION

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2017 9:30-11:00AM

JEFFERSON BARNES COMMUNITY VITALITY CENTER

32150 DORSEY, WESTLAND, MI 48186

<http://www.outwaynehomeless.org>

### 1. Introductions

- Welcome New Members

Present:

Joan Siavrakas, Wayne County Senior Services Tania James, Samaritas Karin Bolwahn, Wayne Metro Lindsay Karas, Wayne Metro Mitch Blum-Alexander, Appel Works Carol Jolly, NLSM Debbie Petri, ChristNet Mercedes Brown, Appel Works Stephanie Taylor, Covenant House Sheilyn Gipson, Wayne Metro Jackie Nowden, LBS Christine Chapa, Wayne Metro	Julie Ratekin, Wayne Metro Allison Green, Wayne Metro Charlotte Carrillo, DWMHA David Tomasovitch, Wayne Metro Nawal Jabbar, ACCESS Cynthia Telfer, Melvindale Housing Jeanette Felton, CAN Angela Simmons, CHN Alicia Ramon, Wayne Metro Jessica Lasher, CHN Shantell Jackson, VA Hospital David McCoy, Salvation Army Mohammed Yamin, John Dengel VA Hospital
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### 2. Additions to agenda

-No additions

### 3. Coalition Business

- Finance Report

Mitch Blum-Alexander reported on the amount of funds the COC has. There is \$9,000 balance in the account.

- Dues

Annual Dues are \$50. This could be a potential feature on the website.

- AppelWorks

AppelWorks is working with Alicia Ramon of Wayne Metro to finalize contract



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that would go through Summer 2018. Once the contract is executed, AppelWorks will start work on a governance charter.

#### 4. PIT Planning for January 2018

- Conducting sheltered and unsheltered count

Mercedes Brown of Appel Works presented about planning the Point in Time count. January 31<sup>st</sup> is the state wide PIT date. The PIT count must happen in the last 10 days of January. 2018 is a full count year; Wayne Metro has recommended doing a full shelter and non-shelter count. HUD provided new guidance in terms of the PIT count including how individuals experiencing domestic violence and youth should be counted.

Recommendations from last year's 2017 PIT Report: Volunteer coordinator to help recruit and manage volunteers, training and data entry coordinator, and outreach coordinator. If the COC wants to adopt that recommendation, AppelWorks can help coordinate and facilitate those roles. Christine Chapa will coordinate data and training. Mallarie Gainer will coordinate volunteers. There was a recommendation about expanding coverage for the count to ensure the entire area is covered. AppelWorks will put together a timeline and will work with a smaller planning/coordinating body. COC is putting together a plan and recruiting a planning committee based on the specific needs to lead the overall planning efforts with coordination of Wayne Metro and AppelWorks.

#### 5. Community Housing Network Presentation for Proposed Permanent Supportive Housing Development Project

Community Housing Network presented a proposal for a mixed permanent supportive housing project. They are looking at communities such as Wayne, Southgate, Dearborn and Wyandotte. They are looking to develop a 40-50 unit complex, 30 would be permanent supportive housing with supportive services. In the past, they have developed 832 units of affordable housing through SE Michigan. CHN will be using a housing first model; the housing created will be used for special needs, homeless, chronically homeless and homeless with a special need.

#### 6. Restructuring CoC Website

Lindsay Karas presented on the current state of the COC website and asked for new capabilities that members would like to see. Lindsay will work on Search Engine Optimization for the new website. COC members identified what they would like to see on a new website is:

-Well organized to easily find minutes, agenda and reference documents



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- Capability to take dues online
- Dashboard type feel
- More current information on top
- Archive old information
- Meeting dates/agenda/NOFA
- Upcoming events
- Information on coordinated entry
- List of committees and committee members

### 7. HMIS and Data Quality

- Data Quality Report Cards

- Draft AHAR submitted October 31<sup>st</sup>

AHAR was submitted on Tuesday, Final is due by December 1. We expect feedback/review which will happen in the next two weeks.

- Key data submission deadlines for HUD and MSHDA - AHAR, HIC, PIT, HIC and PIT aren't out yet; deadlines are usually in March, April or May.

### 8. Coordinated Entry/Programs/Initiatives

- Coordinated Entry - no new updates on coordinated entry.

• SSVF - the next update and meeting of SSVF work group will occur at the December 7th CoC Membership Meeting. There are weekly meetings at Biddle.

• Lincoln Park Lofts/Visger/Raupp - No opening at LPL/Visger/Raupp but still accepting applications

• Christnet - Nighttime shelter program is now open and has had steady attendance. The program opened Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> and has been full. They are referring people to Wayne Metro for further assistance.

### 9. HUD

- SAGE

Mitch Blum-Alexander asked for feedback on using SAGE which is a reporting tool for any COC funded thing.

### 10. MSHDA/MDHHS

- HCV/PBV waitlist - Still accepting applications for HCV
- MSHDA Housing Agents Denying Rent Reasonableness Comps for HCV's



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Deb Petri - it was addressed at the Homeless Summit, and because of re-evaluation of property taxes. Deb will follow up with Paula to come to a future meeting to discuss. Kristen DeLong is able to help coordinate with Deb. Clients unable to use vouchers because it's not in an area close to transportation. MSHDA able to approve appeals (1 page document)

- Moving Up Vouchers - Still in the process to get implemented for Out-Wayne
- ESG FY 2016-17 - extension was granted until October 31st
- ESG FY 2017-18

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

- Project Homeless Connect Nov. 15 - agencies need to complete table registration, seeking donations of coats

Committee meeting right after, 6 responses for tables, event in 2 weeks

Wed. 10 - 215-vendors should expect to stay until 3pm

### 12. Policy

- Federal - Congress is in process of passing blueprint for 2018-19 budget. Tax reform would impact homeless budget. Presidents skinny budget would dramatically decrease budget.

- November 8th - MCAH Homelessness Sleep Out in Lansing

Policy makers, state officials, sleep out to experience homelessness

- November 29th - MCAH Legislative Blitz in Lansing

There is an opportunity to talk about legislative priorities and meet w legislators at the state capital. More information is available on the MCAH website.

- MCAH, MSHDA and MDHHS released the 2016 Annual Report: Ending Homelessness in Michigan. A copy of the report can be found through the link to the meeting materials listed by email and at the CoC website.

- More information about these and other policy issues/advocacy events can be found on the MCAH website at [mihomeless.org](http://mihomeless.org) or by calling Laurel Burchfield at [lburchfield@mihomeless.org](mailto:lburchfield@mihomeless.org) or 571-853-3894

### 13. Other Issues/New Business

-Allison Green announced there's no SPDAT meeting today.

### 14. Next Meeting



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- Next regular membership meeting is Thursday, December 7, 2017 from 9:30 to 11:00. Location: Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, 32150 Dorsey Street, Westland, MI 48186.