



**Out-Wayne County CoC
General Membership Meeting
December 3rd, 2020 | 9:30-11am**

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9:30-9:35

Attendees:

- Wayne Metro: Michael Centi, Julie Ratekin, Courtney Hierlihy, Francesca Vitale, Jay Krammes, Christine Chapa, Doncella Floyd
- Red Maple: Mitch Blum Alexander
- ACCESS: Nawal Jabbar, Nada
- Christnet: Debbie Petri
- Orchards Children Services: April Cobb
- CHN: Jessica Lasher
- NLS: Carol Watts Jolly, Paul Futch, Gloria White
- CCS: Kelly Marietti
- DWIHN: Tania James
- First Step: Sally Hoder
- Salvation Army: David McCoy, Chris Townsend
- Samaritas: Tameika Andrews
- LBS: Jackie Nowden
- VA: Janet Smith
- Community Mgmt Associates – Elissa Green
- **Melvindale Housing Commission** – Cynthia Telfer
- Rockwood Housing Commission – Jasmine Martin
- Wayne County – Michael Boettcher

1. Introductions (Charlotte Carrillo)

2. Additions to Agenda (Charlotte Carrillo)

No additions

9:30-9:35

3. Old Business (Charlotte Carrillo)

No additions

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4. Shelter Updates

9:35-9:45

a. Cold weather/COVID-19 response

- o ChristNet/Wayne Metro (Charlotte Carrillo, Debbie Petri)

Debbie Petri reported:

- ChristNet and Wayne Metro are continuing partnership of providing emergency shelter at a local hotel
- Referrals are going through Coordinated Entry; currently there is a waitlist
- 16 people currently in the shelter program;
- 22 beds are available at the hotel currently – the program will begin doubling up as needed to maximize capacity
- Revamped COVID testing – all guests (new and existing) and staff being tested – partnership with local clinic
- Daytime program at ChristNet is operating Monday-Friday – serving 20/25 people a day – breakfast from 7:30-9:30am and lunch from 11:30a-12:30p

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- o Warming Centers (Michael Centi)

9:50-9:55

Michael noted he is updating the list of warming centers in Out-Wayne and the list will be circulated with the CoC. He mentioned participation seems to be down this year due to COVID.

b. Additional updates

- o Samaritas (Tamiaka Andrews)

Tamiaka Andrews reported:

Quite a few residents have been approved for housing; Samaritas has seen some lack of communication with landlords and seeing a shift in engagement

- o First Step (Sally Coder/Ilene Hogan)

Sally Coder reported:

Things still going well at First Step – maintaining a full capacity – being very cautious around COVID-19

5. Coordinated Entry (Courtney Hierlihy)

a. Eviction Diversion Program Updates

CE staff are busy with EDP

- To date, the program has served 854 households and spent \$3.1 million.
- Average assistance is \$3,700 per household (combination of back rent and forward rent); 89% are at 50% AMI and below;
- Not taking any cases for EDP; cutoff date was November 30th
- Program ends December 30th – payment deadline is extended through January

Courtney noted that any households experiencing evictions can call the CE help line – very limited resources available right now. There may be additional resources coming next year and noted Wayne Metro is looking for additional HP funding.

6. Youth Update (Julie Ratekin)

No major updates with most schools being virtual until the new year; Julie mentioned that HUD has noted the next round of Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) funding is coming up very soon.

7. Veterans Update

a. SSVF (Francesca Vitale)

Audit is happening right now; small amount of SSVF funds left for this year; hiring for a SSVF specialist position

b. VA (Janet Smith)

Janet called out the efforts of Courtney Hierlihy and Francesca Vitale for being good teammates in working through veterans' resources. Additionally, she reported:

- Safe Step residential transitional program has bed openings for male and female vets experiencing homelessness.
- VA homelessness programs are seeing an inflow in veterans – currently 21 veterans on the active BNL
- Awaiting HUD VASH vouchers - 2 veterans are in hotels, 3 at other shelters, 6 vets at Safe Step
- There appears to be an increase in clients knowing how to access services

8. ESG Funding and Program Updates

a. MSHDA ESG-CV Round 2 (Mitch Blum-Alexander)

Mitch mentioned an email that was circulated with the CoC for the ESG-CV Round 2 Award. There is \$1.1 million coming to Out-Wayne (combined \$2 million all together with ESG-CV Round 1). Mitch noted a meeting next week with Wayne Metro to

discuss the ESG-CV Round 2 the budget, mentioning that homelessness prevention will be a priority. By next meeting and/or via email in December, updates will be shared with the CoC.

b. ESG Program Updates (Francesca Vitale)

Francesca noted homelessness prevention resources:

- Programs are using ESG-CV dollars for homelessness prevention while expecting more for ESG-CV Round 2.
- Wayne Metro will be administering additional prevention funding via CDBG. She is planning for the funding to be available in mid-December or early January.
- Prevention funding from Canton – pretty significant amount of funding available just for Canton residents

9. Transitional Housing Updates

9:55-10:00

a. Salvation Army (David McCoy)

David McCoy gave an update on the Salvation Army's transitional housing program:

- At capacity for men; 2 openings for women
- Van is not available at the moment for client transport
- Positive outcome that people staying in transitional housing program all are have their basic needs met including food and household items

10. Policy

10:00-10:05

a. Legislative Action Committee (Jay Krammes)

No updates; meeting will be held the first Monday of the month (Dec. 7th)

10:05-10:15

11. HUD CoC FY20 NOFA Update (Mitch Blum-Alexander)

a. Update on process and proposed plan

Mitch provided an update, noting:

- HUD has said they'd like to do automatic renewals but it would take an act of congress
- Mitch noted there was a meeting with the CoC Ranking Committee in late November to discuss options of preparing for the CoC NOFA competition while awaiting word from HUD. The committee was in favor of being proactive to put together an RFP and begin the local renewal process. Mitch is working with Charlotte Carrillo and Michael Centi on an RFP and noted the competition will try to be as streamlined and supportive as possible.

Only renewals are being considered at the moment, as HUD has been very quiet on bonus funding.

Vote on moving forward with the CoC NOFA competition process as outlined:

- Carol Jolly made a motion to vote; Debbie Petri seconded the motion
- No objections; all in favor

Mitch noted the CoC also needs to start thinking about FY2021 NOFA; he will look at what other CoCs are doing.

12. Governance Update (Charlotte Carrillo)

10:15-10:25

- a. Committee report outs
 - o Community Engagement (Julie Ratekin)

Julie reported:

- Project Connect did not happen as planned due to challenges with COVID safety and securing a location. Instead, supplies will be distributed to CoC shelters, and the CoC is collecting coats through STEP.
- Stephanie Marchese hosted a landlord engagement meeting in November to provide info on partnering with the CoC; about 15 attendees
 - o Quality, Performance, and HMIS (Christine Chapa)

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Next meeting will be held on December 16th at 10am

- o Planning and Program Development (Charlotte Carrillo)

No updates

13. Point-In-Time Count (Michael Centi)

- a. Proposed date: Wednesday, January 27th 2021
- b. Proposed methodology for unsheltered count

Michael reviewed tentative details for the unsheltered PIT count:

- He reviewed idea for an observation only count plus surveying through CE and food distributions
- Michael mentioned HUD is looking at the information differently – i.e., HUD will not be using the data to compare it to previous years or future years; HUD is looking to see significant increases and decreases and overall trend
- Any PIT conducted will look at safety foremost for any volunteers

14. COVID-19 Check-In & Discussion (Michael Centi)

- a. Current Needs –

- April Cobb offered there is a greater need for permanent housing resources; experiencing difficulty with clients finding housing options.
- Janet Smith noted the difficulty of placing clients in motels as emergency housing; there is not a lot of structure/support and it's difficult to motivate clients to move from motel to housing;
 - Michael proposed a work group for best practices on using hotels, noting the experience and similar challenges with other providers. Mitch added that HUD Office Hours is another good resource.
- b. Reflection – opportunity to share stories/successes
- Cynthia Telfer noted the Melvindale Housing Commission was awarded 25 vouchers for youth who have timed out or will time out of the Foster Care System (172 youth time out every year); 25 vouchers have been issued to youth; 1 youth has leased up already; Received 40 mainstream vouchers through CARES – will be pulling from the waiting list

15. Other Issues/New Business/Announcements (Michael Centi)

10:50-10:55

- a. New CoC SPDAT Trainer – Shawna Smith, ssmith@waynemetrol.org
- b. Schedule of upcoming membership meetings 2020-21

January 7 th	June 3 rd
February 4 th	July - TBD
March 4 th	August - TBD
April 1 st	September – TBD
May 6 th	October - TBD

All meetings will be held from 9:30 to 11:00am. Virtual meetings will continue until reaching an appropriate level of safety and health for meeting in person.

16. Next Meeting/ Adjournment (Michael Centi)

10:55-11:00

- a. Next Meeting **January 7th, 2020**, 9:30 am to 11:00 AM

NOTE: Current monthly meetings for CoC case managers

2 nd Thursday – Families By-Name List	(Next meeting: November 12 th 2:30-3:30p)
3 rd Monday-Veterans By-Name List	(Next Meeting: November 16 th , 10a-12p)
Special Date-Single Adult By-Name List	(Next meeting: November 19, 2p-3p)