



**Out-Wayne County CoC
General Membership Meeting
January 7th, 2021 | 9:30-11am**

Meeting held via Zoom due to COVID-19

Attendees:

- Wayne Metro – Charlotte Carrillo, Charisma Robinson, Christine Chapa, Courtney Hierlihy, Michael Centi, Jay Krammes, Doncella Floyd, Julie Ratekin, Francesca Vitale
- Red Maple Resources – Mitch Blum-Alexander
- LBS - Jackie Nowden, Sebi Fishta
- First Step – Sally Coder
- Orchards Children’s Services – April Cobb
- NLS – Carol Jolly
- Salvation Army – Chris Townsend, David McCoy
- ChristNet – Debbie Petri
- VA – Janet Smith, Linda Dottie
- Samaritas – Tamioka Andrews
- ACCESS – Nawal Jabbar,
- Fatma Achkar
- Rockwood Housing Commission – Jasmine Martin
- CSH – Jessica Lasher
- CCS – Kelly Marietti
- DWHIN – Tania James

<p>1. Introductions (Charlotte Carrillo)</p> <p>2. Additions to Agenda (Charlotte Carrillo)</p> <p>3. Old Business (Charlotte Carrillo)</p> <p>4. Shelter Updates</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Cold weather/COVID-19 response</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">o ChristNet/Wayne Metro (Charlotte Carrillo, Debbie Petri)</p> <p>Debbie Petri provided an update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 14 people in shelter currently. Still using local hotel. • ChristNet Daytime program is seeing 20-25 people during the day 	<p>9:30-9:35</p> <p>9:30-9:35</p> <p>9:30-9:35</p> <p>9:35-9:45</p>
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- Reminder that the referral point to Shelter is via Coordinated Entry
Michael Centi added it has been a good partnership between Wayne Metro and ChristNet

9:45-9:50

b. Additional updates

- o Samaritas (Tamieka Andrews)

9:50-9:55

Tamieka noted that Samaritas has been working through the waitlist – had a good holiday season at the shelter.

9:55-10:00

- o First Step (Sally Coder)

Sally reported that the past month has been the roughest yet during the pandemic – four families had to be quarantined, one family tested positive.

10:00-10:10

Charlotte Carrillo added that she is working with health department to determine plan for vaccinations; will be in communication with providers once there is an update. Sally noted that First Step will be a vaccination site and is coordinating with health department on that as well.

5. Coordinated Entry (Courtney Hierlihy)

a. Eviction Diversion Preliminary Impact Report

Courtney reviewed an “EDP Preliminary Impact Report” (will provide more in-depth and finalized report in coming months); highlights include:

- 2100+ households requesting assistance
- 1300+ households served (3540 people)
- Top 10 cities (out of 40+ total cities): 73% of households served
- 24 different court systems – interesting to look at correlation between
- \$4.9 million spent (\$1.6 million in December alone)
- 145 households to wrap up in January and spend another \$500k-plus
- Funding started in July – hired 15 staff at WM alone;
- ACCESS handled 300+ cases (~20%)

b. Street Outreach

Courtney reminded the CoC to connect clients to Coordinated Entry. She also noted a new full-time Street Outreach specialist starting is Monday 1/11.

6. Youth Update (Julie Ratekin)

Julie noted:

- No major updates; schools coming back from winter break (some virtual, some not, many looking at week of MLK day to make a determination).

- She is focused on partnerships – example tutoring group out of UofM offering services for children whose families are experiencing homelessness. Contact Julie to be connected.

Tamieka Andrews reported families staying at Samaritas are struggling with virtual school (Charlotte Carrillo suggested Julie and Tamieka meet to discuss supports).

7. Veterans Update

a. SSVF (Francesca Vitale)

Francesca reported:

- Full team of SSVF staff now (coordinator, specialist, and health care navigator). The Health care navigator role's main focus is to link vets to health care through the VA.
- Currently, Wayne Metro is using round 2 of spending SSVF CARES

b. VA (Janet Smith)

Janet Smith reported:

- Veterans BNL #s – 22 vets on the list as of 12/22
- Janet introduced Linda Dottie – social worker and new team member at VA; will be connecting with veterans who come through CE
- VA will be a site for vaccination; shared encouraging personal experience with vaccine
- Safe Step has 2 female beds, 1 male bed open. Beginning Step has 6 beds open for those veteran who are chronically homeless.

8. ESG Funding and Program Updates

- ### **a. MSHDA ESG-CV Round 2 (Mitch Blum-Alexander and Charlotte Carrillo)**
- Vote on ESG-CV Round 2 allocations

Mitch provided background on ESG-CV Round 2:

- This funding came out of the CARES Act.
- \$880k was allocated to Out-Wayne for the first round of ESG-CV (about double normal allocation); the second round of ESG-CV is \$1.105 million (all together, that's about 4x normal allocation for Out-Wayne).
- In December, MSHDA announced second round of ESG-CV funds; Wayne Metro has been working through the process;

Charlotte shared ESG funding allocations; mentioned it was a very difficult process to determine amounts and sub grantees.

Michael Centi opened a poll for a vote on the ESG-CV round 2 allocations. Results: 13 in favor, 2 abstentions, 0 opposed.

b. ESG Program Updates (Francesca Vitale)

Francesca reported that 4 new households being served with ESG prevention funding; all ESG CV Round 1 funding has been allocated.

9. Transitional Housing Updates

10:10-10:15

a. Salvation Army (David McCoy)

David McCoy reported:

- The holiday season went well. Salvation Army is providing basic needs (food, household supplies, coats) for clients in transitional housing.
- Program openings: 3 male beds, 1 female bed available

10. Policy

10:15-10:20

a. Legislative Action Committee (Jay Krammes)

No major updates. The Meeting that was supposed to take place on January 4th was re-scheduled for January 11th. Jay will share update at the February meeting.

10:20-10:25

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

a. Update from HUD

Mitch shared that HUD announced automatic renewals for HUD CoC grants; **no CoC competition for FY20**. He noted he is not sure yet what the process will be for doing the automatic renewals (HUD has indicated they are thinking it through and will be able to move very quickly); awaiting news on FY21 NOFA as well.

12. Governance Update (Charlotte Carrillo)

10:25-10:35

a. Committee report outs

- Community Engagement (Julie Ratekin)

No updates, other than PIT (see below)

- Quality, Performance, and HMIS (Christine Chapa)

Met December 16 and looked at benchmarks (Shelter, Safe Haven, and Coordinated Entry), comparing pre-COVID and during COVID. The committee looked at total clients served and prior living situation and will meet again in February to review the same program types and then other program types, focused on permanent housing.

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Charlotte noted under-performance in some APRs and the importance of staying on top of data.

- o Planning and Program Development (Charlotte Carrillo)

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

- a. Vote on proposed approach

Michael reported a small ad-hoc working group has been having more discussion and contemplation around the unsheltered PIT. Michael outlined a proposed methodology to include: 1) street canvassing conducted by WM's street outreach team and a limited number of volunteers, 2) questions added to CE to capture data, and 3) surveys distributed to local service centers to capture data.

Michael noted this plan has been submitted to HUD and is pending approval. He noted volunteer participation this year would not be required from CoC members as it has in previous years.

Michael launched a poll to vote on the above methodology: unanimous approval with 17 in favor and 0 opposed.

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

- a. Current needs, issues, questions, and resource sharing
- b. Federal FY21 Budget and Covid-19 Relief Bill

Michael shared a [link](#) to the FY21 federal spending plan as it relates to housing, noting a significant increase in many housing programs.

- c. Vaccine Info: <https://www.michigan.gov/covidvaccine>

Michael highlighted the Michigan COVID vaccine website (linked above) as a good place to check for updates on how the vaccine is rolling out.

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

- a. Schedule of upcoming membership meetings 2020-21

February 4 th	June 3 rd
March 4 th	July - TBD
April 1 st	August - TBD
May 6 th	September - 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)

- a. Next Meeting **February 4th, 2021**, 9:30 am to 11:00 AM

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NOTE: Current monthly meetings for CoC case managers

2nd Thursday – Families By-Name List (Next meeting: January 14th 2:30-3:30p)

Special Date-Veterans By-Name List (Next Meeting: January 11th, 10a-12p)

4th Thursday – Single Adult By-Name List (Next meeting: January 28th, 2p-3p)

SPDAT Training – contact the Out-Wayne CoC SPDAT Trainer Shawna Smith at ssmith@waynometro.org