

Detroit Continuum of Care General Membership Meeting

March 19, 2024

1:30pm- 3:00pm

NOTE VIRTUAL LOCATION:

We will be utilizing the online platform Zoom: [register here](#)

1:30 pm 5 mins	Welcome
1:35 pm 5 mins	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">- New Board Chair- Governance Charter
1:40 pm 5 mins	CAM Update – Tasha Gray
1:45 pm 15 mins	Strategic Plan – Safiya Merchant
2:00 pm 10 mins	CoC Competition Update – Amanda Sternberg
2:10 pm 10 mins	Public Comments
2:20 pm	Adjourn

Next Meeting:

May 21, 2024

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January 16, 2024, General Membership Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Terra Linzner
ReGina Hentz
Kiana Harrison
Desiree' Arscott
Tasha Gray
Alan Rosetto
Taura Brown
Lydia Goddard
Scott Jackson
Angel Reed
Lori Kitchen-Buschel

General Membership

Audrey Jones
Austin Williams
Sally Coder
Shannon Tanis
Robert Cooper
Donna L. Price
Charlotte Carrillo
Deloris Cortez
Gina Cavaliere
Michelle Johnson
Cassie Weston
Amanda Sternberg
Meredith Baughman
Violet Ponders
Clay Bell
April McKeever
Rachel Szymarek
Nzingha Masani-Manuel
Rebecca Tallarigo
Cynthia Adams
Thaddeus K. Dean, Jr.
Virginia Adams
Steve Van Every
Gloria White
Jean Griggs
Cecelia Caponecchia
Alan Haras
Shautoya Redding
Celia Thomas
Ki-Jana Malone
Danita Hunt
Zienab Fahs
Zoey Fudge
Claudia Sanford
Carolyn Rayford
Jennifer Tuzinsky
Christopher Johnson
Kelly Marietti

Torrey Henderson
Eleanor Bradford
Barri Biederman
Julie Ratekin
Amy Brown
Nona Ingram
Jane Scarlett
Emily Mueller
Alesia McGlocton
Paige Beasley
Erica George
Matthew Niemi
Lois Brown Nelson
Lori Lewis
Brandon Johnson
Kim Conwell-Leigh
Julia Janco

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Tasha G. opened the meeting at 1:30 pm with introductions – utilizing the chat box.

Board Announcements:

Summary –

- At the November 2023 GM meeting, CoC Board Elections were held. The results indicated 7 people were elected. The following elected seats are below:
 - MAL: Alan Rosetto, Angel Reed, and Tammy Black
 - HSP: Lydia Goddard, Benne Baker, and Lori Kitchen Buschel
 - CA: Armani Arnold

CAM Transition Update

Summary –

- There was a soft launch at the NAOH Project site in December to allow employees to get acquainted, build relationships, and work out any workflow issues. This is a hybrid model which will provide in-person and phone services. The NOAH Project Site is now open to the public! Cass Community Social Services have an access point as well which was publicly launched in January.
- **Shelter Access Prioritization Pilot**
 - The system has experienced an increase in bed utilization for all population types, shelter closures for year-round programs, and limitations on overflow.
 - A Shelter Access Planning ad-hoc group formed; they started meeting last fall to develop a proposal for how CAM Manages shelter access due to capacity constraints. The proposal was developed to shift daily first- come- first served model to a tracking shelter request “needs shelter” list with prioritization. This pilot will begin at the end of January.
- The next step for CAM is continuing managing the system capacity and resource availability, strengthening coordination and partnership between the implementing partners, monitoring data quality and reporting, centering PWLEH, and sustainability.
- If you have any questions concerns, please email: info@camdetroit.org. If you would like to subscribe to the CAM newsletter, here is the link <http://www.bit.ly/CAMUpdate>

YHDP Update

Summary –

- There were several YHDP projects that were selected to be funded.
 - One of the projects surrounds CE and how Youth access care and are referred to housing which is overseen by Methodist Children’s Home Society (MCSH).
 - There is a PSH Project that funded 12 units which is managed by the Ruth Ellis Center.
 - They have a Joint Transitional RRH program which is being managed by MCSH and Detroit Pheonix Center.
 - The Crisis Mental Health Project (CMH) is meant to bridge a gap between mental health care for the youth who are experiencing homelessness.

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PIT/HIC

Summary –

- This year HAND will provide recorded training for the providers. They will continue sending out the housing inventory survey as well as meet with the providers directly. For Sheltered PIT, they look at emergency shelters, including hotel motel vouchers, transitional Housing projects and safe haven projects.
- For HIC, they look at RRH and PSH projects, hotel motel vouchers, transitional Housing projects and safe haven projects. Important emails will be coming from the HMIS team regarding training.

Governance Charter

Summary –

- The Governance Charter Revision process is upon us. In the past, the timeline for this process typically unfolded with the introduction of proposed changes in January, followed by sharing the GC for public comments in March, and concluding with the vote in May. However, given the influence of the Strategic Plan, we must consider any potential adjustments to the structure of our GC.
- The proposed timeline as follows:
 - Feb-Mar: Review Committee Recruitment
 - Mar- May: GC Review Committee commence
 - June: Review Committee review public comments
 - July: GM will vote on approved revisions
- More details about recruitment will come soon. If you have additional questions, or would like to request more information about upcoming committee recruitment, please reach out to either Chelsea Johnson at chelsea@handetroit.org, or Elise Grongstad at elise@handetroit.org.

Strategic Updates

Summary-

- The interim report revealed that there are critical improvements needed for homelessness facilities and programs, housing supply, system leadership roles, etc.
 - The data analysis findings include the avg. length of homelessness, which is 109 days.
 - Clients prior to moving into a housing resource (i.e., temporary shelters, transitional housing) experience 471 days of homelessness and 21% of all households ultimately returned to homelessness.
 - There are also challenges with emergency shelters such as poor conditions, lack of staff and many service needs are not being effectively addressed.
- There were 11 community sessions held to develop strategies based on the findings in the interim report. The strategies were then prioritized by community members in a survey released last November.
 - Prioritized strategies include wages/ benefits, standardized internal housing programs, shelter culture, and basic needs.
 - On the housing side, priorities include improving streamline workflows, building a multi-disciplinary coalition, creating landlord incentives, and flex funds.
- Overall, there is an urgent need for additional investment into homelessness and housing systems.
- The next steps will consist of approving and launching the plan in March.

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Public Comments

Summary –

- The floor was open for public comments. Each participant had 3 minutes to say their comments.

Tasha G. closed the meeting at 3:00 PM. *The next CoC General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday March 19th, from 1:30 – 3:00pm. Location will continue to be virtual.*