



**Housing Solutions Board**

**Meeting Date: December 15, 2017**

**Present: Alisa Parker, Matt Lynn (phone), Jessica Edel (phone), Cheryl Beard, Nicole DuPont**

Time	Agenda Item & Discussion Notes	Decisions/Next Steps
	<p><b>I. Welcome Cheryl Beard!!!</b></p>	
	<p><b>II. Approval of November 2017 minutes.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moved by Alisa Parker. Second by Jessica Edel.</b></li> <li>• <b>Motion carried.</b></li> </ul>	<p>No quorum; approved via email</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Homeless Coalition Action Group Updates</b></li> <li>• Health Fair – nothing to report</li> <li>• Landlord Roundtable – Alisa Parker; explained the new schedule of events for 2018 and provided information. Also, shared an article about LSCSW that came out about Eviction Diversion in Second Wave Media</li> <li>• ID Task Force - Robert Elchert (via Email)</li> </ul> <p><b>Statewide Effort:</b> The deadline to add signatures to the Letter of Support that will be going to MI. Sect. of State Ruth Johnson is Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. If you and/or your organization has not signed it, please do so before the 20<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to share it within your networks. The more signatures, the better! Representatives from MCAH and the Interagency Coalition on Homelessness will be meeting with Ruth Johnson’s office in January. For the full text of the letter, including specific asks, please visit: <a href="http://bit.ly/IDletter">http://bit.ly/IDletter</a>. To sign the letter, please click <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p><b>Fee Waivers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It sounds like a lot of people are taking advantage of the fee waivers in Kzoo Co. We will need to look at the numbers and see if we should ask Tim Snow’s office and the County for a higher cap.</li> <li>○ A Resolution calling for the continuation of the fee waiver pilot program in Calhoun Co. is being introduced to the Board of Commissioners on Dec. 21. In speaking with Anne Norlander’s office and Commissioner Derek King, it sounds like it will pass and we will have another year. If anything changes and we need to show some support, I will let you know ASAP.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data User Group – Nicole DuPont; AHAR submitted, minor data problems but they got fixed</li> <li>• PIT Count; UW providing kits with POP UP Volunteer program – Discussed Blanket drive, upcoming trainings and schedule of events. Plans to broaden reach across the County by adding additional take-away diner sites through churches.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>III. Financial Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Need Fiduciary Policy for granting writing on behalf of Coalition – Matt</li> </ul>	<i><b>Tabled</b></i>
	<p><b>IV. Health &amp; Wellness</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>V. Outreach and Relationship Building</b></p> <p><b>Formal Action:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Vote on Board Application from Tim Lieser, Catholic Charities Motion Jessica. Second Cheryl Beard support. Approved.</b></li> <li>• <b>Kent London, SP Housing Motion Alisa Parker. Second Cheryl Beard. Approved.</b></li> <li>• <b>Adopt Discrimination Policy</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Motion to adopt and add the following language to the Coordinated Entry Section on non-discrimination as the CoC and HSB Policy.</b></p> <p><i>As the governing body of the CoC, the Housing Solutions Board hereby adopts HUD’s final rule entitled, “Equal access to HUD programs regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity,” which will ensure all rental housing and homeownership programs in Calhoun County will remain open to all eligible persons regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Motion Jessica Edel. Second Alisa Parker. Approved.</b></li> <li>• Upcoming HC Presentations: BC Pride (December), The Ark (January)</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>VII. Upstream</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>CE update.</b> CE suggestions from HUD and MSHDA; PPoint</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>VIII. Other</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation : Brian Carey, Care Communities</li> <li>• Home for the aged; assisted living for over 60 years of age; can get age waivers for folks under 60; 1/3 empty, 126 rooms; find creative ways to use their space; operation for over 15 years; located in Springfield; do it for</li> </ul>	Jessica will make a site visit.

	<p>the Medicaid rate; do not get Michigan choice waiver money; award winning and respected by licensing (APS), 501c3 nonprofit; hospice and skilled care; 24 unites available, over last 3 years have seen a drop in residency, Possible avenues to support Adult foster care, Transitional housing, PSH. There is a concern about working with transient population. We need to look at how does this fit into the sustained county plan, not a one off. A good model could be co-living spaces; intergenerational living.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2Gen Approaches/Models – Matt Lynn. This is about working with adults and children at the same time; change in funding structures, desire to look at structures that look at family and generations as a whole – adults and children at the same time; what needs to happen with our homeless and housing is a facet to the 2gen approach.</li> <li>• Amerifirst Home Mortgage Company – Matt Lynn; direct sponsorship for corps to buy into certain strategies; they are interested in being involved in PSH; minimizing the burden of those at risk of losing their home; do have business in Battle Creek; waiting to hear about how they want to be engaged.</li> </ul>	
12pm	<b>IX. Adjourn:</b>	<b>MTG Reminder:</b> January 19, 2017