



Housing Solutions Board

Meeting Date: September 20, 2019

Present: Robert Elchert, Lee Talmage, Laurel Clark, Rodrigo Blackman, Nicole DuPont ; guests Ellen Lassiter-Collier, Chad Timmerman, Jessica Cummins

Agenda Item & Discussion Notes	Decisions/Next Steps
<p>I. Welcome: Introductions of new members and visitors. Any additions to today's Agenda? Introduce guests: Jessica Cummins (The Ark), Ellen Lassiter Collier (SAFE Place), and Jaimie Schook (Summit Pointe)</p>	
<p>II. Approval of August 2019 minutes</p> <p>Discussion: XXX Moved by: XXX Second by: XXX Approved by: XXX; Opposed by: XXX; Abstained by: XXX. Motion Vote: passed/failed.</p>	<p><i>Via Email</i></p>
<p>III. General Updates from Board Member organizations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCPH: PHA moving out of public housing and will operate a different way; govt wants out of public housing business; looking at more private model; private sector has more clout; joining that group protects families long term; run like a business; expenses under revenue; under 30% of median income of the area; back log of modernization needs; need to be fixed up or torn down; can leverage capital in other area; some public agencies are not in that bad of shape and may not make a transition; 1 year process; Grand Rapids is completely transitioned out of public housing; RAD programs, can be hybrid; public agency but developer becomes a partner; payment standard is 90% of FMV; now raising to 95% of FMV for a one bedroom • SAFE Place: new Director started; discussed transition • UW: Emails up but do not have historical info; notification for rfp on Basic Needs for Oct 1; United Against Hunger on Oct 15 11:30am-1:30pm, • MiWorks!: Discussed programing • Haven: HMIS focus, training staff, looking for better partner opportunities, capitalize on being resource rich • SHARE Center: nursing students, life skills class, employment and benefits coach position, street outreach teams actively meetings and working together • ARK; new director is a medical director; short staffed right now; shelter not utilized as much; youth don't want to go to KZ because want to stay where they are; looking for flexible funding streams; want to get services under one roof; want a community drop-in center in each county; BCPS does not want ARK to have drop in schools; due to Communities in schools programs; not having capacity to go into other schools; 4 hours a week in Calhoun county; they serve 9 counties; 	

	no private place at Willard; 600 cards been taken by kids; want educational presentation in schools; currently doing 2:30-4:30pm on Tuesday; Trinity Resource Center	
	<p>Homeless Coalition Action Group Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Landlords' Roundtable (Alisa) – na• HMIS Data Quality Group (Nicole) – data quality meetings are happening next week• Hunger Free Calhoun (Laurel) – meeting 3rd Monday of every month; survey to identify need• Street Outreach (Robert) – monthly meetings established; want to get info to folks at hotels; Byrne grant money to set up pop volunteering events for food packs;• Veteran Resources/Built For Zero (Rodrigo) – first meeting occurred and working toward goals• Homeless Health Fair (Maggie/Nicole) – 46 vendors have been confirmed as well as an additional 11 vendors that are specific to veterans support only. Food Bank providing food and bags; need blankets and barber; HC will provide water bottles• Coordinated Entry System (Maggie) –<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Homeless TEMP Plan is nearing completion. Panel presentation is coming up on October 2 at the Michigan Campaign To End Homelessness Annual Summit. Haven, SHARE Center, First Congregational, Red Cross, and CoC are panelists. Alignment with county and city communications.○ Formalizing VAWA policy is the next focus area for CES access points.	

FORMAL ACTIONS

- **Vote to approve Jessica Cummins onto the HSB.**

The HSB votes to approve Jessica Cummins from Catholic Charities, The Ark of Kalamazoo, onto the HSB as a voting member.

- **Vote to approve Ellen Lassiter Collier onto the HSB.**

The HSB votes to approve Ellen Lassiter Collier from S.A.F.E. Place onto the HSB as a voting member.

- **Vote to approve Jaimie Schook onto the HSB.**

The HSB votes to approve Jaimie Schook from Summit Pointe onto the HSB as a voting member.

Moved by: Robert Elchert

Second by: Rodrigo Blackman

Approved by: Nicole, Lee, Laurel, Robert, Rodrigo; **Opposed by: none; Abstained by: none.**

Motion Vote: passed.

	<p>Outreach and Relationship Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with Lucy Blair, communications manager for Calhoun County government, to increase partnership first with the TEMP Plan and then other CoC topics. Potential participation on HC. • Meeting with Mike McKenzie, Battle Creek Emergency Services and BCPD, to align on TEMP Plan 	
	<p>Grants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HUD 2019 CoC Competition. Local program grant applications have all been submitted. Project prioritization and ranking has been completed with minor adjustments to accommodate the HUD matrix tool. Combined CoC application is underway and is DUE to be submitted by next Friday, September 27, 2019. • ESG 2019 Competition. ESG Application and Exhibit 1 have been fully submitted on-time. 	
	<p>Other Business</p>	
	<p>New Business</p>	
	<p>Adjourn</p>	<p>MTG Reminder: October 18, 2019 9:00AM – 1:00PM Full Blast Homeless Health Fair and VA Stand Down</p>