

Detroit Continuum of Care | Board of Directors

Working to Equitably End Homelessness in Detroit, Highland Park, & Hamtramck

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January 8, 2024 Continuum of Care Board Meeting

Welcome and Introductions:

Celia T. opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with introductions – utilizing the chat box.

Executive Committee Report & Announcements

Summary –

- Since it is the new year, all Board members are required to renew their Board agreement and COI. The Board will be receiving an email, requesting those items and the date to submit them after this Board meeting.
- For the newly elected Board Members, the Orientation is currently being updated and those will be on HAND's Learning Management System. Chelsea will also send an email with more information regarding that. All Board members are welcome to take these training courses as a refresher for the CoC.
- As far as committee recruitment, Chelsea contacted all the staff/ chairs asking if they have any vacancies and if they could provide an overview of the purpose and types of seats of the committee at the Feb Board meeting.

Consent Agenda

December Board Meeting Minutes

Board Vote

- The floor was open for questions. None were asked.
- Approval of the December 2023 CoC Board Meeting minutes was motioned by Dr. Gerald Curley and seconded by Desiree Arcscott. The vote passed.

CAM Transition Updates

Summary –

- There was an overview of the purpose and history of CAM which stands for Coordinated Assessment Model; however, this is the Coordinated Entry system for Detroit, Hamtramck, and Highland Park.
 - This model connects people experiencing homelessness to available resources in the homelessness response system.
- It was established in 2013 and managed by Southwest Counseling Solutions.
- In September 2022, SWCS relinquished its role as CAM Lead Agency and from there, the CAM Transition began which included various stakeholders, agencies, members from the CoC, etc. to carry out this transition. (please review the slides to see the full timeline).
- This past month, the CAM in-person access sites have officially launched, and a new shelter access prioritization process will be piloted.
 - The access sites provide phone and in person services which assist clients with diversion, emergency shelter referral, and street outreach referral.
 - They also have resource navigation teams who will meet the client to assess their needs to determine which potential resources will best fit their situation.
- Housing Resource Prioritization & Referral
 - Housing resources are given to those with the highest needs first, based on the assessment.
 - A person can contact CAM when they need a safe place to stay for a night and if they are a resident in Detroit, Hamtramck, or Highland Park
- CAM contact info:
 - Phone: 313-305-0311
 - For general questions or to partner with CAM email: info@camdetroit.org

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Strategic Plan Updates

Summary –

- Last month, the Planning Teams responsible for executing the Community Planning Sessions and surveys convened to debrief and analyze the survey results related to the identified planning objectives. Subsequently, they collaborated to formulate recommended Improvement Objectives and Activities. These proposals were thoroughly discussed with the Strategic Plan Oversight Commission (SPOC) during their meeting on December 13, 2023.
- The ideas that emerged as priorities through these extensive processes will undergo continuous review and refinement. The pivotal responsibility of determining the final content for the Strategic System Improvement Plan now rests with the SPOC. The current timeline projects the plan's finalization and adoption in March 2024, with implementation slated to occur between 2024 and 2028.

Buermeyer Manor Amendment

Summary –

- COTS has been the recipient of the Buermeyer CoC (operating) grant since 2004. Recognizing the need for upgrades to their building but lacking additional funding, they proactively engaged with the community to secure additional support.
- Exploring various avenues, COTS turned to tax credit dollars through MSHDA, initiating the process last year by applying for gap funding. Negotiating this terrain involved navigating committee reviews to ensure alignment with community priorities. Their application to HUD was successful, opening new avenues for funding.
- Originally conceived as a 10-unit project, COTS is now contemplating a transformation from an operating project to a leasing project, thereby contributing an additional Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) project to the community. While the 10-unit project at Buermeyer is in transition, the LIHTC process will bring in additional units for the supportive housing stock.

The approval to let COTS amend the Buermeyer Grant was motioned by Sarah R. and seconded by Dr. Gerald C. The vote passed.

CHS Shelter housing Placement RRH

Summary –

- A concept emerged for a new Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Project, leveraging Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV). The program took flight in 2022 with initial funding from the City, a combination of ESG and CDBG-CV. Partnering with CHS as their dedicated provider, the initiative has thrived over the past year.
- The primary objective is to expand shelter capacity and extend support to households utilizing HCV vouchers. Drawing a distinction between Supportive Housing Program (SHP) and RRH, SHP focuses on case management and security deposits, as the voucher covers rental assistance. In contrast, the conventional RRH offers rental assistance for up to 24 months.
- CHS has actively cultivated relationships to facilitate data sharing, enhance communication, and institute new processes to better support clients. Since November 2022, SHP has enrolled 194 households with an additional 8% remain active in the program. Only 2% have exited.
- On average, SHP households achieve housing placement within 57 days of initial enrollment. (please refer to slides for more data)
- The next steps would be to keep tracking SHP households after exiting and to ensure that folks are able to remain stably housed with vouchers.

Introduction of 2024 Board Members

- There was an introduction for the 2024 Board members. Congratulations to all who were elected!

Public Comments

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- The floor was open to public comments. Each participant had 3 minutes to share their public comment.

Candace M. closed the meeting at 4:30pm. *The next CoC Board meeting will be on Monday, Feb 5, 2024 from 2 – 4:30pm. Location will continue to be virtual.*