

Detroit Continuum of Care | Board of Directors

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

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November 06, 2023 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-

- 2024 CoC Board Elections
 - Elections are going to take place at the General Membership Meeting on November 21st @1:30pm-3:00pm. If you are a GM voting member, please refer to HAND's website to review each candidate's profile. If you have any questions, please contact chelsea@handetroit.org.
- CoC Board Chair
 - Dr. Celia Thomas, the CoC Board's current chair, term is expiring at the end of 2023; thus the Board will need to be prepared to vote on a new chair for the upcoming year. In the meantime, Candace Morgan, the co-chair of the Board, will stand as interim chair until we have an election in the early months of 2024. More details will come soon.
- Short debrief Community Forum
 - This event was held to provide resources to the community who are experiencing or have experienced homelessness. During the event, there were tables with different providers and resources, a FAQ portion for anyone to give their questions, and 1 on 1 support to anyone who had a unique situation.
- Trauma informed Care Training
 - On December 5th, CHS will be hosting a Trauma Informed Care training to anyone in the CoC that registers. It is strongly encouraged that you attend. Please click this [link](#) to register.

Consent Agenda

October Board Meeting Minutes

Board Vote

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

CAM Transition Updates

Summary –

- The focus has been on rolling out CAM in-person access sites. The goal is to provide hybrid services which includes having a phone line and in-person access sites for CAM. Wayne Metro (CAM access partner) has been working on those sites in collaboration with HAND. They are planning on doing a soft launch for the in-person sites in the middle of November and then a public launch towards the end of November. They have been working on formal communications and finalizing operational details to set the plan in motion.
- They have also been working with CoD to manage shelter capacity and trying to ensure the people who need shelters are still being connected.
 - They are also being intentional about being transparent by communicating to the public about the availability of shelter beds.

Strategic Updates

Summary –

- Over the past month, there has been community planning sessions to dive deeper into topics such as PSH, affordable housing, RRH etc.

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- The SPOC has been meeting with Barbara Poppe and associates since June. In Oct, there were PWLEH on the SPOC who are no longer able to continue the work on the committee, as a result the SPOC had to pause the work until they can involve more PWLEH to include them in this work.
 - The implementation of the plan will be pushed back later next year.
 - They also realized that they need to incorporate the executive directors to be involved in this work as well.
- There was a quick poll during the meeting, asking agencies that are involved in the strategic plan if their CEO/ED's are aware of this work.
 - The agencies of the CoC were asked to let their CEO/ED's know about the strategic planning process and that their leadership will be reached out to invite them to become a part of this process.
 - Overall, the group agreed that it is essential to involve the ED/CEOs in the strategic planning process.

PIT Count

Summary –

- The planning for the 2024 PIT Count has started and HAND amongst others are recruiting people to become a part of the planning team. So far, the PIT Count planning team has members from HAND, CoD, CHS, COTS, NSO. Please reach out to Elise Grongstad (elise@detroit.org) if you are interested in joining.
- The Point-in-Time (PIT) Count is a tally of people experiencing homelessness on a single night in January.
 - HUD requires that Continuums of Care (CoCs) conduct an annual count of persons experiencing sheltered homelessness.
 - Continuums of Care must also conduct a bi-annual (every other year) count of unsheltered persons experiencing homelessness.
- The 2021 HUD waiver and two-year consecutive hiatus from performing the PIT count resulted in a requirement to perform the Unsheltered count per historical methodology in 2022.
- The unsheltered PIT Count for 2023 did not occur based on the historical timeline. The unsheltered PIT count is required every other year.
- The 2024 Unsheltered PIT Count is scheduled to take place on January 31st, 2024.
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- **PIT Methodology**

Street Count

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Next Day Interviews

- Canvassers engage unsheltered at soup kitchens and other outlets during day hours
- Survey conducted to gather pertinent data
- Incentives provided to those who were engaged
- Data combined with street count from the night before and de-duplicated

Vote Topic

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- The approval of the 2024 PIT Methodology to perform the Street Count and Next Day Interviews as per previous years was motioned by Donna P. and seconded by ReGina H. The vote passed.

McGregor Grant

Summary –

- There was a brief overview of what resources the McGregor grant will fund. (please see below)
 - Bridging the gap between DV & Homelessness
 - Development of shared Vision of Service delivery models
 - Funding a cross walk of shelter standards best practices
 - Trainings
 - Review of VII SPDAT
 - Create systems map of all DV & Homelessness systems
- **Trainings**
 - The Pros and Cons of Machine Learning
 - Historical deprivation of opportunities and inherited wealth to persons of color
 - Equity in Decision Making
 - Implicit Bias
 - Historical Trauma including, but not limited to BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ communities
 - Impact of Interpersonal Violence and Human Trafficking and relationship to homelessness
 - Trauma Informed Assessment and Prioritization
 - Experiential Interviewing
 - Client Self-Determination and Empowerment
- If you have any questions please email, sarah.proutrennie@mcedsv.org.

Public Comments

- The floor was open for public comments. No comments were made.

Celia T. closed the meeting at 3:45pm. *The next CoC Board meeting will be on Monday, December 4, 2023 from 2 – 4:30pm. Location will continue to be virtual.*