



Detroit Continuum of Care (CoC) February Board Meeting

Feb 5, 2024



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Welcome!

For the meeting:

Everyone will be muted upon arrival

Please **self-mute** when you are **not speaking** to minimize background noise.

Guests- **Do not participate in the polls released for voting.**

Board Members- You have the ability to unmute yourself so you can participate

Please share your video if technology allows!

There will be a public comments section today

To help you prepare in advance, please see the following rules/ suggestions:

- Public comment will happen at the end of the meeting
- Public comment will be limited to three (3) minutes per individual.
- Public comment is for the board to hear what is going on in the community. The COC Board is here to listen and cannot guarantee any responses, answers, or action during public comment.
- Once someone has made public comment, if they would like to discuss their public comment further, COC Board members and staff from HAND, City of Detroit, and/ or CAM are willing to continue conversation in breakout rooms.
- When giving public comment, please refrain from using abusive language or attacking individuals.
- If you are interested in giving public comment today, please let us know in the chat or send a private message to Dr. Gerald Curley.

PLEASE USE THE LINK POSTED IN THE CHAT TO SIGN IN FOR ATTENDANCE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CoC Board Elections Postponement



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CONSENT AGENDA

Erica George, EC

***Do you vote to
approve the
January 2023 Board
Meeting minutes?***



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TIER 1 (ONE) PRIORITIES



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CAM Updates

Scott Jackson



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Goverance Charter

Chelsea Johnson



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2024 Board Elections

Principles and Background/Context

Issue Brief

Review Member Agreement/Code of Conduct



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Issue Brief

- Formal Issue Brief was released Monday, January 29th, 2024, to both CoC Board and General Membership
- Intention of Issue Brief was to provide both context and additional information to both bodies
- Key items covered in Issue Brief include:
 - Summary and steps taken to date
 - Overview of existing Governance Charter language
 - Principles of our work, Housing First and Detroit CoC Vision
 - Advice received & next steps



Principles of Our Work

Housing First:

- Housing First is a recovery-oriented, evidence-based philosophy that recognizes housing is a basic human right, and that people are better equipped to make progress in their lives if they have a safe, stable place to live.
- Through Housing First, people should have access to permanent housing resources without having to meet any prerequisites, like sobriety or the completion of programs.
- Housing First recognizes that homelessness is, first and foremost, a housing crisis, which can be addressed and resolved by providing safe, affordable housing.
- Following a Housing First approach means Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Continuum of Care (CoC) providers are not to “screen out” an otherwise eligible household based on criminal history. Only in limited circumstances, such as a site-based project where children are present, may a person be screened out due to criminal history.
- As system leaders, the CoC Board is held to the same standards and must be certain that policy and programming are not designed in exclusionary or discriminatory ways.

Principles of Our Work cont.

Detroit CoC Vision:

The Detroit Continuum of Care's vision is a collective response to prevent and end homelessness, grounded in racial equity, where:

- The system is led by people who have experienced homelessness (PWLEH) and who reflect the community
- Members of the community rarely experience homelessness, and when they do, it's for a short time and only once
- Homelessness and housing priorities are intentionally aligned for housing security
- Housing and services are rooted in dignity

As evidenced by the vision above, our CoC has committed to centering PWLEH in system leadership and decision-making. Our system is committed to minimizing barriers for persons experiencing homelessness and striving for



Board Member Agreement

- Upon beginning Board term, all Board Members are asked to sign the Board Member Agreement, which outlines key responsibilities and expectations of Board service.
 - *“ Cooperate with and respect the opinions of fellow Board members, and leaving personal prejudices out of all board discussions, as well as supporting actions of the Board even when the Board member personally did not support the action taken.*
 - *Putting the interest of the CoC (system) above your organization and personal interests*
 - *Show respect and courteous conduct in all CoC meetings”*
- The Executive Committee of the CoC Board plans to develop a Code of Conduct to complement the existing Board Member Agreement





PUBLIC COMMENTS



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Public Comments

Look over the rules and suggestions for public comments again:

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Public Comments

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHdviZkM7S4>

3:00





Thank you for coming!

Our next CoC Board Meeting is Monday, March 4, 2023