



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER of the *Detroit Continuum of Care*

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□ Let's Give a Warm Welcome! □



Viki Demars



Lauren Bianchi

HAND is pleased to welcome two new team members, Viki DeMars and Lauren Bianchi. Viki is the HMIS System Administrator for ESG-CV programs and Lauren serves as HAND's Data Analyst. Check out their bios on the [HAND Staff page](#) for more info.

Trainings & Webinars

Workforce Development

CAM and **Detroit at Work** are continuing to host trainings in partnership with **Heartland Alliance** focused on employment and homelessness. We hope to see you at one of our upcoming trainings!

Benefits Counseling for Jobseekers Experiencing Homelessness

Tuesday, February 9, 1-2:30pm

This training will discuss best practices and local resources for benefits counseling for jobseekers experiencing homelessness.

[Register here](#)

Previous Workforce Development from trainings are available [here](#)

Infant Safe Sleep & Resources for Families Webinar

Monday, February 8
1:00pm - 2:30pm

Join [MCAH](#) for a presentation by Patti Kelly and Colleen Nelson from the Infant Safe Sleep Program at the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS). During this webinar Patti and Colleen will go over infant safe sleep, how to talk about infant safe sleep with clients and resources available in Michigan to support families with children.

Register for the webinar [here](#)



Infant Safe Sleep and Other Resources for Families

Good night. Sleep tight. Sleep safe.

Learn more at
michigan.gov/safesleep



Free Webinar February 8
1:00-2:30 PM
[Register Here](#)



To learn more about the *Safe Sleep Program* and access local resources go [here](#)

Upcoming Conferences



National Alliance to
END HOMELESSNESS

Ending Homelessness: A Virtual Conference

March 8th - 10th

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[Click here](#) for the full agenda and registration details.



**National Low Income
Housing Coalition**

NLIHC Virtual Housing Policy Forum 2021: A New Day

March 30-31
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□ News and Resources



2021 Duvernay Award Application

MSHDA is offering an award dedicated to

Personal Protection Equipment

Masks for Staff and Clients

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Please complete this [form](#) to request masks.

Terrence R. Duvernay, former executive director of MSHDA and lifelong housing advocate. Applicants nominate an individual for consideration. Recipients of the cash reward direct the funds to a housing organization of their choice. Applications are due *February 12th*.

[Click here](#) to access the application and for further instruction.

MCEDSV Human Trafficking Toolkit

MCEDSV is pleased to announce the publication of its human trafficking toolkit. This toolkit is designed to bring context to human trafficking and serve as a bridge between the trafficking & DV/SA movement. Please feel free to share the toolkit widely & stay tuned for more trainings and announcements on how to more fully use this toolkit in your work.

[Link to toolkit](#)



Have a Resource to Share?

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Legislative Action Committee

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Meetings are the first Monday of the Month from 12pm-1pm. You can register for March's [here](#).

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News Brief

HUD Secretary Nominee

How to Obtain Emergency & After Hours Behavioral Health Services informational [Brochure](#)

How Access Routine Behavioral Health Services informational [Brochure](#)

Take a Self Mental Health Screening [here](#)

Last month, President Biden's nominee for HUD Secretary, House Representative Marcia L. Fudge of Ohio for HUD Secretary gave her testimony in front January 28th's Senate nomination hearing [here](#).

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DEMAND OUR LEGISLATORS FULLY & IMMEDIATELY FUND RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR OUR COMMUNITIES

Partisan politics is getting in the way of providing assistance to our most vulnerable citizens affected by the pandemic. We are all in a precarious position as state legislators threaten to appropriate funding on a timeline which does not help our communities **right now**. This funding is meant to keep people in their homes and keep their utilities on.

Let me repeat: federal funds have been disbursed to Michigan. It is here! However, it's legislators who are holding up these funds.

Contact the [Michigan Senate](#) & [Michigan House](#) Appropriations Committee members to tell them that we can't wait.



"Bridge Michigan published [MCAH's guest column](#) today as a call to action for Michigan legislators to stop playing games with federal rental assistance dollars. Both the Michigan [Senate](#) and [House](#) supplemental bills hold back hundreds of millions of federal dollars that our communities need now. Share our article and contact your Legislators today to urge them to stop playing games with Michigan lives."

MSHDA Seeking Public Comment

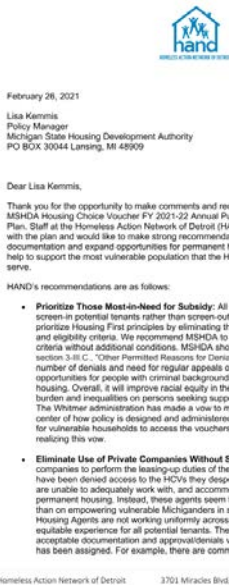
The Staff at Homeless Action Network of Detroit invites you to review and submit comments on MSHDA's annual Public Housing Authority and Housing Choice Voucher Administrative Plans. The public comment period is open for MSHDA's [PHA Plan](#) and [HCV Administrative Plan](#) until **February 26th at 5pm**. This is your opportunity to let MSDHA know how their PHA and HCV policies affect the amazing work happening in Detroit and with your agency.

HAND has provided the draft of the [letter](#) that will be submitted. We encourage all providers to review our letter, add anecdotes to support the information provided and submit to MSHDA using your agency

letterhead. To submit comments:

- Email Lisa Kemmis your comments at kemmisl@michigan.gov
- Mail your comments to Lisa Kemmis at PO Box 30044, Lansing, MI 48909 (must be received by 5:00 on Feb 26)

If you have any additions, comments or questions about HAND's letter, please submit them to jasmine@handetroit.org by February 23rd at 5pm.



(Click the image to view the entire letter)

HAND 2021 HMIS Virtual Bootcamp Schedule Announced!

The HAND HMIS team is excited to offer 2 days of online HMIS-related training on February 25 & 26. Although **attendance is mandatory for City of Detroit funded programs**, the Bootcamp is also open to other HMIS participating agencies who may want to attend as well.




Access the full schedule with detailed descriptions of each session [here](#).

For more information on the HMIS, please visit our website - [link](#).

COVID-19 Vaccine Update & Resources



Expanded Eligibility for COVID-19 vaccinations at TCF Center



- Detroit residents with documented intellectual or developmental disabilities
- Detroit residents who are home healthcare providers
- Detroiters age 65 or older
- Healthcare employees working in Detroit
- K-12 teachers and support staff and day care workers
- U.S. Post Office employees who live or work in Detroit
- City of Detroit or City-related agency employees working from their regular job site
- State and federal law enforcement officials who report to a job site
- Active clergy members whose ministry includes face-to-face contact with members
- Funeral home/mortuary employees who live or work in Detroit
- Food service workers living or working in Detroit
- Security guards living or working in Detroit
- Janitors living or working in Detroit

detroitmi.gov

How to Schedule an Appointment

Detroit residents can schedule appointments at the TCF Center by calling 313-230-0505, Monday-Friday from 9am - 6pm.

You can determine your eligibility and find out more about Detroit's vaccine program [here](#).

Here is a comprehensive presentation from the CoC-Wide Webinar by the Detroit Health Department (DHD) about the COVID-19 vaccine - [link](#)

(Click the image to view a larger size)



HUD has issued [guidance](#) for homeless service providers on how to talk with clients about the COVID-19 Vaccine and any concerns their client may have. Click [here](#) for the Spanish version .

Click [here](#) to access the CoC google drive for printable infographics explaining vaccine prioritization for frontline workers and those experiencing homelessness.

Resources

Detroit CoC Training Survey

We would like your input as we strive to plan training opportunities for the Continuum for 2021 and coming years. Please follow this [link](#) to inform of us what trainings you would like to see.

Responses will be collected on a rolling basis but are due by 11:59pm on March 31st to be considered for development in 2021.

PPE Still Available!

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Stimulus Payment Update

If you did not receive either the first and/or second Economic Impact Payment (EIP) / Stimulus, you may be eligible for a [Recovery Rebate Credit](#) . To claim the rebate, you must file a 2020 tax return. More details are available at this [link](#).

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Mark your calendars for MCAH's 5th Annual Michigan Homelessness Advocacy Day

March 16 - Attendees will be meeting in a virtual environment with legislators and colleagues from across Michigan. This will be your chance to speak directly with lawmakers and advance an equitable, holistic housing agenda. Check MCAH's [site](#)

regularly for updates regarding the schedule and more.

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