



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER of the *Detroit Continuum of Care*

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Detroit CoC Board Meeting

The first **Detroit CoC Board Meeting** of the New Year will be held on **Monday, January 8th** via an online platform. The meeting will be held **from 2:00 - 4:30pm**.

You can register for the meeting by [clicking here](#) or on the button below/right. **Please note: For best quality, please join this meeting on your computer** as we will be utilizing the “share screen” function to progress through the meeting materials. Board Members are also asked to show their video during the meeting, if able, to facilitate a greater sense of community. We will also be utilizing the breakout rooms function so come prepared for discussion!

The meeting is open to the public and anyone is welcome to attend!



Click below to view/print a copy of the agenda and materials for **Monday's meeting**.

[Board Meeting Packet](#)

[Board Meeting Registration](#)

General Membership Meeting

And don't forget to mark your calendars for our quarterly General Membership Meeting **January 19th at 1:30pm**.

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Click below to view/print a copy of the agenda for **Tuesday's meeting**. The full materials will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

[Membership Meeting Agenda](#)

[Membership Meeting Registration](#)

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Upcoming Trainings

State ID Waiver Program

January 11, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Register for MCAH's State ID Fee Waiver Program for Individuals Experiencing Literal Homelessness

[Register here](#)

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Advocacy

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The next meeting is Monday, January 11 at 11am.



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[Click here](#) for more information. Full agenda and registration details coming soon.



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COVID-19 Resources

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Economic Impact Payments

After the passing of second stimulus, The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has started sending out another round of Economic Impact Payments (EIPs). Individual US residents and resident "aliens" earning \$79,000 and below are automatically eligible for payments of \$600. Those with dependents under the

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age of 17 will receive an additional \$600 per child.

For more information from the IRS, click [here](#).

Read more from NAEH about what the new stimulus means to funding for housing - [link](#).



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Draft Strategic Plan for the Detroit CoC

Goals Overview
End homelessness among Veterans
End chronic homelessness
End homelessness among unaccompanied and parenting youth
End homelessness among families with children
End homelessness among all other individuals (non-chronically homeless single individuals, survivors of domestic violence & human trafficking)
Objectives
Increase and expand access to quality and affordable housing
Ensure equitable program access and outcomes
Utilize data to advance efforts
Increase cross systems collaborations
Enhance diversion & prevention
Create robust service delivery system

Red font = additions from September general membership meeting and Family Homelessness Accelerator Program, blue font = examples of

We look forward to “seeing” you at today’s CoC General Membership Meeting. As part of the meeting, we will be discussing the strategic plan. Please see the attached documents.

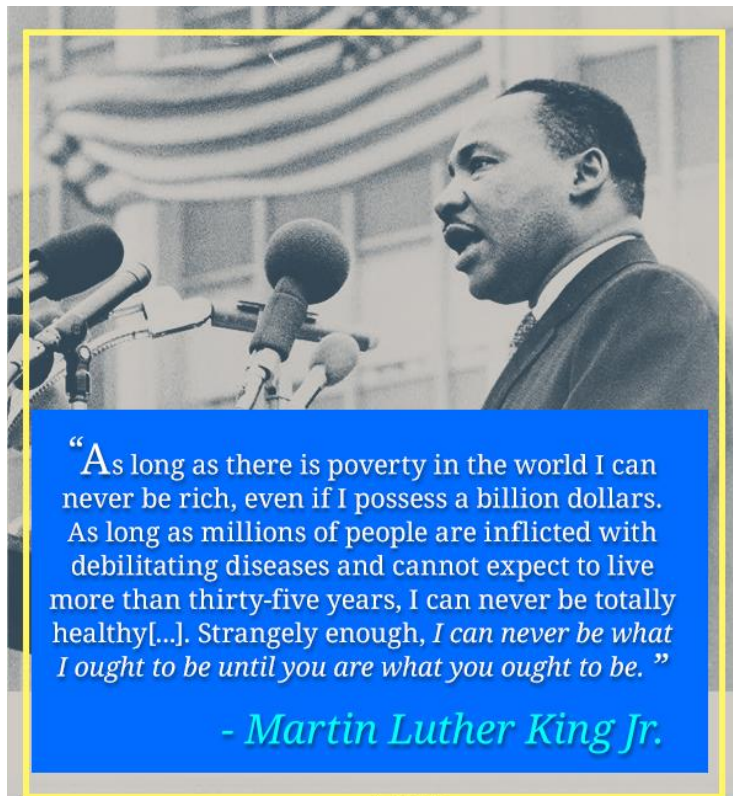
Click the above image to access a full summary of the plan

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge Martin Luther King Jr. Day which occurred this past Monday. In honor of him and his work, it was also a National Day of Service.

Moreover, we recognize the providers in the Detroit Continuum of as those who faithfully do this work more than one day of the year. Like Dr. King's words and actions, the agencies and individuals within this CoC regularly and collaboratively perform duties which speak to the image's quote.

[Link](#) for more information Dr. King's legacy.



“As long as there is poverty in the world I can never be rich, even if I possess a billion dollars. As long as millions of people are inflicted with debilitating diseases and cannot expect to live more than thirty-five years, I can never be totally healthy[...]. Strangely enough, *I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be.*”

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SAVE THE DATE!

JANUARY 25, 2021
10:00 AM - 11:30

2021 POINT IN TIME & HOUSING INVENTORY COUNT

Virtual ORIENTATION

ALL Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Safe Haven, Rapid Rehousing & Permanent Supportive Housing Programs **ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND**

Please register for the MANDATORY PIT & HIC orientation at the link

LINK

After registering you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the training.

[Click Image to View Printable PDF](#)

2021 Point in Time (PIT) & Housing Inventory Count (HIC) Orientation

January 25th, 10:00am - 11:30am

All Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Safe Haven, Rapid Reshousing & Permanent Supportive Housing Programs are required to attend the 2021 PIT & HIC Count Orientation. This is for sheltered only as the CoC has foregone this year's unsheltered count.

[Register Here](#)

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!

Systems Work Better Together:

Benefits Counseling for

Enhancing Coordination Among Public Systems to Support Homeless Jobseekers

Tuesday, January 26, 9:30-11:00am

This training will delve into the characteristics of effective coordination among public systems to ensure people experiencing homelessness have access to effective employment services.

[Register here](#)

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.

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INFANT SAFE SLEEP SUPPLIES DURING AN EMERGENCY



If a family is having difficulty getting a crib or pack and play, they may be able to get help obtaining a free safe sleep space for their infant through local resources

[Link](#) to full document with resources

For more information on infant safe sleep, visit Michigan.gov/SafeSleep.

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](#)

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