

Detroit Continuum of Care | General Membership

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

September 19, 2023 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Celia Thomas
Donna Price
ReGina Hentz
Kiana Harrison
Amy Brown
Tasha Gray
ReGina Hentz
Tania James
Michael Centi
Jennifer Tuzinsky
Michelle Parker

General Membership

Amanda Sternberg
Ilene Hogan
Anita Baker
Steve Van Every
Donna Lyons
Matthew Niemi
Rocio Campos
Torrey Henderson
Michelle Johnson
Br Fred Cabras
Jane Scarlett
Bridget Brown
Emma Bierkle
Thaddeus K. Dean, Jr.
Deloris Cortez
Robert Cooper
Shautoya Redding
April McKeever
Kim Conwell-Leigh
Diandra Gourlay
Daniel Robinson
Cynthia Adams
Denise Goshton
Claudia Sanford
Lori Lewis
Angel Reed
Meredith Baughman
Tamaria White
Natasha Al-Rafie
Clay Bell
Andrea Johnson
Lydia Goddard
Jean Griggs
Nona Ingram
Alan Rosetto & Tawanna Simpson
Emily Mueller
Paige Beasley

Essence Wilson
Benne Baker
Violet Ponders
Alesia McGlocton
Jeremy Cugliari
Austin Williams
Ronnika Harris
Darcell Dale
Audrey Jones
Kiana Jackson
Rebekah Michelson
Kimberly Benton
Kevin Bryant
Alan Haras
Charlotte Carrillo
KaTaya Beverly

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Celia T. opened the meeting at 1:30 pm with introductions – utilizing the chat box.

CAM Transition Update

Summary –

- Back in July, we learned that the CoD will not be able to provide the access points and back-office services. The plan to move forward was to work with Wayne Metro, who will provide the call center services as well as the in-person access points. Additionally, HAND will provide back-office services.
- By August 14th, CAM staff at SWS transitioned to WM and HAND
- August 14th - Soft launch of CAM phone services under the management of HAND and Wayne Metro
- August 30, 2023 - Full CAM phone services resumed under the operation of Wayne Metro
 - Expanded Hours for Hotline: Mon - Fri 8 am - 6 pm
- Relunched CAM website: <https://camdetroit.org/>
- In-Person Access Planning has begun, and in-person sites are expected to launch in November.
- The CAM TT Meeting will relaunch on September 20th.

Board Elections

Summary –

- The Board Election applications were released September 19th, 2023.
- This year the CoC Board has 7 vacant seats available for the election.
 - We have 3 seats available for member-at-large, 1 for community advocate and 3 for homeless service provider.
 - You can nominate anyone you think will be a good candidate which is due by October 11th. However, you can directly apply by going to the application [here](#). There, you will also find all the details on how to apply and maintain your membership status.
- The final applications are due October 25th and following that, each nominee will be asked to prepare a 2-5 minute “Campaign Speech” to introduce themselves to the CoC General Membership on November 21st, 2023.
- We will then announce the elected members on November 24th and at the beginning of next year, the board orientations series will begin.
- If you are currently a board member who is unsure of their member status, please contact Chelsea Johnson (chelsea@handetroit.org).

Strategic Updates

Summary –

- The team has come up with various ways to implement the strategic planning process which were creating workgroups and community planning sessions. Each of those teams are led by members who are currently on the SPOC and includes PWLEH.
- The community sessions have discussions around reducing unsheltered homelessness, reimagining shelters/interim housing, and improving rehousing in the housing supply.
- The workgroups discuss system modeling, implementation framework, and building momentum.
 - Workgroups are meetings of stakeholders to develop strategies and the community planning sessions involves community dialogs with stakeholders.
 - The information to join any of the workgroups or community planning sessions will be on HAND newsletters—[please click here to join](#).

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Coc Competition

Summary –

- The GM had a chance to review and vote on the CoC Application. This space was to allow opportunity for corrections or input on any vital pieces that may be missing in the responses. (please look at slides for more details of the application)
- By 9/22, all parts of the CoC application will be posted on HAND's website and by 9/26, the CoC app and all project apps will be submitted to HUD.
- The approval to submit FY2023 CoC application as reviewed was motioned by Donna P. and seconded by ReGina H.

Public Comments

Summary –

- The floor was open for public comments. Michelle P. raised a question: who should she reach out to if she is having issues with reaching out to families in a shelter? The question was referred to Jeremy C. and Paige B.

Celia T. closed the meeting at 3:00 PM. *The next CoC General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday September 21st, from 1:30 – 3:00pm. Location will continue to be virtual.*

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