

Detroit Continuum of Care | General Membership

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

November 21, 2023 General Membership Meeting Minutes

Board Members Present

Eleanor Bradford
Paige Beasley
Dr. Celia Thomas
Donna Price
Terra Linzner
Tamara Gaines
ReGina Hentz
Kiana Harrison

General Membership

Lori Kitchen-Buschel
Jennifer Tuzinsky
Sally Coder
Curtis Smith
Cynthia Adams
Steve Van Every
Rachel Szymarek
Violet Ponders
Kathy Miller
Desiree' Arscott
Chris Harthen
Clay Bell
Victoria Davis
China Aquino
Alan Rosetto
Celia Thomas
Diandra Gourlay
Kimberly Benton
Denise Goshton
Tania James
Meredith Baughman
Sarah Rennie
Takisha Jones
ReGina Hentz
Thaddeus Dean
Lori Lewis
Amy Brown
Kaitie Giza
Benjamin Assaff
Donna Lyons
Benne Baker
Nailah Brown
Scott Jackson`
Robert Wotypka, OFM Cap.
Nona Ingram
Tasha Gray
Mitchel Blum-Alexander
Charlotte Carrillo
Japheth Agboka
Katherine Izzo
Lydia Goddard
Carolyn Rayford

Jean Griggs
Alesia McGlocton
Ki-Jana Malone
Claudia Sanford

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

CAM Transition Update:

Summary –

- Two months into launching CAM, there has been a lot of changes. They recently held a CAM forum which was held to share information about CAM and provided an opportunity to receive feedback from the community. They are still in the transition period, some of the improvements that will be implemented will start in the new year.
- One of the concerns raised for CAM was that there were long wait times for the call line and that was due because of staffing changes at Wayne Metro; however, they are in the process of getting the new staff trained to improve that issue.
- For a couple of months, we have been experiencing a shortage of shelter beds; however, they have been working on this issue.
 - CoD opened their warming shelters to provide additional beds.
- By January, Cass and NOAH in person access sites will be publicly launched.
- If you want additional information or submit feedback, then please email info@camdetroit.org.

Strategic Updates

Summary –

- They had 10 community sessions on improving shelters, rehousing, and affordable housing supply. During these sessions, they developed strategies on how to address these issues. HAND, BPA, and CoD collected the strategies and integrated them in a survey for community members, partners, funders to submit feedback. This survey will be sent out after Thanksgiving. Please [click here](#) to access materials related to the strategic planning process.

2024 Board Elections

Summary –

- The 2024 Board Elections took place at this meeting. The results of the election will be shared after tallying the votes.

Public Comments

Summary –

- The floor was open for public comments. There was one individual who encouraged people who are involved with the SPOC to reach out and be receptive towards the new information being shared. Another member agreed that all of the General Membership members need to be engaged and share their voices to help support the strategic plan.

Celia T. closed the meeting at 3:00 PM. *The next CoC General Membership meeting will be on Tuesday January 16, from 1:30 – 3:00pm. Location will continue to be virtual*