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

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John Stoyka  
Paula Banks  
Diandra Gourlay  
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## May 2022 Continuum of Care Board Meeting

(Meeting packet can be accessed by [clicking here](#); Meeting Slides by [clicking here](#))

### Welcome and Introductions:

Celia T. opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with introductions – utilizing the chat box.

### Executive Committee Report & Announcements

DAG and CoC Board Member Meeting

#### Summary –

- The CoC Board was reminded of their commitment to attending the Detroit Advisor’s Group Meeting on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Board members were told to add that meeting to their calendars.

Grievance Restructure Subcommittee

#### Summary –

- In addressing a restructure of the grievance process, the subcommittee is meeting in May and will continue work throughout June.

YHDP

#### Summary –

- The Coordinated Community Plan (CCP) will be submitted to HUD in mid-May. Cross-sector stakeholder convenings were held in April with the education, juvenile justice, and child welfare systems. Finishing project types to be submitted for HUD funding is currently in process. Next, the RFP process will begin.

### Consent Agenda

April Board Meeting Minutes

#### Board Vote

- The floor was opened for questions. None were asked.
- Approval of the April 2022 CoC Board Meeting minutes was motioned by Eleanor and seconded by Erica. The vote passed.

### CoC Competition

CoC Renewal Project Evaluation Criteria

#### Summary –

- The local CoC Competition process includes applying for funding of new and renewal projects.
- The following tasks related to the CoC Competition local process happened over a four-month timeline:
  - HAND staff developed draft renewal project evaluation and scoring criteria
  - The Values and Funding Priorities Committee (VFPC) reviewed draft renewal project evaluation criteria
  - VFPC released draft renewal project evaluation criteria for public comment
  - HAND staff developed new project priorities and evaluation criteria
  - HUD announced FY2021 project funding
  - HAND responded to public comments
- This timeline continues until early 2023, where a few important tasks occur regarding the CoC:
  - CoC Board Vote on evaluation criteria and project priorities of new and renewal projects
  - CoC Board Vote on CoC project Priority Ranking and Reallocation Policies

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- CoC Board Vote on New Project Review Committee recommendations
- CoC Board Vote to approve final project priority ranking list
- CoC General Membership Vote to approve CoC application, which is later submitted

Renewal Project Evaluation and Scoring Criteria		
New Evaluation/ Scoring Criteria	Modified Evaluation/ Scoring Criteria	Information Only Questions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● returns to homelessness</li> <li>● data quality and completeness</li> <li>● inclusion of people with lived experience in agency decisions</li> <li>● outcome of referrals to non-CoC funded projects</li> <li>● compliance with coordinated entry data standards</li> <li>● timeliness of referrals to TH vacancies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Retention of Permanent Housing</li> <li>● Length of time from referral to move-in</li> <li>● Outstanding/ unresolved audit or monitoring finding</li> <li>● Attendance at HMIS agency administrator meetings</li> <li>● Known destination rates</li> <li>● Consumer participation on board or equivalent</li> <li>● Participation in 2022 PIT</li> <li>● New client entries</li> <li>● Accuracy of HCV applications</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Provision of in-person services in 2021</li> <li>● Agency consumer grievance process and documentation</li> <li>● PSH match returns</li> </ul>

**Board Vote: Renewal Project Evaluation and Scoring Criteria Recommendations**

- Approval of Renewal Project Evaluation and Scoring Criteria Recommendations was motioned by Amy and seconded by Gerald. Five votes were collected, with a 100% approval. More responses will be collected in the future via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/GTkhCwc8Bd>.

CoC New Project Funding Priorities and Evaluation Criteria

Summary –

- Recommendations for New Project Funding Priorities and Evaluation Criteria related to the following:
  - Recommended Types of new projects include PSH, RRH, TH-RRH, CE-SSO, and HMIS
  - Order for fund allocation for CoC Bonus Projects, prioritizing PSH, then RRH, then CE-SSO, and HMIS
  - Order for fund allocation for DV Bonus projects, prioritizing RRH, then TH-RRH, and CE-SSO
  - New Project evaluation criteria

**Board Vote: New Project Recommendations**

- Approval of New Project Evaluation Criteria Recommendations was motioned by Donna and seconded by Sarah. Votes were collected, with a % of approval. More responses will be collected in the future via this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/FRhvd4wMF3>.

**Funding**

MSHDA ESG Subrecipient Recommendation

Summary –

- Southwest Counseling Solutions no longer wanted to receive MSHDA ESG RRH funding as a subrecipient. After reviewing applications, it was recommended that Community Home Supports (CHS) be the new subrecipient and receive upcoming MSHDA ESG dollars.
- The final grant amount will be known when MSHDA releases their application.

**Board Vote: MSHDA ESG Subrecipient Recommendations**

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- Approval of the MSHDA ESG Subrecipient Recommendation was motioned by Eleanor and seconded by Amy. The vote passed.

### **Committees**

#### Values and Funding Priorities Committee Structure

##### Summary –

- The Values and Funding Priorities Committee (VFPC) stemmed from the ESG Planning Committee, which was started in 2020. It was recommended that the new committee become a CoC committee, instead of a Board committee, making membership open to non-Board members as well as Board Members in the CoC. The recommended revised committee purpose would strategize on utilizing existing funding resources, identify funding gaps, partner with providers and key partners. The committee would have a subcommittee devoted to CoC funded related needs. Committee membership would include CoC lead agency, HMIS lead agency, CE lead agency (CAM), City (CoD), local VA, Board Member, PLEs, and HSPs.
- Differences between the current and proposed FVP include the new committee being a CoC committee, operating with a broader definition of funding, with the task of responding to time-sensitive needs, and being the venue for longer-term strategic planning conversations

##### **Board Vote: New Project Recommendations**

- Approval of VFP Structure was motioned by Celia and seconded by Sarah. The vote passed.

#### Executive Committee Elections

##### Summary –

- Since the Secretary position on the EC opened, one person expressed their interest. Eleanor Bradford was voted on to become the Executive Committee secretary.

##### **Board Vote: EC Secretary**

- Approval of the EC Secretary was motioned by Donna and seconded by Amy. The vote passed.

### **Data**

#### Point In Time Housing Inventory 2022

##### Summary –

- Every two years, the Detroit CoC conducts an unsheltered PIT count as required by HUD. This year, PIT and HIC related work started in December. Submission of our final reports to HUD Exchange is tentatively scheduled for early May.
- The 2022 PIT Unsheltered Count included: canvassers surveying unsheltered homeless, transporting clients to shelter, and giving incentives to those engaged
- The 2022 PIT Next-Day Interviews included: canvassers surveying unsheltered homeless at soup kitchens, providing incentives
- COVID safety protocols were enacted due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Some good aspects of the 2022 PIT Count were the COVID Transportation Team, the usage of the app, handing out sanitation supplies, and providing snacks/ water for team members
- Some aspects to improve upon from the 2022 PIT Count were including sleeping bag coats for clients, securing a venue with better lighting, and improving app set-up
- The following data points changed from last PIT to 2022 PIT:
- Single adults, families, and those fleeing domestic violence experiencing homelessness increased
- The number of unaccompanied youth, chronically homeless individuals, veterans, people with a substance use disorder, and people with a serious mental illness experiencing homelessness decreased
- The number of unsheltered individuals experiencing homelessness increased

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- Those in emergency shelter increased in 2022, those in transitional housing and safe haven decreased, and those unsheltered remained the same
- The overall count increased by almost 400 people
- In terms of how many beds were reported on the PIT count night, emergency shelter beds increased, seasonal beds remained the same, a huge number of overflow beds were added. TH decreased significantly, safe haven housing increased, PSH decreased, Chronic PSH beds decreased, RRH beds increased, and Other Permanent Housing (OPH) was an added value for people utilizing EHV beds.
- 95% of all bed types were occupied during the 2022 PIT count night. 100% of RRH and OPH were occupied, with PSH occupied over its limit.

**Celia T. closed the meeting at 4:30pm.** *The next CoC Board meeting will be on Monday, June 6th, 2022 from 2 – 4:30pm. Location will continue to be virtual.*