

## CENTRAL MI LPB Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2023

Balance of State Continuum of Care Local Planning Body  
Third Thursday Every Month  
Covering Gratiot, Isabella, Montcalm, and Ionia counties

LPBs are the lead local workgroups responsible for managing community planning, coordination, and evaluation to ensure that the system of homeless services and housing resources makes homelessness rare, brief, and one time.

### **Welcome and Introductions**

Rachel Pung, Have Mercy; Tara Herald; Jake Gregory, Louanne McIntyre, Lori Johnson, Precia Garland, Crystal Walcutt, Erin Rubingh, Dee Obrecht, Brenna Kimmet, Samantha Mitchell, Tasha Britton, Marni Walker, Annie Sanders, Audrey Fleming, Rhonda Pagel, Sydneigh Lantzer, Penny Denis, Lori Teal, Jason Parks, Jessica Oswald, Tracy Mulvany

The group watched a presentation on the Housing Choice Voucher from the Balance of State CoC Governance Council Meeting. Lori Johnson noted that MSDHA is implementing many new vouchers, about 1500 statewide. All four-county wait list will be open later this month and the call out to the group was to understand how to ensure everyone in our community is able to apply and has the resources needed to apply. The link to the BOSCoC Governance Council meeting with this HCV Presentation can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rqVl5PMLzdA&feature=youtu.be>

### **LPB Committee Reports:**

- Access Improvement-Call Center/Shelter Diversion/Housing Navigation

Louanne McIntyre shared an update on the Access Improvement work being done at EightCAP. The Housing Hotline has been upgraded to include additional options to increase efficiency and speed with assisting clients who need help. Additionally, more staff are being trained to be qualified to conduct diversion, assessment, emergency shelter, and the HCV process. The phone lines will be updated at the end of the day of this meeting.

Kim Cain provided an update on the electronic process when requesting shelter. The workflow has been developed and an estimated time to build. Kim is working with EightCAP to ensure that all the information EightCAP would need to process applications is built into the process.

- By Name List

Rhonda Pagel provided an update of the first By Name List meeting using the new HMIS By Name report. In February 15 people were pulled for housing program slots. Only three people were enrolled into the program. The biggest barrier was not being able to connect with those who were pulled.

This morning, 19 more names were pulled from the list for all housing programs. Staff will be working to contact those pulled to collect enrollment documentation.

The process has gone well. We did identify that some data needed to be cleaned up in HMIS. Staff are currently working to get the data where it needs to be. Erin Rubingh asked about youth in the Isabella County area. Rhonda indicated we would only have them if they called and did an assessment. Rhonda explained that Erin could work with her to help make those referrals seamless. We are currently working directly with the DV shelters to ensure everyone that needs to be on the ByName list has been identified.

The By Name List meeting will be held monthly at 9am on the morning of the LPB meeting.

- Housing and Support Intervention

This committee is not currently meeting. Since EightCAP administers the housing programs, this is done internally. Louanne and her staff meet often.

- Communications/Marketing/Partnerships

Not currently meeting. The survey for identifying volunteers for the group was sent out after the February meeting and only two people responded. Lori Johnson will reach out to determine the next steps.

- ESG Committee (only Jan-funding deadline)

Not currently meeting.

### **Community Housing Initiatives Reports:**

- Housing Resources/Solutions
- County Human Resources Collaborative Bodies

Lori Johnson reminded the group about the presentation provided by Tina Allen where she encouraged our group to be present at the Community Collaboratives. Lori felt it was important to identify one or two members of our group that attend each meeting to be able to report out and to report to the individual community groups so that housing is a constant topic of discussion.

Montcalm Human Services Collaborative: Lori Johnson and Kim Cain

Isabella County Community Collaborative: Dee Obrecht, Annie Sanders, Amanda Brake

Gratiot County Collaborative: Annie Sanders and Jake Gregory

Isabella County Transitions Meeting: Dee Obrecht and Annie Sanders

Ionia County Collaborative: Meets quarterly and the Right Door. Kim Cain attends. This group is dedicating the year to substance abuse.

### **BOS Reports** (Calendar with links on <http://www.miboscoc.com/>):

- Governance Council (Rhonda Pagel, Jacob Campbell, Louanne McIntyre, Kim Cain) –

The meeting minutes for the Governance Council can be found on [www.miboscoc.com](http://www.miboscoc.com). Many training opportunities are found on the MiBOSCOc website. The coordinator also mentioned there are a few funding opportunities.

- Coordinated Entry
  - o HARA (Rhonda Page, Louanne McIntyre, Lori Johnson)
  - o Shelter (Kim Cain, Rachel Pung, Dee Obrecht)

HARA Subcommittee met in February with discussion around the Access Improvement Committee. There is also a lot of restructuring being done in HMIS alongside the BOSCoC. The committee is looking for a chairperson.

- Performance and Outcomes

Rhonda and Donna from EightCAP attend will the next meeting in later March. Rhonda did report that our data looks very good in the HMIS.

- Funding (HUD and ESG funding and processes)

None at this time.

- Domestic Violence Sub-committee—Jennifer Butler

Jennifer Butler attended. There was discussion about prioritizing DV survivors. Programs are working through a database shift. Meeting upcoming with all DVSA program directors soon.

- Veteran Sub-committee: Jacob Campbell

No update. Meetings are bi-monthly.

- Youth Sub-committee (Erin Rubingh)

Discussion around a state youth advisory board. There was also discussion around getting more MV Liaisons/Coordinators around the table. Erin has spent time reaching out to the SC Tribe to make sure all youth are represented and counted.

- Finance (Planning Grant-BOS staffing/operations)

#### **Data/Program Reports:**

- LPB Data

HARA report was included in the meeting packet.

- Funding Reports (Quarterly)

ESG funding reports will be sent for the April meeting.

- HCV/PBV Reports

In the HARA report. Isabella, Gratiot, and Ionia counties just had a pull for HCV. More vouchers are expected to be allotted to counties through new MSHDA funding.

#### **New Business:**

**Next Meeting Date:** April 20, 2023 @ 10:00 am