

## CENTRAL MI LPB Meeting Minutes

Balance of State Continuum of Care Local Planning Body  
Third Thursday Every Month @ 10:00 AM  
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: Tracy Mulvany, Sydneigh Lantzer, Penny Denis, Kris Lindsey, Rachel Pung, Lori Johnson, Michelle Turley, Lori Teal, Jessica Wimmer, Tara Herald, Christa Jerome, Natasha Shupe, Brenna Kimmet, Dee Obrecht, Jen Leaf, Marni Walker, Stephanie Harvey,**

### **LPB Committee Reports:**

- Access Improvement-Call Center/Shelter Diversion/Housing Navigation:
  - Louanne, Rachel, and Kim provided an update on the access workflow for individuals and families facing homelessness in our area. Have Mercy has utilized their current website platform and shelter by name list process to develop an area for the shelter partners in Gratiot and Isabella counties to use. The site [www.gimishelter.org](http://www.gimishelter.org) offers an online application for anyone requesting shelter access to apply and based on the county they are currently residing in; the application will be sent to shelters in the area. This shelter by name list will also allow the shelter partners to work collaboratively to provide shelter space even if the person requesting shelter is not in their area. The site will also offer a link to service applications if the individual is not homeless but is at imminent risk of becoming homeless. The website and online application offer individuals greater access to get help. The housing hotline number is still receiving a significant number of repeat calls from the same individuals. EightCAP assessors are calling back and are unable to reach that individual. The form provides a quick way for individuals to provide information needed to get into the homeless system to receive access to services more quickly. The team continues to work on access improvement and will meet in June.
- By Name List: **Rhonda Pagel**
  - Rhonda provided an update on the by name list meetings which are being held bi-monthly now. In April, 29 names were pulled from the list, but only 9 were enrolled. Prior to this meeting, one name was pulled for Dedicated + and staff are continuing to face barriers to connect. Rhonda reported Housing Resource Specialists have full caseload and most of the individuals enrolled have been pulled for the HCV list, and staff are working to help collect documentation and insure HCV applications are submitted timely.
- Housing and Support Intervention – TBD
  - Louanne provided information on the EightCAP work being done under this focus area. Louanne will go back to the BOS information on the specifics for this committee to provide a more thorough update of what the team is working on to provide a report out.
- Communications/Marketing/Partnerships – TBD
  - Lori Johnson discussed firming up the access improvement process before working on the communications/marketing/partnerships.
- ESG Committee (only Jan-funding deadline) –
  - The ESG Committee has been formed and names were sent to Jesica Mays at the MiBOSCO. The LPB has met the current deadlines. The committee has planned to meet in

the same manner as last year with Jesi Wimmer facilitating the process. MSHDA has not provided allocations so the committee will begin with assessing community strengths and gaps for services. The committee members include: Rachel Pung, Tara Herald, Kim Cain, Jake Gregory, Jessica Oswald, Dee Obrecht, Lori Johnson, Louanne McIntyre, Rhonda Pagel, Terri Legg, Jessica Wimmer.

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

- Housing Resources/Solutions - TBD
- County Human Resources Collaborative Bodies:
  - Gratiot – **Annie Sanders & Jake Gregory**
    - Marni Walker attended the Gratiot County Collaborative and provided details that Jake Gregory has explained to the Collaborative what this body does and asked if there could be a standing agenda item to provide regular input on what this committee is working on.
  - Isabella – **Dee Obrecht, Annie Sanders, & Amanda Brake**
    - Transitions Committee working in the community to look at housing issues and connect partners. They are reviewing gaps and what can be addressed. Organizations have been providing detailed information on services provided and where they see gaps. In the Fall committees will be informed about the identified gaps.
  - Montcalm – **Lori Johnson & Kim Cain**
    - Montcalm Human Services Coalition is going through a strategic process right now and housing continues to be a topic that is brought up by many partner agencies within the coalition. Together the group is looking for action items to move the county forward.
  - Ionia – **Kim Cain** (meets quarterly)
    - Has not met recently.

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

- Governance Council: **Rhonda Pagel, Louanne McIntyre, Kim Cain** – Meets on the second Thursday of the month @ 10 am – **Need a new member to represent Ionia county due to Jacob Campbell leaving the agency. Rachel Pung nominated herself and group consented.**
  - PSH Cohort developed, and meetings have begun. EightCAP is participating.
  - HMIS training to increase the “income growth” data in the system. EightCAP only had a few identified and most clients didn’t have an increase in income at exit.
  - The ESG funding and state PIT results were reviewed.
  - Full minutes and the recording for this meeting can be found at: <http://www.miboscoc.com/meetings.html>
- **Sub-Committees: Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month @ 10 am**
  - Coordinated Entry – Meets March, June, September, December
  - HARA: **Rhonda Page, Louanne McIntyre, Lori Johnson** – Meets February, May, August, November
    - Will meet next week.

- Shelter: **Kim Cain, Rachel Pung, Dee Obrecht** – Meets January, April, July, October
  - 2-1-1 After hours process was discussed. If someone calls and wants a hotel, they will reach out to the local shelter to see if there was capacity prior to a hotel being offered. The target date for implementation is July.
- **Other Sub-Committees: Calendar with links on <http://www.miboscoc.com/>**
  - Performance and Outcomes – **Rhonda Pagel and Donna Duncan**
    - Scorecards are coming to pull data stats to see what is happening as a local planning body.
    - Programs and Data Subcommittee to meet next week.
  - Funding (HUD and ESG funding and processes)
  - Domestic Violence Sub-committee: **Jennifer Butler**
    - Database work being done with Apricot and coordination with 2-1-1
  - Veteran Sub-committee:
    - Will meet next week.
  - Youth Sub-committee: **Erin Rubingh**
    - NOFO out for youth services
  - Finance (Planning Grant-BOS staffing/operations)

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

- LPB Data/HARA Report/HCV Report: Reports are provided in the packet
  - ESG 21-22 grant has finally been spent out. It took the community working together to spend out all the funds. MSHDA was very helpful with expediting amendment requests. The new 22-23 grant which had a start date of October 1, 2022 will be opened soon and EightCAP is already forecasting to ensure that this grant will be spent out on time (September 30, 2023) so that ESG funding can be back on track.
  - Have Mercy's numbers in April were cut in half, but up in May. Slow month of getting people housed.
- Funding Quarterly Reports: March, June, September, December

#### **New Business:**

- **ESG Exhibit 1**
  - Draft is posted on the MIBOSCOC website and comments are available to be submitted through May 19
- Jen Leaf has accepted a different position with MSHDA and is moving back to her former region. Our region has not been assigned a new HL. Jen will likely assist our region until a new HL has been assigned.
- EightCAP has their Community Needs Assessment Survey out for input from the community. The link to respond is: <https://form.jotform.com/8capjot/eightcap-community-needs-assessment>

**Next Meeting Date:** June 15, 2023 @ 10:00 am