

CENTRAL MI LPB MINUTES – December 21, 2023

Balance of State Continuum of Care Local Planning Body

Third Thursday Every Month @ 10:00 AM

Covering Gratiot, Isabella, Montcalm, and Ionia counties

Welcome and Introductions:

Rachel Pung, Christa Jerome, Brandy Bunting, Sam Anglin, Nick Pery, Wendy Hartman, Sally Andreatta, Jason Parks, Shelby Flores, Jake Gregory, Kaylan Rauch, Rhonda Pagel, Kim Cain, Glennes Page, Alyssa VanStrien, Holly Baker, Jody Snyder, Sarah Martinez, Francesca Vitales, Terri Robbins, Penny Denis, Amanda Brake

Agenda: Agenda was sent out prior to meeting – no additions were noted.

Minutes: No changes recorded.

LPB Committee Reports:

- Access Improvement - Meets Quarterly: **Sally Andreatta**
 - No report this month; will meet next February 7, 2024
- By Name List: **Rhonda Pagel**
 - Met on December 7, 2023 – pulled 9 people, still working to connect with some
 - Most drew for PMH and dedicated plus
- Housing and Support Intervention – **Holly Baker**
 - Met last week and are focusing on engaging more landlords
 - Idea: beginning of new year landlord breakfast
 - Working on by-name list intakes and completing Balance of State trainings
 - Working to update forms and outreach policy
- Communications/Marketing/Partnerships - TBD
- ESG Committee (only Jan-funding deadline)

Community Housing Initiatives Reports:

- Housing Resources/Solutions - TBD
- County Human Resources Collaborative Bodies:
 - Gratiot – **Annie Sanders & Jake Gregory**
 - Isabella – **Dee Obrecht, Annie Sanders, & Amanda Brake**
 - Montcalm – **Lori Johnson & Kim Cain**
 - Ionia – **Kim Cain** (meets quarterly)

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

- Governance Council: **Rhonda Pagel, Sally Andreatta, Kim Cain, Rachel Pung** – 2nd Thurs./month @ 10 am - *This month's meeting was cancelled; no report*
- **Sub-Committees:** 4th Wed./month @ 10 am
 - Coordinated Entry – Meets March, June, Sept, Dec
 - HARA: **Rhonda Pagel, Sally Andreatta, Lori Johnson** – Meets Feb, May, Aug, Nov
 - *No meeting this month; no report*
 - Shelter: **Kim Cain, Rachel Pung, Dee Obrecht** – Meets Jan, April, July, Oct

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- **Other Sub-Committees: Calendar with links on <http://www.miboscoc.com/>**
 - Performance and Outcomes – **Nick Perry, Donna Duncan**
 - *No meeting this month; next meeting January*
 - Funding (HUD and ESG funding and processes)
 - Domestic Violence Sub-committee: **Jennifer Butler**
 - Veteran Sub-committee: **Tammy Partridge**
 - *No meeting held; no report*
 - Youth Sub-committee: **Samuel Anglin**
 - Sending out invitations to join council for YHDP Grant
 - Amanda Brake shared that the housing commission is working on youth independent-vouchers for youth ages 18-24. Can get up to 25 non-competitively if wrap around services are offered. Referrals will go through Listening Ear (direct outside referrals to Listening Ear). Individuals interested in the wrap-around programming can contact Amanda Brake to get involved.
 - Housing itself will be in Isabella County; recipients do not have to be from Isabella County
 - Finance: (Planning Grant-BOS staffing/operations)

Data/Program Reports:

- LPB Data/HARA Report/HCV Report: Reports are provided in the packet
 - Rachel opened the floor for questions, or additional information to be included in the reports.
 - Request to get financials from 8CAP (ESG)
- Funding Quarterly Reports: March, June, Sept, Dec

New Business:

- Gathered for PIT to discuss a plan for January 31st count. Contact Rachel Pung if interested in volunteering to count on January 31st. This count is important to obtain funding for housing and homelessness programming.

Agency Updates:

- Jody Snyder shared that United Way of Montcalm & Ionia Counties will be hosting a Poverty Simulation at 1/31/24 at Belding High School – [Link to register](#).
- Rachel Pung shared that Have Mercy will host a shelter tour for the group on January 10th at 1:00 PM
- Wendy Hartman shared that Shelterhouse has a new grant for rapid rehousing for a total of 15 families in 4 counties (Clare, Gladwin, Gratiot, Isabella). Referrals need to come from the COC. Rachel Pung will distribute a brochure with more information.
- Amanda Brake (amandab@mphcstaff.org) shared an update that the State of Michigan redistricted housing regions – Gratiot/Isabella is in Region G. There is a group working to create a comprehensive list of available resources. Individuals interested in joining this work please contact Amanda.

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- Christa Jerome shared that MMDHD – Montcalm County was awarded dollars through the Opioid Settlement Funds for a Stigma Reduction Program - First Aid Kits will be distributed with Narcan included. Other funding: A Harm Reduction Program will purchase Sharps Containers and be a Disposal Drop-Off Site. Harm Reduction Program will provide lock-bags and marijuana education to the community.
- Montcalm Prevention Collaborative will be hosting a 100 Acts of Compassion Event on Friday, February 16, 2024, from 8:30 – 12:00. Location will be MCC Greenville Location. Keynote speaker will be Judge Linda Davis, who inaugurated Families Against Narcotics.
- Dee Obrecht, Isabella County Restoration House shared that their new space is under construction and the goal is to have the new space available by next fall, with no more rotating.

Next Meeting Date: January 18, 2024 @ 10:00 am

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtcu2urTwtEtTNNydf-vqJFYluph8X2-JA>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Brittany Stoneman, UWGIC