

CENTRAL MI LPB AGENDA—June 15, 2023

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: Rachel Pung, Tara Herald, Louanne McIntyre, Rhonda Pagel, Lori Johnson, Dee Obrecht, Terri Legg, Penny Denis, Ryanne Jaime, Marni Walker, Nichole Feltman, Kaylan Rauch, Samuel Anglin, Nicholas Perry, Tasha Britton, Jennifer Butler, Brenna Kimmet, Alisha Pennington, Annie Sanders, Brandy Bunting, Sydneigh Lantzer, Sammie Mitchell, Natasha Shupe, Alyssa VanStrien, Rochelle O'Shay, Glennes Page, Lisa Daniels, Kaylan Rauch, Kim Cain,

LPB Committee Reports:

- Access Improvement-Call Center/Shelter Diversion/Housing Navigation: **Louanne McIntyre**
 - Met last week and went through the Access System. The “gimishelter” website will be tweaked slightly for those needing services that are not literally homeless to do the screening through the EightCAP website form or through the phone. The Access team at EightCAP is in the process of doing HMIS live entry during prescreens to help diminish turnaround time. All shelters are now receiving referrals from the “gimishelter” website.
- By Name List: **Rhonda Pagel**
 - Since last meeting have had two byname meetings:
 - May 25--8 names were pulled, 4 were enrolled. One that continues to be in between the process.
 - June 8-- 9 were pulled, 2 have been enrolled, 1 is incarcerated, waiting for contact from others.
 - The process is that EightCAP calls, then sends email, and then a letter that gives 7 days to contact EightCAP for enrollment if services are still needed.
 - Still have many residents being added to the byname list.
 - Have Mercy reports more shelter participants are being served than ever before.
- Housing and Support Intervention - TBD
- Communications/Marketing/Partnerships - TBD
- ESG Committee (only Jan-funding deadline)
 - Jesi Wimmer and Annie Sanders will be co-chairing the ESG Committee this summer. We have three (June, July, August) Zoom meetings scheduled to discuss the gaps and needs in the area to determine how this money will be allotted to the community.

Community Housing Initiatives Reports:

- Housing Resources/Solutions - TBD
- County Human Resources Collaborative Bodies:
 - Gratiot – **Annie Sanders & Jake Gregory**
 - Lori Teal, Jake Gregory, and Annie Sanders attend. The group has a standing agenda item to provide updates about this meeting. Sarah Kyle from 2-1-1 for the area has moved into a new position. The new E/D from 2-1-1 attended to discuss her experiences.

- **Isabella – Dee Obrecht, Annie Sanders, & Amanda Brake**
 - Continues to focus on resources.
 - Transitions Committee meets monthly for Isabella county specifically
 - GIST-also meets via zoom monthly.
- **Montcalm – Lori Johnson & Kim Cain**
 - Coalition is working on strategic planning for action items. Housing continues to be a focus.
- **Ionia – Kim Cain (meets quarterly)**
 - Will meet in July

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

- **Governance Council: Rhonda Pagel, Louanne McIntyre, Kim Cain, Rachel Pung** – Meets on the second Thursday of the month @ 10 am
 - Jessica Mays provided training on decriminalizing homelessness. The recording can be found on the MIBOSCOC website. Highlights: have relationships with community leaders (mayors, law enforcement) by attending meetings, do a special annual meeting and invite these leaders to talk about homelessness in the community, improving access to homeless services. Suggestion to attend public council meetings as a community group to provide information if we have localities that we feel.
 - Have Mercy has made it through Phase 1 round and is on to Phase 2-big success for the community and Have Mercy. They are submitted for scattered site family shelter. 16 units and a build out Ionia facility for 6 units. Grant is a \$6 million pot statewide, Have Mercy applied for about \$1 million. Part of the next phase is letters of support from community partners.
- **Sub-Committees: Meets on the 4th 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
 - Further training was provided for LPB meetings.
 - Housing and Support Intervention is a committee that EightCAP will be putting together.
 - Housing Resources/Solutions: community based committee of affordable housing providers to include PHA's.
 - Shelter: **Kim Cain, Rachel Pung, Dee Obrecht** – Meets January, April, July, October
 - Will meet in July
- **Other Sub-Committees: Calendar with links on <http://www.miboscoc.com/>**
 - Performance and Outcomes – **Rhonda Pagel and Donna Duncan**
 - Scorecard training
 - HMIS training: how to accurately enter income into the HMIS system. Several EightCAP Staff attended.
 - HMIS Data warehouse training around reports.
 - Funding (HUD and ESG funding and processes)
 - Domestic Violence Sub-committee: **Jennifer Butler**

- Development of comparable database. Ongoing process that is taking significantly longer than anticipated. Talked about how DV participates on the by name list and Jennifer reported her experience has been positive.
- Veteran Sub-committee: Louanne McIntyre
 - A lot of conversation around Veterans being connected to whatever services they need and not just housing but complete wrap around services and getting the benefits they are eligible for. SOAR is an important component of Veteran's services. EightCAP has a SSVF case manager who is becoming SOAR certified.
- Youth Sub-committee: **Erin Rubingh**
 - Erin has left Listening Ear. Dee O will connect with Listening Ear to see if there is a replacement that can attend these meetings.
- Finance:

Data/Program Reports:

- LPB Data/HARA Report/HCV Report: Reports are provided in the packet
- Funding Quarterly Reports: March, June, September, December

New Business:

- Dee Obrecht reported in Isabella County many are sleeping outdoors. She is pulling together a task force with local police and city officials about the homeless issue especially in the summer since there is no year around shelter in the county.
- Terri Legg reported many have called 2-1-1 or UW for camping fees or tents and would like to know what to do next once they call back.
- Rachel Pung Have Mercy does have street outreach funds, Cassie can do outreach that way to serve those who are living on the streets to provide services while we work to get them into the system. Dee O would like more information on HM's street outreach information.
- Pocket Change in Ionia will provide tents.
- UWIM is planning to hire a part-time position that provides some homeless prevention services and connection of resources.
- CM LPB website should be ready next month. This will house meeting minutes, agendas, reports, and recordings of minutes.
- ICRH is working to obtain a building and is working with the planning and city commission. Once a building is ready, the shelter will no longer rotate, and then become year-around.
- Nichole Feltman, Central Michigan Health District, nfeltman@cmdhd.org

Next Meeting Date: July 20, 2023 @ 10:00 am