

Michigan Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity
Friday, February 17, 2017
Michigan Community Action, Okemos
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Commission Meeting Minutes

Members: Jill Edwards-Sutton (Chair), Frances Amos, James Borchard, Matthew Purcell, Jessica Taylor, and LaTarro Traylor

Staff: Paula Kaiser VanDam, Kris Schoenow, Janice Harvey, Kate White

Guests: Tom Combs, James Fackler, Eric Hufnagel, Elizabeth Kelly

I. Welcome and introductions

- Chair Edwards-Sutton called the meeting to order at 10:25 am and asked Commissioners to introduce themselves..
- Absent: Kortni Campbell, Sonjalita Hulbert, Jacob Maas, Robert Scolnik, Marcella Wilson
- Gregg Iddings has resigned from the MCCAEO so we need to identify a new Vice-Chair. Chair Edwards-Sutton requested a motion to nominate Jessica Taylor Vice-Chair. Fran Amos made the motion to approve the nomination; James Borchard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Approval of November 18, 2016 Meeting Minutes – Chair Edwards-Sutton requested a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2016 MCCAEO meeting. James Borchard made the motion to approve the minutes; Jessica Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Presentation on State ID Pilot Program – Elizabeth Kelly, HOPE, Inc. gave an update on vital documents and the work of the Oakland Co ID Taskforce around this issue.

IV. Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness State ID Subcommittee Presentation – Eric Hufnagel shared information on MCAH’s subcommittee and responses from a State ID Needs Survey.

V. State ID Discussion with Commissioners, James Fackler (Secretary of State), Tom Combs (Department of Corrections), and Elizabeth Kelly (HOPE, Inc.)

Department of Corrections – Tom Combs

- Tom Combs shared that vital documents are important for offenders to have prior to leaving. There is no appropriation to pay for the vital documents. If the offender has money in their account they could get a birth certificate.
- One year ago Department of Corrections agreed to pay for the birth certificates. Since then the number of birth certificates obtained has tripled (700 a month or 2000 for FY16).

- The Secretary of State brings the mobile unit to assist with getting IDs; Corrections pays for the ID
- Social Security cards are more problematic as 54% have other names or social security numbers
- Kalamazoo Community is very engaged in the ID issue around corrections / re-entry
- If the offender doesn't know their given name or parents name, they can't get a birth certificate or ID
- Also working on the re-entry/ID issue through parole process
- It is harder to start the ID process if you haven't been ID'd before
- Corrections pays for the birth certificates and starts the process at intake
- The Secretary of State Exception Unit has assisted in looking up what they can find to identify them
 - Have they been ID'd before
 - If not, do they have birth certificate, social security number, what school they went to
 - If they have been incarcerated they have a OMNI record through Corrections

Oakland County ID Taskforce Pilot – Elizabeth Kelly

Secretary of State – James Fackler

- The Oakland Co ID Taskforce Pilot has been in process for 2 years
- They are looking at what it will take to be statewide so everyone will have the same opportunity
- James Fackler shared that other than HMIS – the waiver exists everywhere
- Housing agencies should contact James office for assistance
- The ID has to have an address; mailing address of the card could be different
- Recommendations:
 - Education of Exceptions Unit
 - Free ID For Me
 - HMIS ID and letter would be helpful across the state

VI. Commissioner Report – Jill Edwards-Sutton

- State ID Issue – will get meetings scheduled with Director Lyon / Legislators and let the Commissioners know when they are scheduled
- Healthcare – will schedule presentations, look at other models, access issues, rural; SIM – 5 geographical areas (Muskegon, Genesee Co, Grand Traverse area, Jackson, Washtenaw Co)

VII. BCAEO Update and Action Items – Kris Schoenow

- The CSBG Planning Allocation is \$26 million
- Staff is working on the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) state plan (a copy was given to Commissioners)
- The LIHEAP FY17 funding allocation is \$5 million and ends September 30, 2017
- Deliverable Fuel Assistance Program allocation is \$10 million; administrative allocation is 5%
- Kris shared BCAEO accomplishments with Commissioners

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.