

Michigan Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity
Friday, May 19, 2017
Michigan Community Action, Okemos
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Commission Meeting Minutes

Members: Jill Edwards-Sutton (Chair), Frances Amos, James Borchard, Sonjalita Hulbert, Jacob Maas, Matthew Purcell, Robert Scolnik, Jessica Taylor and Marcella Wilson (phone)

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

Guests: Nancy Lindman, Ross Yednock

I. Welcome and introductions

- Chair Edwards-Sutton called the meeting to order at 10:20 am and asked Commissioners to introduce themselves..
- Absent: Kortni Campbell, LaTarro Traylor

II. Approval of February 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes – Chair Edwards-Sutton requested a motion to approve the minutes from the February 17, 2017 MCCAEO meeting. Fran Amos made the motion to approve the minutes; James Borchard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. State ID Update – Paula Kaiser VanDam

- The State ID Taskforce gave a presentation to the Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH). The ICH is creating a white paper around this issue.
- There may be some funding to support getting birth certificates
- They are requesting that the Secretary of State add homelessness to the Free ID for Me program
- They are pushing the Secretary of State on policy issues, pilot, alternative documents to become standard practice across all Secretary of State offices.
- Jill asked if Commission can endorse the white paper; Commission can join the alliance with what the asks will be and support those asks.
- Jill, Jessica, Paula and Kris will be meeting with Director Lyon on the issue.
- Legislative visits: What is the ask?
 - New Jersey just announced free ID/birth certificate for homeless
 - MCAH –Senator O’Brien is asking to expand Free ID for Me to include veterans; asking her to expand to other populations
 - Jacob Maas suggested it would be good to share data from Dept. of Corrections on how many released with vital documents vs. without documents

IV. Integrated Service Delivery – Paula Kaiser VanDam

- Phillip Bergquist presented on Integrated Service Delivery to the Commission a year ago
- There will be a new MI Bridges portal, Universal Case Load, and contact center

- The portal will include:
 - Needs assessment
 - Resources (using the 2-1-1 database)
 - Ability to apply for benefits
 - Can give consent to have agency staff see specific information on benefits, renewal dates, and correspondence
- Pilot will take place in Muskegon from September to December
- The portal will go live statewide in January
- Universal Case Load and Contact Center will pilot in January and go live in mid-2018

V. ALICE Report Presentation by Nancy Lindman, Michigan Association of United Ways

VI. Financial Empowerment Presentation by Ross Yednock, CEDAM

- Following Ross' presentation, Commissioners had a discussion around this top area and whether to focus on this for the next Commission Report

VII. BCAEO Update and Action Items – Kris Schoenow

- Weatherization Specialist left recently, will be hiring for this position soon
- Kris will also be hiring a Deputy Director
- MOCAP
 - Keisha Guy, Executive Director, is departing in June
 - BCAEO will work with MOCAP to make sure transition is smooth
 - HDC partnership/assistance
- Funding Update
 - President Trump's budget has eliminated CSBG and Weatherization Assistance Program funding. Continuing resolution has been passed that funds through September.

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.