

**Michigan Commission on Community Action and
Economic Opportunity
Friday, November 9, 2018
Michigan Association of School Boards**

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Commission Meeting Minutes

Members: Jill Edwards-Sutton (Chair), Ben Geiger, Sonjalita Hulbert, Matthew Purcell (phone), Luke Shaefer, Jessica Taylor, and LaTarro Traylor
Staff: Paula Kaiser VanDam, Kris Schoenow, Janice Harvey, Drew Kornecky, Kate White

Guests: Susan Newhof, Jason Weller, Andy Martin

- I. Welcome and introductions
 - Chair Edwards-Sutton called the meeting to order at 10:15 am
 - Absent: Fran Amos, James Borchard, Kortni Campbell, Jacob Maas, Robert Scolnik
- II. Approval of August 29, 2018 Meeting Minutes – Chair Edwards-Sutton requested a motion to approve the minutes from the August 29, 2018 MCCAEO meeting. Ben Geiger made the motion to approve the minutes; Sonjalita Hulbert seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Homelessness and Housing – Jason Weller, Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness (see Powerpoint presentation)
- IV. Affordable Housing in Michigan – Andy Martin, MSHDA
 - Affordable housing – people paying 30% of income towards rent
 - 23% are paying more than 50% towards rent
 - Currently doing a statewide needs assessment on affordable housing
 - 4,300 units (last year) of new or rehab – affordable units
 - 15-50 year income/affordable
 - Resources – at or below 60% of area medium
 - Units available/developers targeting
 - Heavy focus on chronic homeless
 - 28,000 vouchers statewide / 20% project based
 - Priorities
 - PSH, rental assistance
 - Lessening standards for moving into a unit
 - Chronic homeless
 - Funding
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ = 3,500 units a year / new or preserving units
 - $\frac{1}{4}$ = existing affordable housing stock – make sure it is up to standards
 - $\frac{1}{2}$ = creating new affordable units

- Federal Housing Trust Fund
 - \$6 million (HUD) under 30% median income
- Vouchers
 - Housing Choice Vouchers
 - Project-based – 20% go to project based (veterans, other specific populations)
 - Section 8 – integrated development, folks with disabilities, 50% of area median
 - Federal Home Programs (\$17 million) – helping with down payment, creating more multi-family rental units

V. Commissioner Report – Financial Stability

- The report has been released
- Sonjalita shared it with the United Ways
- Jill will send a letter to the new Governor with a copy of the report

VI. Commission Discussion on Priority Area for Report

- Sonjalita referenced the former list of priority areas and compare with CAA needs assessment
- Kris will be evaluating the community needs assessment of 29 CAAs and will share the top 5 needs with Commissioners
- Update current priorities needs document with current needs assessment information
- Luke – they did a survey of local officials around priorities in poverty – affordable housing and workforce development were top priorities
- Advocate to HUD about barriers for access to housing
- Safety net funding / community needs assessment
- Look at 211 data – met and unmet needs
- Governor-elect priorities / cabinet level poverty person
- Social determinants of health – opportunity for conversation is there, poverty is key part of social determinants of health
- Sonjalita shared that Head Start is a built-in audience to address issues, prevent homelessness, workforce development
- Kris suggested a poverty summit in the future
- Janice will schedule a call with Commissioners in December to identify topic area

VII. BCAEO Update and Action Items – Kris Schoenow

- Due to time limit – Kris shared written report with Commissioners

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Adjournment - Meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.