



MICHIGAN'S CAMPAIGN TO END HOMELESSNESS

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State Action Plan

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In this update to the Michigan Campaign to End Homelessness (MCTEH) Action Plan, we center on a commitment to engage in transformative work and to stretch ourselves beyond our comfort zones. We chart new goals around racial equity and authentic engagement with people with lived experience at all levels of homelessness work. We also include an increased focus on transparency around data and funding, and recognize the need to remain vigilant and sustain progress in preventing homelessness. We outline strategies for completion over the next 3 years that we believe will significantly strengthen our systems and increase housing opportunities for those most in need.

In addition to the specific goals and strategies outlined below, the MCTEH upholds the following commitments in implementation of this Action Plan:

- 1** Identify and fund the staffing support needed to manage the implementation of the Action Plan
- 2** Ensure people with lived experience of homelessness provide ongoing guidance on implementation of the Action Plan, and equitably compensate them for their work
- 3** Counteract existing racial inequities and ensure implementation of the Action Plan does not perpetuate inequities by targeting implementation to households experiencing homelessness who have been most impacted by systemic racism and oppression
- 4** Create and maintain an easily accessible, publicly available dashboard that measures the progress of the Action Plan
- 5** Review & publish statewide and Continuum of Care (CoC) level System Performance Measure (SPM) data, disaggregated by race, quarterly to assess ongoing performance and declines in homelessness, with particular emphasis on returns to homelessness and first time homeless.

Goal 1: Increase amount of safe, accessible & affordable housing targeted to households experiencing homelessness. *For more detail on goal 1, click [here](#)*

Goal 2: Prevent homelessness whenever possible, targeting resources to households most at risk of becoming homeless. *For more detail on goal 2, click [here](#)*

Goal 3: Collaborate with local and statewide systems that are crucial to preventing and ending homelessness. *For more detail on goal 3, click [here](#)*

Goal 4: Improve equity within the homeless system and reduce racial disparities among households experiencing homelessness. *For more detail on goal 4, click [here](#)*

Goal 5: Authentically engage people with lived experience (PWLE) of homelessness, especially in the form of ongoing partnerships rather than time-limited, one-sided engagements. *For more detail on goal 5, click [here](#)*

Goal 6: Use data to measure progress and create accountability. *For more detail on goal 6, click [here](#)*



INTRODUCTION

The first statewide action plan to end homelessness was written in 2006. What started as community-level action plans, aimed at increasing access to affordable housing and driving self-sufficiency, has evolved into a statewide infrastructure known as the Michigan Campaign to End Homelessness (MCTEH). In early 2015, former Michigan Governor Rick Snyder, appointed the Michigan Interagency Council on Homelessness (MICH) through Executive Order 2015-2. The council, chaired by state leadership, consists of representation from 13 state departments, non-profit agencies, and the general public who work together, using this plan as their guide, to prevent and end homelessness in Michigan.

The global COVID-19 pandemic had lasting public health and economic impacts on our state's most vulnerable Michiganders. People experiencing homelessness are at increased risk of contracting COVID-19, and statewide data revealed that COVID-19 disproportionately impacted people of color and those with complex health needs. In response to the pandemic, Continuums of Care (CoCs) throughout Michigan strategically deployed resources, de-congregated living facilities, rapidly re-housed the most vulnerable people in their communities, and increased access to personal protective equipment.

Additionally, Michigan saw an extraordinary influx of funding from the federal government to prevent people from entering homelessness and to re-house people as quickly and safely as possible. While this funding, along with early statewide efforts, contributed to lower infection rates among people experiencing homelessness and helped maintain some stability across the state, there is significant work that must be done to heal from trauma and support housing recovery and stabilization across the state. As we emerge from the global pandemic, we carry with us lessons of resilience, flexibility, community, and recovery – lessons that have informed the update to this plan and will carry into implementation.

Ending homelessness in Michigan is possible. This update to the MCTEH Action Plan establishes the parameters for what it will take to work toward that goal over the next 3 years. Homelessness is a complex and dynamic issue, but one that can be solved through a willingness to engage in transformative conversations and to collaborate in ways that stretch us beyond our comfort zones. As we embark on implementation of this updated Action Plan, the MCTEH will continue to evolve by elevating the approaches that have driven reductions in homelessness in the state, and digging deep into the issues that have prevented us from ending it altogether.

AREAS OF INCREASED FOCUS IN THIS PLAN

In 2021, 30,113 people experienced homelessness in Michigan. While this number remains far too high, Michigan has seen substantial reductions in homelessness statewide, decreasing the total number homeless by 21% since 2019. This updated plan aims to capitalize on those successes and go a step further in certain areas.

First and foremost, the MCTEH stands in strong commitment to reducing racial disparities in homelessness. We recognize the disproportionate impact of homelessness on racialized and marginalized people and communities, and that historically housing policies implemented at the federal, state, and local levels have been designed to benefit white people. Additionally, people are often disadvantaged by multiple sources of oppression: race, class, disability, gender identity, sexual orientation, and other identities. Racism and other forms of discrimination are persistent and entrenched and continue to shape the lived experiences and life outcomes for millions of Michiganders today. Because of this, with the updated Action Plan, we are committed to ensuring that racial inequities are not perpetuated and will actively counteract existing inequities wherever possible.



Other increased areas of focus include: **1) Getting real about engagement with people with lived experience of homelessness; 2) remaining vigilant and sustaining progress in preventing homelessness; and 3) increasing transparency around data and funding.**

Ending and preventing homelessness requires us to be responsive to existing conditions and strategically enhance areas where we are strong. To that end, in implementing this updated Action Plan, the MCTEH upholds the following commitments:

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ALIGNMENT WITH OTHER STRATEGIC PLANS

In an effort to create a comprehensive plan, we looked to other statewide plans as well as the United States Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) Federal Plan to identify areas of overlap and to incorporate the most promising strategies into this Action Plan. These plans include the Statewide Housing Plan, the Poverty Taskforce Report, and the Social Determinants of Health Strategy. Additionally, as MSHDA completes their Racial Equity Impact Assessment (REIA) of the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP), we will look to those results to continue to identify additional opportunities to align the strategies in this plan with innovative and equitable approaches.

MCTEH STRUCTURE

To accomplish the goals of the Action Plan, the MCTEH established an infrastructure to align efforts and maximize efficiency. The high-level infographic shown below provides a snapshot of the current MCTEH structure. As part of this Action Plan, the MHPC will work to restructure its membership to be representative of the population of people experiencing homelessness in Michigan.

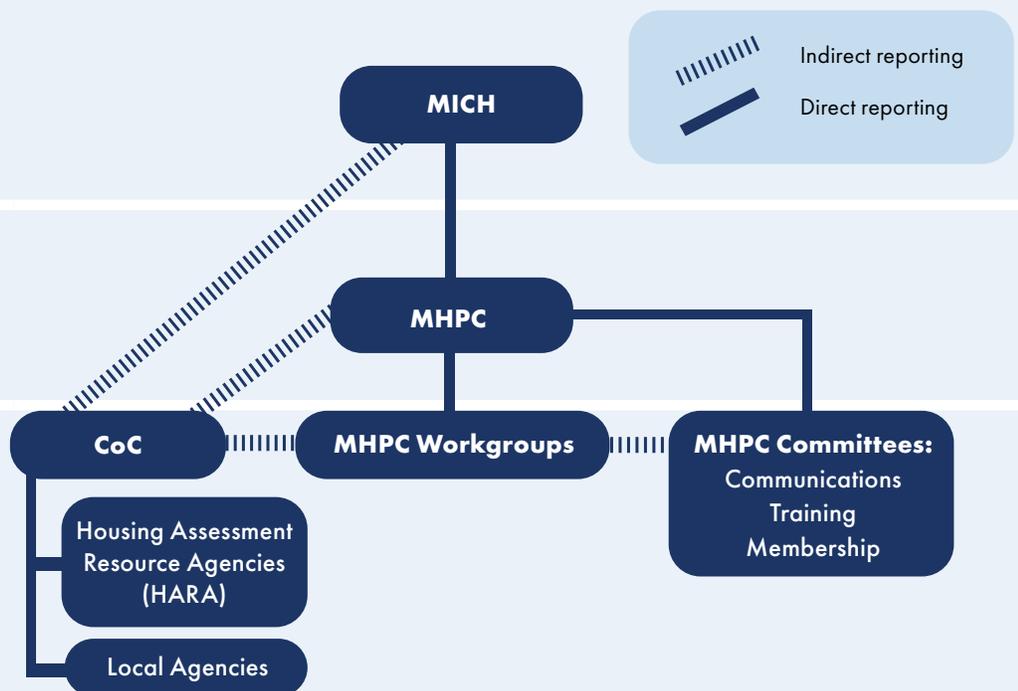
Michigan Interagency Council on Homelessness (MICH)

Created by Governor’s Executive Order (No. 2015–2) and is comprised of the Governor’s appointees

Michigan Homeless Policy Council (MHPC)

Comprised of designees from various state agencies and members of the public

Continuum of Care (CoC) Bodies, MHPC Workgroups & Local Agencies



TOGETHER, WE ARE MAKING PROGRESS



21% reduction in the number of people experiencing homelessness in Michigan since 2019

Michigan was one of the earliest states to retool our crisis response systems by implementing coordinated entry statewide and shifting our resources toward permanent housing and services for those with the deepest needs. Over the last three years, we have continued to build on our success with an unwavering commitment to innovation and collaboration. It was that commitment that contributed to the following successes across the state:

- Created a Blueprint for the MCTEH in order to improve communication and collaboration across the state
- Developed 6,000 units of affordable housing and 399 units of supportive housing
- Partnered with C4 Innovations to conduct a racial equity system analysis across all CoCs in MI
- Developed a shelter diversion toolkit to help inform diversion efforts statewide
- Utilized federal COVID relief funds to implement prevention activities statewide, assisting more than 67,500 households to maintain or gain access to housing by the end of 2021
- Launched a database specifically for domestic violence providers that is comparable to the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and will help the state better understand the scope of homelessness among domestic violence survivors
- Secured a tenancy support benefit within the State Medicaid Plan to reimburse for services for supportive housing tenants
- Increased access to SSI/SSDI benefits through the SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program, and experienced a 74% success rate on applications
- Created a training survey, which is now administered annually statewide, to identify necessary training topics among housing and homeless service providers
- Received HUD Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program awards in Grand Rapids, Traverse City, and Detroit



MEASURING CONTINUED PROGRESS

Effectively ending homelessness in Michigan means that homelessness is **prevented** whenever possible and, when not possible, that the experience of homelessness is **rare, brief, and one-time**. While some of the goals within this action plan focus on how the work gets done, each of the goals outlined in the plan should have a direct impact on the overall system performance measures outlined here.

With that as the frame, we will evaluate our progress by tracking and assessing the following statewide system performance measures bi-annually:

OVERALL REDUCTION GOAL (BY 2025) FOR TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS:

Current (2021): 30,113

Goal: 27,102 (10% decline from 2021 to 2025) ↘

CURRENT & GOAL FOR BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN

Current (2021): 13,250

Goal: 11,263 (15% decline from 2021 to 2025) ↘

MEASURE 2: LENGTH OF TIME PEOPLE SPEND EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS (AVERAGE DAYS HL)

Current (2021): 69 days

Goal: 50 days ↘

CURRENT & GOAL FOR BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN

Current (2021): 78 days

Goal: 50 days ↘

MEASURE 4: RATE OF RETURNS TO HOMELESSNESS FROM PERMANENT HOUSING (WITHIN 24 MONTHS)

Current (2021): 22%

Goal: 15% ↘

CURRENT & GOAL FOR BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN

Current (2021): 22%

Goal: 12% ↘

MEASURE 1: TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FOR THE FIRST TIME

Current (2021): 15,882

Goal: 14,250 ↘

CURRENT & GOAL FOR BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN

Current (2021): 6,829

Goal: 5,805 ↘

MEASURE 3: RATE OF DISCHARGE TO PERMANENT HOUSING FROM HOMELESSNESS OR RETAINING PERMANENT HOUSING

Current (2021):

Street outreach: 46%

Emergency shelter, Transitional housing, Rapid re-housing: 45%

Permanent housing (excluding RRH): 98%

Goal:

Street outreach: 48% ↗

Emergency shelter, Transitional housing, Rapid re-housing: 48% ↗

Permanent housing (excluding RRH): 98% ↗

CURRENT & GOAL FOR BLACK/AFRICAN AMERICAN

Current (2021):

Street outreach: 48%

Emergency shelter, Transitional housing, Rapid re-housing: 49%

Permanent housing (excluding RRH): 98%

Goal:

Street outreach: 50% ↗

Emergency shelter, Transitional housing, Rapid re-housing: 50% ↗

Permanent housing (excluding RRH): 98% ↗



Homelessness is a complex problem, but solving it is simplified when all Michiganders do their part. Having a solid plan is important, but knowing our unique roles in implementation of the plan is what will truly drive the things we are able to achieve as a state over the next three years.

PUBLIC OFFICIALS AT STATE, TRIBAL, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL LEVELS; INCLUDING ELECTED OFFICIALS

- Provide leadership and accountability for progress on this plan, using your voice and power to advance the goals within public forums, funding processes, and when establishing new policies
- Seek opportunities to cede power and elevate voices that aren't traditionally honored
- Provide the funding and other resources necessary to achieve the goals within this plan
- Keep people experiencing homelessness front and center as you create policies, make funding decisions, and prioritize your work

PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS

- Speak up and speak out about your experiences with homelessness; let people know what is working and what is not
- Engage in planning and decision making at local and state levels to help advance the goals within this plan and hold others accountable when progress is not being made
- Provide grace to people who are not used to having people with lived experience in consulting and decision making roles, but challenge them to continue to evolve

COC LEADERSHIP, HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDERS, ADVOCATES, AND COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

- Continue the transformational work of providing direct services and supports, ensuring that dignity and respect are front and center in your day to day interactions
- Ask for what you need in order to do your work well and advocate at local & state levels

HOUSING DEVELOPERS AND PRIVATE LANDLORDS

- Minimize barriers to housing by removing unnecessary screening criteria and working to eliminate bias and stigma about people experiencing homelessness
- Partner with homeless service providers to house people experiencing homelessness

PHILANTHROPY AND PRIVATE BUSINESSES

- Use your collective voice and power to influence local and state policies that align with the goals in this action plan and to convene partners around shared vision and opportunities
- Support and challenge homeless service providers through flexible funding
- Provide employment opportunities to people experiencing homelessness

ALL MICHIGANDERS

- Learn about homelessness and dispel myths about the people who experience homelessness in MI
- Build awareness of, engagement in, and responsibility for efforts to prevent and end homelessness
- Engage policymakers at every level of government about efforts to prevent and end homelessness
- Donate resources, goods, and time to organizations serving people experiencing homelessness

GOAL 1: INCREASE AMOUNT OF SAFE, ACCESSIBLE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING TARGETED TO HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

The number one priority that we hear from CoCs, people with lived experience of homelessness, and public officials alike all over the state is the need for safe, accessible housing that is deeply affordable. Through Michigan’s first Statewide Housing Plan, the state set a goal to produce 75,000 new or rehabbed housing units over the next 5 years. Because of income constraints and unique needs of people experiencing homelessness, this Action Plan prioritizes the development of deeply affordable housing units as well as Supportive Housing units.

Safe housing: A residence where people can feel physically and mentally protected and free from threat (SH).

Accessible housing: A residence that offers accommodations for people with disabilities to live barrier-free and is free from unnecessary background and other screening criteria as a condition for residence.

Affordable housing: Housing in which rent is set at or below 60% of the area median income, based on needs of the community, and for which the occupant is paying no more than 30% of their gross income in housing costs, including utilities.

“Safe housing is a place where I can sit on the porch without having to worry about violence happening around me” – person with lived experience of homelessness

Goal 1: Increase amount of safe, accessible, and affordable housing targeted to households experiencing homelessness		
STRATEGY	CHAMPION	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Strategy 1: Produce 500 new Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) units (non-SH) annually targeted to households at or below 30-50% AMI	MSHDA	Report annually
Strategy 2: Produce 150 new Supportive Housing units annually	MSHDA	Report annually
Strategy 3: Increase landlords accepting households experiencing homelessness by improving landlord engagement, increasing knowledge of risk mitigation funds & other landlord incentives, and securing source of income protections	MCAH	December 2023
Strategy 4: Reduce the use of unnecessarily restrictive tenant screening practices (for public housing and private landlords) to increase housing access for those with criminal histories, prior evictions, or other barriers	MSHDA/ MCAH	December 2023
Strategy 5: Secure an additional \$20M for Supportive Housing services that are evidence-based, aligned with quality measures, and focused on tenant outcomes	CSH	May 2024
Strategy 6: Expand Moving On initiatives to 3 Public Housing Authorities (in addition to MSHDA) to help supportive housing tenants who no longer want or need the intensive services of supportive housing	MSHDA	July 2025
Strategy 7: Identify & fund emerging housing models (eg. shared housing, host homes) that help fill the gap in housing for people experiencing homelessness	MHPC	September 2025



GOAL 2: PREVENT HOMELESSNESS WHENEVER POSSIBLE, TARGETING RESOURCES TO HOUSEHOLDS MOST AT RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS

In order to end homelessness in Michigan, we have to prevent people from becoming homeless in the first place. In 2020 and 2021, an influx of pandemic-relief rental assistance and eviction moratoriums kept eviction rates low. We need to remain vigilant, taking lessons learned from this experience and continuing to advocate for rental assistance funding, legal representation and mediation services.

“It would be a whole different situation if I had an attorney on my side to represent me.” – person with lived experience of homelessness

Eviction prevention is only one aspect of preventing homelessness, though, as we know that an eviction does not typically lead a person immediately into homelessness and not everyone who is evicted will become homeless. Therefore, a crucial aspect of this goal includes determining which households are most at risk of becoming homeless and directing very flexible, cash-based resources and other wrap-around services their way.

Goal 2: Prevent homelessness whenever possible, targeting resources to households most at risk of becoming homeless		
STRATEGY	CHAMPION	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Strategy 1: Support advocacy to implement more robust tenant supports and protections such as legal aid, mediation services, and rental assistance for people going through eviction cases	MCAH	Report annually
Strategy 2: Develop a reporting mechanism to track shelter diversion & homeless prevention data, including number of households diverted/prevented and percent who ultimately became homeless	MDHHS	September 2023
Strategy 3: Secure \$3M across 8 CoCs for flexible, cash-based diversion & prevention activities targeted to households at highest risk of becoming homeless	MDHHS & MSHDA	May 2024
Strategy 4: Implement homelessness diversion within 8 additional CoCs by using the diversion toolkit to provide individualized support to CoCs to integrate diversion into CE and ES intake and assessment processes	MDHHS & MSHDA	May 2024



GOAL 3: COLLABORATE WITH LOCAL AND STATEWIDE SYSTEMS THAT ARE CRUCIAL TO PREVENTING AND ENDING HOMELESSNESS

Collaboration is difficult, especially among various systems that function differently, utilize different data systems, and oftentimes have competing interests. However, it is a key path to ending homelessness in Michigan. Homelessness is a problem that effects almost every aspect of the Michigan ecosystem, and will take seemingly independent systems working together to solve it. This goal centers around finding common goals and bridging divides between the homeless system and other systems that are crucial to preventing and ending homelessness.

“Wrap-around services are really important because we have really complex needs.” – person with lived experience of homelessness

Goal 3: Collaborate with local and statewide systems that are crucial to preventing and ending homelessness		
STRATEGY	CHAMPION	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Strategy 1: Ensure all eligible households experiencing homelessness maintain Medicaid benefits following end of COVID-19 public health emergency	MDHHS	July 2023
Strategy 2: Strengthen relationships between housing providers, MDHHS, Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans (PIHPs), Community Mental Health (CMH) agencies, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Medicaid Health Plans, local hospital systems, and other relevant agencies to improve access to physical and behavioral healthcare services and fully leverage Medicaid for Supportive Housing tenancy support services.	MDHHS/ CSH	December 2023
Strategy 3: Leverage the domestic violence (DV) comparable database to strengthen connections between DV agencies and homeless service providers and improve safety planning within the homeless system	MDHHS	December 2023
Strategy 4: Increase eligible school aged youth connected to McKinney-Vento school liaisons and resources by strengthening coordination and developing referral linkages in 2 CoCs between McKinney-Vento school liaisons and HARAs and other homeless service providers	MDE	September 2024
Strategy 5: Increase by 15% the number of eligible households experiencing homelessness enrolled in financial supports (TANF, SNAP, Medicaid, SSI/SSDI, etc.) by increasing the number of homeless service providers who are MI Bridges community partners and SOAR specialists, and fostering partnerships between Housing Assessment & Resource Agencies (HARAs) and local MDHHS offices	MDHHS	September 2025
Strategy 6: Increase households connected to employment supports by creating assessment and referral process in 2 CoCs to workforce & other income services by HARAs, emergency shelters, and housing providers	MSHDA	September 2025
Strategy 7: Collaborate with representatives from the justice system to create equitable discharge planning processes for people exiting the justice system into homelessness	MDOC	December 2025
Strategy 8: Collaborate with representatives from the foster care system to create equitable discharge planning processes for youth exiting foster care into homelessness	MDHHS	December 2025



GOAL 4: IMPROVE EQUITY WITHIN THE HOMELESS SYSTEM AND REDUCE RACIAL DISPARITIES AMONG HOUSEHOLDS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Homelessness does not affect all Michiganders the same way. For instance, 44% of the state’s homeless population is Black, despite only making up 14% of Michigan’s overall population. Disparities such as this must motivate specific attention and action especially for Black, Indigenous, & People of Color (BIPOC), people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ communities. In an effort to address some of these disparities, the MCTEH is partnering with C4 Innovations to conduct a racial equity system analysis across CoCs in Michigan. This goal charges us with digging deep and taking this initial commitment to equity work to the next level.

“We need to get honest about where the problems really are; who has access to resources and who doesn’t.” – person with lived experience of homelessness

Goal 4: Improve equity within the homeless system and reduce racial disparities among households experiencing homelessness		
STRATEGY	CHAMPION	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Strategy 1: Promote broader adoption of approaches that are culturally-specific, person-centered, and trauma-informed by creating ways to evaluate quality of services and providing standards, guidance, and support for homeless service providers	MHPC	Report annually
Strategy 2: Address capacity challenges (eg. staff turnover, equitable wages) among homeless service providers and CoC lead agencies by investing in capacity building among individual agencies within 2-3 CoCs	MHPC	September 2023
Strategy 3: Determine new tool(s) to replace the VI-SPDAT that help create equity and address disparities in coordinated entry	MHPC	December 2023
Strategy 4: Implement recommendations provided by C4 at both state and CoC levels	ICH/ MHPC	December 2023
Strategy 5: Revise at least 5 policies and procedures at state & local levels based on the use of REIA tools and review of quantitative and qualitative data disaggregated by race; incorporate human centered design where applicable	ICH/ MHPC	July 2024



GOAL 5: AUTHENTICALLY ENGAGE PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE (PWLE) OF HOMELESSNESS, ESPECIALLY IN THE FORM OF ONGOING PARTNERSHIPS RATHER THAN TIME-LIMITED, ONE-SIDED ENGAGEMENTS

We cannot solve homelessness in Michigan without consulting people who have the most intimate knowledge based on their own lived experiences. This goal aims to include more voices of people with lived experience of homelessness in decision making and shift the way that groups operate and decisions are made in order to create inclusive spaces where people with lived experience feel heard, honored, and trusted.

“People making decisions need to meet people who are actually homeless; it’s really easy to be disconnected from the people actually experiencing homelessness.” – person with lived experience of homelessness

“We need to figure out a better way of compensating PWLE for their time and work. All the red tape is over-complicated. We need to figure out how to just cashapp and venmo and simple things like that and address payment barriers with peoples’ benefits being cut off.” – person with lived experience of homelessness

Goal 5: Authentically engage people with lived experience (PWLE) of homelessness, especially in the form of ongoing partnerships rather than time-limited, one-sided engagements		
STRATEGY	CHAMPION	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Strategy 1: Host opportunities (ie. focus groups/listening sessions/learning collaboratives) at least twice a year for stakeholders to hear updates on state work, share insights on local work, and work together with state entities around funding and policymaking	ICH/ MHPC	Report bi-annually
Strategy 2: Incentivize and invest in organizations and CoCs that are hiring people with lived homelessness experience and creating peer-support positions	MDHHS/ MSHDA	September 2023
Strategy 3: Restructure membership of the Michigan Homeless Policy Council to be representative of the population experiencing homelessness in Michigan	MHPC	July 2023
Strategy 4: Ensure adequate funding and payment mechanisms to compensate PWLE for their work at state & local levels	MCAH	July 2023
Strategy 5: Ensure accessibility for participation from PWLE by accommodating for transportation, technology, and other needs at state & local levels	MCAH	July 2023



GOAL 6: USE DATA TO MEASURE PROGRESS AND CREATE ACCOUNTABILITY

Accurate, reliable, real-time data is crucial to preventing and ending homelessness in Michigan. This is how we know when we are making progress and when we are falling short, and helps us to determine the discreet areas of focus that will lead to improvements. Over the last few years, Michigan has created a pathway for the use of data in incredibly sophisticated ways, and this goal challenges us to dig into that data and use it to set goals, assess how equitably resources are being distributed, and track our progress toward ending homelessness.

“We need to get really specific about what is happening in different parts of the state – where is housing being developed, where is funding going, like literally breaking it down by in Otsego county, you get \$1M and that equates to \$5/per person and in Detroit, you get \$6 million and that equates to \$4/person or whatever the amounts are; getting that specific to really understand what’s going on.” – person with lived experience of homelessness

Goal 6: Use data to measure progress and create accountability		
STRATEGY	CHAMPION	TARGET COMPLETION DATE
Strategy 1: Increase transparency by making funding allocations and performance metrics for housing and services within the homeless response system available publicly	ICH/ MHPC	Report annually
Strategy 2: Assess funding administered by state-level public funders (ie. MSHDA, MDHHS, MDE, etc.) for equity, comparing to demographic data and per capita homeless data statewide in order to understand and address disparities in funding	ICH/ MHPC	May 2024
Strategy 3: Develop and implement a Statewide Data Strategy & Governance Model focused on improving reporting, enhancing data quality/completeness, and supporting cross-sector data sharing/matching to drive multi-sector system alignment and more innovative solutions to homelessness (focus to extend beyond HMIS and incorporate adjacent systems such as Health, Justice, Child Welfare, etc.)	ICH/ MHPC	December 2024

NOTE ON CHAMPIONS

The CHAMPION for each strategy is not solely responsible for doing all the work, but is the entity(s) responsible for ensuring work moves forward relative to the strategy and that all necessary parties are informed of progress.

CSH: Corporation for Supportive Housing

ICH: Interagency Council on Homelessness

MCAH: Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness

MDE: Michigan Department of Education

MDHHS: Michigan Department of Health & Human Services

MDOC: Michigan Department of Corrections

MHPC: Michigan Homeless Policy Council

MSHDA: Michigan State Housing Development Authority

