



MICHIGAN INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS AGENDA

November 7, 2019

10:30 a.m., MSHDA Board Room

735 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI

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ATTENDEES: Kelly Rose, Patrick Patterson, Lynn Hedges, Kristina Leonardi, Crissa Blankenburg, Chris Trudell, Mercedes Brown, Phil Cavanagh, Kris Brady, Dennis Sturtevant, Cylenthia Miller, Robert Near

1. **Approval of Agenda:** Approved with requested agenda changes by Lynn Hedges to move her topics earlier in the meeting to allow her to get to her next meeting.
2. **Public Comment:** None
3. **Approval of August minutes:** Kristina Leonardi moved, Patrick Patterson seconded, all approved.
4. **HMIS Evaluation:** Beginning in August, 2019, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Service (MDHHS) contracted with a vendor, Global Data Strategy (GDS), to evaluate the HMIS system in order to look at it's operational functioning, how it works across multiple levels from data entry to the state level. MDHHS has received preliminary information from them and are in the process of scheduling a meeting to convene state partners to discuss recommendations and next steps. GDS gave a presentation to MHPC at their last meeting and they can also present a webinar to anyone who was unable to attend if requested. More updates to follow on implementation of GDS recommendations.
5. **Medicaid waiver for tenancy supports :** MDHHS was working internally with Medicaid services to submit waiver to include language which would allow the state plan to include eligible activities. It originally was going to be under an 1115 waiver, however, CMS did not like the 1115 (now 1915 waiver) language that split pieces out. The behavioral health and development disabilities administration was working on that language and submitted it to CMS, who approved it on September 29, 2019 which put the policy in place. It is currently accessible through behavior health providers, need to figure out how to take what is now in policy and

translate it to housing providers, making sure they understand what it means. Also to be figured out is how to train housing providers to understand the process if they want to subcontract. MDHHS is partnering with CSH and looking at January, 2020, to start; they are currently in the curriculum and education building process (this is for a limited number of clients who are eligible for the CMH services).

Tenant support consists of assisting with locating housing, helping work through the activities of preparing for housing, i.e., getting them into house, stabilization services afterwards to keep them housed. Also establishing tenant relationships to be sure they are taking meds, going to doctor, etc.

Suggestion to have Jeff attend the next ICH meeting (LYNN: Who is this?)

6. **Draft 2020-21 Strategic Plan:** Mercedes Brown presented the “Scaffolding/outline” of the proposed state plan for 2020-21. MHPC held 5 regional meetings to gather input for the plan, engaging more than 300 participants around the state.
 - a. The 5 regional focus groups consisted primarily of service providers, included some funders and folks who worked in the health system, and people with direct lived experience (a few).
 - b. A pre-summit convening was held in Port Huron on 10/1/19 with around 90 participants. There was discussion around ways to address racial disparities, which came up in the regional meetings but was discussed in more detail at this convening.
 - c. In order to outline the new plan, CSH will collect input from ICH and the expanded MHPC.
 - d. They are still deciding whether to see if we can get a Governor letter to include in the document.
 - e. Looking at the past plan, what did that plan elevate that worked, what priorities aren’t yet concluded; the USICH plan will also be used as a guide.
 - f. Reviewed outline:
 - Chris Trudell commented that the MDOC clients fit into all categories and he will be interested to see the intersect. Even though not clearly defined as a subpopulation, should be somehow included. The challenge is to separate out the data for those incarcerated (formerly), including goals towards

accomplishing that. Question: Do we want to set specific population reduction goals?

- This group will get updated draft versions of the 2020-21 plan each month between now and the next meeting which is in February, 2020. A final version will be presented for ICH approval at their February 6, 2020, meeting. It was noted that given the dates of the plan and funding dates, we are already a little behind.
- Denny Sturtevant commented that he doesn't want to see the racial disparity information buried, it's relevant now. Also families often get forgotten due to focus on singles – these should both be included in an executive summary, going into more depth in the vision.
- There were really no surprises in the regional meetings as to what is considered priorities. Kris Brady pointed out that action steps are not included in the outline but will be in the plan.
- MSHDA, MCAH, Kris Brady, CSH, MDHHS have formed a smaller workgroup to work on the draft which will be sent to this group in December. They will meet over the next month, MCAH specifically on data/benchmark, to avoid the struggle of measuring progress. This will be the focus of the 12/10/19 MHPC meeting, this group is encouraged to participate in these meetings as well (invite will be sent to ICH).
- Input from those with lived experience needs to be incorporated. MDOC is open to inviting parolees, they've presented before at meetings, done videos; some CoC's have done this as well.
- Cylenthia Miller pointed out that eviction diversion is crucial. 36th district court has an eviction diversion program we could refer to, she can find out what other courts have programs as well. She will send information on information from New York.

7. Roundtable:

- a. Dennis Sturtevant is waiting on CSH contract for the FUSE program.
- b. Kristina Leonardi: they are holding listening sessions throughout the State
- c. Cylenthia Miller let the group know she has been appointed to the 3rd District Court— Juvenile.

8. **Adjourn:** At 12:25 p.m., Kristina Leonardi motioned to adjourn, Patrick Patterson seconded