

Michigan Interagency Council on Homelessness
August 1, 2019
Meeting Notes
Approved 11/7/19

Attendees: Kelly Rose, Kris Brady, Janet Kaley, Rachel Eldridge, Crissa Blankenburg, Chris Trudell, Kristina Leonardi, Phillip Cavanagh, Jason Weller, Lynn Hedges

1. Agenda Approval: Kris Brady motioned for approval, Kristina Leonardi seconded
2. May minutes approval: Kristina Leonardi's name was misspelled; with that correction Kris Brady moved to approve May and February 2019 notes, Kristina Leonardi seconded.
3. Public Comment: none
4. CY 2018 Annual Report: There is still a small window of time left for minor editing in order to be printed by Summit.
 - a. The Governor has signed the letter . If there is still opportunity for editing, it was recommended adding a mentioning of the MI ICH. Kelly Rose will get with MSHDA Communications to insert that.
 - b. MI Homeless population: re-calculate percentages at bottom of page (77 should be 7.7?) recalculate showing change from 2016-2018
 - c. Percentages are 1 year change == note which years the increase/decrease
 - d. Add definition of literally homeless
 - e. Explain why the numbers don't add up to 100%
 - f. Executive Summary:
 - i. graphics at the top—remove hearts throughout document
 - ii. youth 18-24 don't use backpack
 - iii. Senior – graphic needs to be more clear
 - iv. Family: what is the graphic? Money? Add that it is monthly income
 - v. Adding paragraph regarding upward trends
 - vi. Key: use this language: Access to housing continues to be a barrier for those with past evictions or criminal housing. Add lack of affordable housing? Add this to the challenges.
 - g. Spotlight:
 - i. Layout is confusing, looks like magazine.
 - ii. On Executive Summary suggestion to mention veteran homeless going down, on Spotlight page explain why. Line them up so if they are split in the booklet, the list lines up (on summary page switch the lists in the middle)
 - h. Health disparities: number at bottom, paragraph should be more descriptive and so should wording at the bottom.
 - i. Remove box w/3x more likely -- make it more visually attractive, looks bad
 - j. Quotes throughout the book:
 - i. need to be attributed, clarifying who said it.
 - ii. Add end quotes

- k. Racial disparities paragraph at the bottom: Historical and structural issues—need stronger words such as discrimination, racism. Use a mitten for MI and the US graphic for the national.
 - l. Homeless subpopulations: add “unaccompanied” for minors; to be re-formatted by category rather than year. In future, MDOC may want their own page similar to the MDE page since they don’t use HMIS. Add information on those with criminal history. How to add for this report? Last year ___ parolees needed housing.
 - m. Entire report – at bottom of subpop pages, round in 1 way, using a decimal or not
 - n. Families with children: upper right: looks like a bar chart, change
 - o. Kristina: Action plan goals went the wrong direction, we need to do something different so next year plan doesn’t continue this trend – next plan needs to describe strategies to accomplish the goals, the last plan did not
 - p. Veterans: change the picture to one of a civilian with military things around them, not a person in uniform
 - q. Subpopulation youth quotes is the same as on the spotlight page
 - r. Exit destinations on subpop pages: Shelter is misspelled
 - s. System performance outcomes: Objectives: Decrease by how much? Change should reflect 2016-2018.
 - i. Measure 1, what does the reference to permanent on the measures mean? If they’re in permanent housing they’re not homeless
5. Recommendations for additional MHPC members: This was an open process, a lot of applications were received; these were carefully reviewed in order to be sure to select folks from different sectors and geographical areas. The request for nominations was sent out broadly in order to bring local voices to the council. There were some really qualified nominations making it a difficult decision to choose only 5. The team looked at geography, expertise, and other types of diversity.
- The team is recommending 5 people, which are listed on the handout. This is the first time in a long time that MHPC membership is being added to. For this first term, it is being recommended that 2 new members serve a one year term and 3 new members serve two year terms. After that, all terms will be 2 years.
- FYI, Carly Huffman applied but she has been selected to take the VA spot on the MHPC. Others not selected can participate, but not as voting members.
- Paula Kaiser Van Dam motioned for approval, Kris Brady seconded. Passed
6. Timeline/Plan for 2020-21 action plan: reviewed timeline at the retreat, 5 regional convenings are coming up to get provider and stakeholder feedback, i.e., what’s working, what are barriers, solutions to barriers. They will be 3 hour sessions which will include all attendees. Registration opens 1 week prior to each event.
- Role of ICH: brief introduction at the beginning so attendees see who they are, listening capacity. After the sessions, feedback will be analyzed, then a meeting will take place the say before the summit, with the plan to get a draft/skeletal synopsis and plan to move forward. Draft of plan will be provided to ICH in November, discuss whether that be a longer meeting with the idea that ICH will final approve in February. November will be a working meeting in order to prioritize, may need facilitation. In February we will discuss how to get various constituencies to make the change happen ,perhaps an ICH action plan.

7. 2020 Meeting Schedule: will send this ask to everyone, is this timeslot problematic, we can look at adjusting. Will check with Cylenthia to see if this timeslot will work better with her new assignment.
8. Homeless Summit Update: Summit agenda is in packet, will send out more information on registration, let Becky know if your agency cannot cover lodging.
9. Engagement with Governor's team: who other than state employees can approach the governor's team to get their attention? Take a break and try with Secretary of State to work on forms (Rachel Eldridge). Invite staff to the Lansing regional convening, letting them know they're invited to the 3 hour meeting, but if they can't make it we'd like to sit with them to discuss for 30 minutes.

Roundtable:

Kristina Leonardi: mentioned the Michigan library conference previously, they were accepted to talk about veteran benefits. Discussed materials and they will be happy to share them (it's in October).

Crissa Blankenburg: she has a meeting in Flint to partner with probation services to address homelessness with probationers, hoping to determine how many are homeless. They want to make sure they're connecting with the correct people in Flint. anyone has ideas on how to address this, let her know.

Chris Trudell: They are working with Southwest Solutions on ways to get parolees into rentals, getting help with them on screening. They had a policy to deny applicants with a felony and are looking at front end ways to make that initial no to a yes.

Janet Kaley: the administration of runaway youth programs is moving to Paula Kaiser Van Dam's office, administration of program grants; childrens services will still be working closely with them.

Adjourned: 12:02 Kelly Rose motion to adjourn, Rachel Eldridge seconded. Approved.