**MHPC Membership Roster**

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|  | Natasha Al-Rafie | 1/1/24-12/31/26 | X | Sarah Hughes | 1/1/24-12/31/25 |
| X | China Aquino, MCEDSV | 1/1/24-12/31/26 |  | Julie Kendrick | 1/1/24-12/31/26 |
|  | Darius Baty | 1/1/24-12/31/25 | X | Jesica Mays | 1/1/24-12/31/25 |
|  | Gabriel Biber | 1/1/24-12/31/25 |  | Jill Nylander | 1/1/24-12/31/25 |
| X | Daija Butler (Co-Chair) | 1/1/24-12/31/26 | X | James Perlaki, MNYF | 1/1/24-12/31/26 |
| X | Berniz Constanza Terpstra | 1/1/24-12/31/25 |  | Dashamir Pettway | 1/1/24-12/31/25 |
| X | Mariam E. DeLand, MDOC | 1/1/24-12/31/25 |  | VACANT | 1/1/24-12/31/26 |
| X | Michelle Edwards, MSHDA | 1/1/24-12/31/25 | X | Donna L. Price | 1/1/24-12/31/25 |
| X | Patrese Griffin (Co-Chair) | 1/1/24-12/31/26 | X | Cara Snyder | 1/1/24-12/31/26 |
| X | Ashley Halladay-Schmandt | 1/1/24-12/31/26 | X | Heather VanDenburg | 1/1/24-12/31/25 |
|  | VACANT - PWLE | 1/1/24-12/31/26 | X | Cassie Smith, MVAA | 1/1/24-12/31/25 |
|  | Lynn Hendges. MDHHS | 1/1/24-12/31/25 | X | Michelle Williams, MDE | 1/1/24-12/31/26 |
| X | Eric Hufnagel, MCAH (Allison Green) | 1/1/24-12/31/26 | X | Susan Williams | 1/1/24-12/31/25 |
|  | Betsy Huggett | 1/1/24-12/31/26 | X | Ashia Wilson | 1/1/24-12/31/26 |

Guests: Julie Cassidy, Irma Lopez Barajas, Lisa Chapman, Catherine Distelrath, Lakesha Hancock, Brenda Stoneburner, Byron D Broks, Regina Hentz, Larry Arreguin, Irma Lopez Barajas

Meeting Agenda

[**Zoom Recording Link**](https://us06web.zoom.us/rec/play/iTN8M4L6uZYI-tvRVr6GLho_ri-ZGi7eS80hBgg-hL8DjZKX9AxkCTmp4_pWcdmmPGljusk0Xv-Uo4-v.9E-gY9MFQSg04Ayt?accessLevel=meeting&canPlayFromShare=true&from=share_recording_detail&continueMode=true&componentName=rec-play&originRequestUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fus06web.zoom.us%2Frec%2Fshare%2FdDWZFgXr2cMXPUAdXeB_SkaJeDNzPWypbdP99BDbnAnavOmZz2V4iZh4obvWCucv.cbxMh_z58bTR76H-)

1. **Welcome and grounding**………………………………………………..………MHPC co-chairs (5 mins)
2. **Approve agenda**……………………………………………………………………..MHPC co-chairs (2 mins)  
   a. Motion: Jim Perlaki; Second: Sarah Hughes; passed unanimously
3. **Approve meeting minutes from February meeting**….……….….…MHPC co-chairs (2 mins)  
   a. Motion: Susan Williams; Second: Cara Snyder; passed unanimously
4. **Meeting Agreement**………………..…………………..…….……………….….MHPC co-chairs (2 mins)  
   a. Patrese Grifin; read the Meeting Agreement. All in agreement.
5. **Action Plan Update** ………………………….…………..…….……………...Catherine Distelrath (20 minutes)  
   a. Catherine shared the draft engagement strategy for the 2026-2028 MCTEH Action Plan and asked for feedback.
6. The timeline begins in March 2025, with focus groups running May-July, refinement of strategies by fall 2025, and implementation starting early 2026.
7. Engagement includes people with lived experiences, service providers, CoC leadership, state agencies (such as MSHDA/MDHHS), cross sector partners (healthcare, dv services, education, community mental health), local governments, and informal community groups (faith-based, food pantries). Compensation will be provided for those with lived experiences.
8. Feedback process includes combined in-person, virtual and written comment options, with CoC leadership facilitating additional community discussion.
9. There will be a focus on pandemic era lessons, addressing barriers, funding diversification, burnout solutions and improving communication and equity.
10. The goal is to leverage partnerships, data, and technology to strengthen efforts and ensure clear, actionable strategies.
11. The draft will be sent out to MHPC to further review and give feedback.
12. **Federal Budget: FY224/25 & FY25/26 Proposals………………**…...Eric Hufnagel & Lisa Chapman (20 mins)  
    a. Lisa Chapman gave legislative Updates.
13. There is no bill number yet, but Rep Carter introduced a bill getting state ID’s and dropping the requirement that a person must prove their citizenship.
14. Senator Bayer is intending on releasing, reintroducing through bills that she sponsored last time, eviction, ceiling and expungement rental fee transparency, aka the free bill.
15. There is a lot of excitement as there are a lot of plans to reintroduce things that are meaningful and full of protections and using access to get people into housing.

b. Eric gave a federal update.

1. The executive branch has implemented actions through the Department of Government Efficiency (DOGE), which include Control of Information: Removal of critical data from federal websites and a lack of transparency in decision-making processes.
2. Workforce Reductions: Agencies such as HUD, Social Security Administration, and IRS face mandatory staffing cuts by March 13, 2025. HUD’s layoffs include significant reductions in Community Planning & Development (84%), Fair Housing (76%), and Public & Indian Housing (50%).
3. Funding Restrictions: Delays and halts in funding processes, including the suspension of Continuum of Care (CoC) Homeless Assistance Grants for FY2023 and FY2024.
4. Federal Budget Updates (FY25 and FY26): FY25: Instead of a finalized budget, Congress passed a 6-month Continuing Resolution (CR) to extend FY24 funding levels. Adjustments include: A $480M increase for Project-Based Rental Assistance. Increased funding for Section 202 (+$18M) and Section 811 (+$48.7M) housing programs. A $3.29B cut to the Community Development Fund.
5. FY26: The Administration is reportedly proposing 30-40% funding cuts across federal agencies, far exceeding past reductions.
6. Impact on HUD and Housing Services: HUD’s ability to support affordable housing is being significantly undermined due to cuts in technical assistance, staffing, and field offices. Michigan communities, already facing housing challenges, could be disproportionately affected.
7. MCAH encouraged attendees to advocate for increased funding for HUD programs, including public housing operations, Housing Choice Vouchers, and the Homeless Assistance Grants program.
8. Share personal stories and data to influence congressional decisions, emphasizing the human impact of housing instability.
9. Participate in the 2025 Homelessness Advocacy Day to build momentum for long-term solutions.
10. MCAH continues to amplify public awareness through social media, newsletters, and direct engagement with policymakers to address Michigan’s homelessness and affordable housing crisis.
11. **Membership**.………………………………………….………………….….…. Amina Mohamed-Saleh (5 minutes)  
    a. The membership committee met 2/26/25 and revised the application to fill the co-chair vacancy. The application will be released this month by the committee and will remain open until 3/31. The next membership committee meeting is pushed to 4/2 from 3/26 to review applications received. The goal is to have recommendations for the MHPC for April’s meeting.   
    b. Daija explained the two vacancies we have; a co-chair and now we have a membership seat open. This week, Greg Pratt, a Complex Care Manager at Michigan Medicine is no longer with the MHPC due to switching roles.
12. **Roundtable**………………………………………….………………………………...All (10-20 minutes)
    1. Covered by Christina) - Lynn Hendges (MDHHS) wanted shared Notice of Funding for Master Leasing Pilot to expand family shelter. Christina provided background information. A notice of Funding was sent out towards the end of February regarding master leasing, MSHDA program opportunity that would support access to emergency shelters specifically for families. This opportunity is up to 5 million dollars statewide, with individual awards that would range from $75,000 to $500,000. The funding is established as a 1-time funding opportunity with an expenditure date of September 30, 2026. Applications are due Friday March 1st 5pm. There is a submission link for that. MDHHS also hosted informational webinar on Monday of this week. She encourages reaching out to MDHHS for those who missed the webinar.
    2. Mariam from MDOC shared about the workgroup called Zero Returns to Homelessness and it is through the Council of State Governments. The workgroup aims to solve some of the remaining barriers to hosing access to people who are justice involved. They have an upcoming brainstorming session on April 17th 9-3pm in Whitmore Lake. Her email is ([DeLandM1@michigan.gov](mailto:DeLandM1@michigan.gov)) if you would like to get involved or know someone who does. She will send out meeting invitations to those interested.
13. [**Meeting Satisfaction Survey**](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=h3D71Xc3rUKWaoku9HIl0eZjfW93yotGvQxoJAnUNaVUM0hFRU5MV0RLNU1CRjdSVVpZVENBNDVLUy4u&route=shorturl)……………………………………..……………MHPC co-chairs (2 mins)   
    a. Patrese asked everyone to complete the Meeting Satisfactory Survey.
14. **Adjourn**……………………………..……………………………………..……………MHPC co-chairs   
    a. Motion to adjourn: Michelle Edwards; Second: Donna Price; passed unanimously  
      
     **Key Documents (click on the links below to access):**

[2023-25 Action Plan on Ending Homelessness](https://www.michigan.gov/mcteh/-/media/Project/Websites/mcteh/2023-25-MCTEH-Action-Plan-and-related-items/MCTEH-Action-Plan-2023-25.pdf?rev=0410a3c5d92d40aab2e12f1245b74cdf&hash=109BE0D3D295CBFAE08B25E1C8C5C9EA)

[2023 Action Plan Mid Year Progress Report](https://www.michigan.gov/mcteh/-/media/Project/Websites/mcteh/2023-25-MCTEH-Action-Plan-and-related-items/MCTEH-Action-Plan-Progress-106.pdf?rev=210d00dbbeda45d28440ba1ff9bae842&hash=86DF41E49D501C55FE6BB07C4E0D1D3C)

[2023 Annual Report on Ending Homelessness](https://www.michigan.gov/mcteh/-/media/Project/Websites/mcteh/2023-25-MCTEH-Action-Plan-and-related-items/MCTEH-Action-Plan-Progress-Report_July2024.pdf?rev=0d5e2ea6bf2a47c39bc2714c06f26518&hash=36228B1CAF7EE12AE1B3D41DE7E28CD3)

[MHPC Bylaws](https://www.michigan.gov/mcteh/-/media/Project/Websites/mcteh/MHPC/MHPC-Bylaws.docx?rev=5ca25b9409ae4b10938967bf5a6cb1b6&hash=D7510A0C67190AE05B7BDAEE95CDE809)

[MCTEH Racial Equity](https://www.michigan.gov/mcteh/racial-equity)

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