

CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD

JULY 19, 2023 | 3:00-5:00PM

VIRTUAL MEETING

ATTENDANCE: J. HIEFTJE, K. FIELD, E. TENNISWOOD, J. MOGENSEN, D. COAK, R. SMITH, K. MONTGOMERY, S. TARUZA, S. LAPIDES, R. ECHOLS, K. WYATT, AMANDA'S OTTERPILOT, A. LABARRE, J. CANNON, A. POMPER, ANDREW'S OTTERPILOT, A. PATINO, J. LAYE, C. BLAIS, T. COHEN, K. KUNES, R. WEATHERS, M. WILLIAMS, F. REDWINE-OTIENO, M. TOUT, A. KRAEMER, S. THORNBURG, D. KELLY, A. SEIPELT, Z. FOSLER, D. DAILEY, M. CREEKMORE, S. STUMBAUGH, J. LITTLE, L. CALKA, K. HOENER, S. CROUSE

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:00pm	1. Call to Order J. Hiefje called the meeting to order.
3:03pm	2. Welcome/Introductions
3:05pm	3. Public Comment None.
3:10pm	4. Approval of Agenda (ACTION) R. Weathers moved. Seconded by Renee. All in favor.
3:12pm	5. Approval of Minutes (ACTION) Moved by J. Mogensen. Seconded by K. Field. All in favor.
3:15pm	6. Virtual Voting on the FRT's ESG Recommendations (ACTION) K. Kunes explained the Action Item. Page 13 in the Board Packet. All in Favor. As an applicant for the funds, SAWC abstained from voting.
3:20pm	7. Washtenaw County Funding Processes – <i>Andrew DeLeeuw, County Interim Deputy Administrator</i> DeLeeuw explained the decision made. A. Carlisle's absence was noted in the chat. K. Kunes clarified that it was the Shelter Diversion Pilot grant. J. Mogensen said this is going to become a structural issue. A. LaBarre said the BOC is working to make sure this will not happen again. A. DeLeeuw said it was an aggressive grant timeline. A. Patino asked if there is a structure for CoC involvement in decisions. A. DeLeeuw said he did not have ideas for that. He welcomes more questions.
3:30pm	8. Public Hearing: Amended HOME-ARP Allocation Plan– <i>Morghan Boydston and Tara Cohen, Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED)</i>

M. Boydston shared the PowerPoint and presented. We are proposing amendments to the HOME-ARP plan. We are now in a 30-day public comment period. This is the third opportunity of four. The public comment was formerly opened. Questions will be addressed at a later time.

F. Redwine-Otieno asked about cooperative housing for people above a certain income level.

R. Kraut said she was fully supportive of the original plan.

S. Crouse said the lack of accountability on the landlords still bothers them.

A. Patino shared in the chat her previous public comments.

K. Wyatt voiced concerns that there was a process deciding to use this money on creating affordable housing, and now it has changed.

J. Cannon asked how all of this change came about. Was there land and developers available to make those permanent units?

S. Stumbaugh highlighted the importance of accessible affordable housing.

J. Mogensen reminded people of the importance of time and taxes.

Z. Fosler said he feels conflicted over this, but there is an immediate need for emergency rental assistance.

D. Kelly said it is a balancing act of short-term and long-term needs.

J. Little said these are one-time funds and something permanent would take advantage of it.

J. Hieftje said when the economy is not good, we are going to need to have that longer term build.

3:50pm

9. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Updates:

a. HAWC Call Center

May and June Data – *Andrew Kraemer, OCED*

Agency Updates – *Morghan Boydston, OCED*

A. Kraemer shared his screen with the HAWC Call Center data.

M. Boydston updated that Veronica Brandon moved back over to her original work so now I am overseeing the HAWC Call Center. Email the HAWC email hawc@washtenaw.org, not me. County has brought on additional 6 case managers for folks in hotels.

b. HAWC Individual Assessment Agency – *Dan Kelly, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC)*

D. Kelly said they are primarily doing same day or next day assessments now. Walk-ins going well at Delonis.

c. HAWC Family Assessment Agency – *Rhonda Weathers, SOS Community Services*

R. Weathers said the money has run out. Assessments completed but waiting for money to resolve them.

	d. HAWC Prevention Assessment Agency – <i>Rhonda Weathers and Kara Painter, SOS Community Services</i> e. Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) – <i>Morghan Boydston, OCED</i> <i>M. Boydston said there are funds that will be available to community but they are already basically accounted for.</i> f. Oversight & Evaluation Committee– <i>Kristin Kunes, OCED</i> ESG Community Standard and Prevention Data Committee Charter <i>K. Kunes said starting on page 28 in the Board Packet gives background on why we are having a dialogue on our ESG community standard. Meeting next on August 14th to discuss if we will make a change. Charter was created to make all of our committees clear, their roles, and membership.</i>
4:10pm	10. All Membership Meeting Recap – <i>Kristin Kunes, OCED</i> a. Governance Charter Changes b. Compensation Plan: CoC Membership Fee c. State Action Plan and USICH Plan: Objectives and Measurable Outcomes <i>K. Kunes said Mentimeter was used at the All Membership meeting to get feedback polls. Changes to the Governance Charter have been finalized. On page 80 of Board Packet. Chair terms were changed to two years. We have been discussing a Compensation Plan for people with lived experience.</i> <i>J. Mogensen discussed a program where they were able to give cash stipends.</i> <i>R. Kraut said the Health Department regularly pays folks \$25/hour. We can provide our information.</i> <i>K. Kunes pointed to page 89 in the packet where other CoC’s policies are included for us to look at.</i> <i>K. Hoener said we compensate at Community Mental Health, too. We can provide our information, too.</i> <i>K. Kunes asked for thoughts on charging CoC agencies \$25/year.</i> <i>Z. Fosler wondered about the county paying for it over agencies who are doing the work with limited budgets.</i> <i>M. Boydston said there would be less bureaucracy if the funding came from this group, as opposed to the county structure. Detroit did \$15-20 per agency.</i> <i>K. Kunes said having something flexible outside of the grant was the thought.</i> <i>D. Kelly added that he is supportive of the nominal fee.</i> <i>A. Patino said we would need to identify an organization to pay folks. If WHA isn’t the best fit for that, we are happy to.</i> <i>K. Kunes said yes, we will need a conversation on who would administer it.</i> <i>K. Hoener said she has been a part of a tiered system, larger contributions for larger organizations.</i> <i>J. Hieftje said I like that idea.</i>

	K. Kunes said I will create an Action Item for September with vetted options. Expect to have more to read and consider in the next Board Packet. Topics were selected at the All Membership meeting for our priorities for the State Action Plan and USICH Plan. If you have thoughts on how our CoC would prioritize these goals, let me know. D. Kelly said to look at what advocacy we are doing around eviction prevention work and affordable housing. We need to look at overall system funding if we are allocated that funding to these. A. Patino said in light of HOME-ARP, if we are committed to this, then it should guide decision making with allocation. J. Mogensen said we have those basic priorities and a certain amount of money. It is hard to make community impact if there is not enough money.
4:40pm	11. HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) – <i>Andrew Kraemer, OCED</i> A. Kraemer said HUD released the CoC Funding Opportunity. Each year we apply as a community for the funds. We will apply for \$450,000 in bonus projects this year. On Thursday at 10am this will be discussed. Email me for the invite!
4:50pm	12. Public Comment J. Hiefje said Renee and I are hoping for someone to replace us. We are happy to give anyone a lesson on this position. R. Smith said don't be scared. We will give you a lot of support.
5:00pm	13. Adjournment

Key Terms

FRT: Funding Review Team

ESG: Emergency Solutions Grant

ARP: American Rescue Plan

Board Position	Board Member
WHA Director	Amanda Carlisle, Director, Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA)
CoC At-Large	Aubrey Patiño, Avalon Housing
Homeless or Housing Program	Dan Kelly, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC)
Homeless or Housing Program	Jan Little, Michigan Ability Partners (MAP)
Faith Community	Jim Mogensen, Religious Action for Affordable Housing (RAAH)
Domestic Violence Provider Representative	Kim Montgomery, SafeHouse Center Services Director
WHA Board Member	Rhonda Weathers, SOS Community Services
Police/Sherriff	Sheriff Jerry Clayton, Washtenaw County Sheriff OR Kathy Wyatt
OCED Director	Director OR Morghan Williams Boydston, Human Services Manager
Housing Commissions	Jennifer Hall, Director of Ann Arbor Housing Commission (AAHC)
Workforce Development	Johnny Epps, Michigan Works Southeast
CMH Director	Katie Hoener, Community Mental Health OR Melisa Tasker, Community Mental Health (CMH)
Housing Access for Washtenaw County	Morghan Boydston, HAWC Supervisor
Substance Abuse Coordinating Agency Director	Nicole Adelman, Community Mental Health Partnership of Southeast Michigan (CMHPSM)
Another Township or City Highest Elected Official	Renee Smith, City of Ypsilanti
Public Health Director	Ruth Kraut, Deputy Health Officer
CoC At-Large	Tish Lee, Legal Services of South Central Michigan (LSSCM)
Housing Commissions	Zachary Fosler, Director of Ypsilanti Housing Commission (YHC)
City of Ann Arbor Mayor	John Hieftje, Former Mayor
McKinney Vento Liaison	Kellie Rutledge, Ozone House Director OR Pam Cornell-Allen, Ozone House Associate Director
Currently/Formerly Homeless	Jennifer Monahan, Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD)
Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Director	Renee Adorjan, MDHHS Director OR Alice Seipelt, Community Coordinator
Veterans Administration	Gabriel Parra, Health Care for Homeless Veterans Coordinator
Washtenaw County Board Chair	Greg Dill, County Administrator OR Andrew LaBarre, County Commissioner
Private Funder	Jillian Rosen, VP for Community Investment for Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation
Police/Sherriff	Vacant
Police/Sherriff	Deputy Chief Jason Forsberg, Ann Arbor Police Department
WHA Board Member	Vacant
CoC Non-Funded Agency	Vacant
Institute of Higher Education	Vacant