

WASHTENAW COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD

OCTOBER 22, 2025 | 3:30-5:00PM

VIRTUAL MEETING, ZOOM WEBINAR

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:30pm	1. Call to Order
3:33pm	2. Welcome
3:35pm	3. Public Comment Kat Layton, Social Worker at YDL: Layton expressed sentiments about supporting organizations like they library that support those experiencing homelessness.
3:40pm	4. Approval of Agenda (ACTION) Mogensen moves Adelman seconds Agenda is approved
3:42pm	5. Approval of the September Minutes (ACTION) Mogensen moves Lee seconds Minutes are approved
3:45pm	6. Proposed HUD CoC Funding Cuts Impact Summary (ACTION) – Kristin Kunes, CoC Supervisor (OCED) and CoC Subcommittee Representative(s) <u>Members:</u> Shonagh Taruza, Interfaith Hospitality Network d.b.a AlphaHouse Derrick Jackson, Washtenaw County Racial Equity Office Andy LaBarre, Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners Jennifer Hall, Ann Arbor Housing Commission Aaron Cooper, Avalon Housing Trish Cortes, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Rhonda Weathers, SOS Community Services Nicole Adelman, Shelter Association of Washtenaw County Amanda Carlisle, Washtenaw Housing Alliance Kristin Kunes, Washtenaw County Office of Community & Economic Development Kunes shares an overview of potential funding cut impacts. Highlights of her discussion include: - CoC funding currently funds services for over 600 residents - The HUD CoC program is a coordinated system of emergency shelter, rapid rehousing, and long-term housing programs

- The CoC serves many marginalized groups and cuts to funding would hit these communities hardest
- When funding is disrupted, all partner organizations are impacted
- At the federal level, it is proposed that funding is shifted away from permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing and moves toward transitional housing
- Additionally, there are barriers such as sobriety or treatment compliance before someone can access housing
- The immediate impacts from losing this funding would result in lower intakes, delayed rent payments, potential layoffs, more people entering shelters, and loss of permanent housing units (in the long term)
- This funding saves public dollars and providing housing costs far less than the alternatives
- The CoC team isn't waiting – maximizing every HUD dollar, exploring conversion options, partnering together, and identifying other funding sources
- What do we need? We need support to protect the stability of programming – join advocacy efforts, champion local solutions to fill funding gaps, and authorize contingency measures

Discussion following Kunes' presentation:

- Fosler agreed that this is the right move and that the CoC needs to take action
- LaBarre shares that when presenting to the BOC, CoC should share that they are in a \$3.4M deficit if losing funding for PSH
- Little shares that MAP's priority is to keep those in housing housed through a change in scope toward a transitional housing model at the federal level while keeping focus on PSH. She goes on to share that grant agreements go through middle of next year, and that they have about six months to transition to transitional housing if needed
- Kunes clarifies that the \$3.4M figure is just to inform the Board and the BOC what is at risk. She shares a breakdown of what the \$7.3M covers
- Carlisle encourages activism regarding a potential new funding competition
- KJ shares that in the grassroots space, housing first practices are not advocated for. She encourages the board to consider taking a step away from these practices and explore alternatives

Carlisle moves noting there may be some changes after this point
Seipelt seconds

Item is approved

4:10pm	7. HUD CoC Funding Status Updates: Preparing for the 2025 NOFO – <i>Kristin Kunes, CoC Supervisor (OCED)</i> Kunes shares she thinks a NOFO will not be released during the shutdown, but that the CoC is not wasting time. They are continuing to prime funding partners for competition while hoping that it doesn't happen.
4:20pm	8. People With Lived Experience of Homelessness (PWLEH) Compensation Pilot Presentation – <i>Abbey Wallace, CoC Policy Specialist (OCED) and Taskforce Representative(s)</i> <u>Members:</u> <i>Elise Ellsworth, Washtenaw Housing Alliance</i> <i>Danielle Bryant, Washtenaw Housing Alliance</i> <i>KJ Pedri, Homelessness Solidarity Network</i> <i>Alexa Muntian, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health</i> <i>Christie Blais, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health</i> <i>Abbey Wallace, Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development</i> <i>Kristin Kunes, Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development</i> Wallace and Ellsworth present on compensation plan. Some considerations that were made on the taskforce: • Definition of homelessness was not inclusive • Payment was not flexible • It is important to meet individuals where they were (in terms of planning meetings, etc) Kunes shares that the intention is for an action item come November and poses to the group if there is there a partner that could disperse a more flexible payment method • Cooper shares Avalon Housing may be able to • Mogensen brings up concerns to ensure PWLEH are not at risk of getting in trouble with flexible payment methods
4:35pm	9. CoC Winter Shelter Planning 25–26 – <i>Kristin Kunes, CoC Supervisor (OCED)</i> Kunes shares what can be expected when information is finalized for winter warming and overnight shelter and will share out widely soon. LaBarre reminds folks about the Alpha House opening on November 18th at 4pm
4:45pm	10. 2025 County Emergency Preparedness Drill: Catastrophic Flooding Event during Winter Warming Season – <i>Toni Kayumi, Director (OCED)</i> Kayumi shares information about the annual County Emergency Preparedness Drill from this year. Highlights include: • The exercise is lead by various county officials and departments • The scenario was a catastrophic flooding event during winter warming season

	• During the exercise, officials identified large facilities that can be opened for short-term and long-term needs • They explore what a chain of communication and collaboration would look like inside the CoC and with other nonprofit service providers • She encourages those in the CoC to reflect in their organizations and within the CoC to explore what their role would be in a situation like this Kraut shares that the Health Department has an Emergency Preparedness Manager Kim Collum and shares some of the services the Health Department help with in emergencies
4:55pm	11. Public Comment Carlisle shares that the registration for the State of Homelessness Affordable Housing Event with is going live soon Adelman shares that SAWC is also hosting a breakfast in honor of Housing and Hunger Week – check out their website for more information
5:00pm	12. Adjournment Meeting is adjourned at 5:01pm

Washtenaw County CoC Board Membership: 2025	
CoC Board Position	CoC Board Member and Agency
WHA Director	Amanda Carlisle, Director, Washtenaw Housing Alliance (WHA)
CoC At-Large	Aaron Cooper, Avalon Housing
Homeless or Housing Program	Nicole Adelman, 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	Alex Thomas
OCED Director	Toni Kayumi
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	Amanda Guanco, Call Center 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
Lived Experience Representative	Vanessa Pankey
Lived Experience Representative	KJ Pedri, Homelessness Solidarity Network
Youth Advisory Board Representative	Le'Mia Brown or Jayla Allen
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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	Shekinah Singletery, Trinity Health
Police/Sherriff	Vacant
Police/Sherriff	Deputy Chief Jason Forsberg, Ann Arbor Police Department
WHA Board Member	Vacant
CoC Non-Funded Agency	Elizabeth Alpert, Washtenaw Intermediate School District (WISD)
Institute of Higher Education	Neeraja Aravamudan, Edward Ginsberg Center