

WASHTENAW COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD

NOVEMBER 19, 2025 | 3:30-5:00PM
WASHTENAW COUNTY LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER
4135 WASHTENAW AVENUE, ANN ARBOR, MI. 48108

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:30pm	1. Call to Order
3:33pm	2. Welcome and Introductions
3:43pm	3. Public Comment
3:45pm	4. Approval of Agenda (ACTION) Hall moves Singletery seconds Agenda is approved
3:47pm	5. Approval of the October Minutes (ACTION) Cooper moves Carlisle seconds Minutes are approved
3:50pm	6. People With Lived Experience of Homelessness (PWLEH) Compensation Pilot (ACTION) – Abbey Wallace, CoC Policy Specialist (OCED) and Taskforce Representative(s) <u>Members:</u> Elise Ellsworth, Washtenaw Housing Alliance Danielle Bryant, Washtenaw Housing Alliance KJ Pedri, Homelessness Solidarity Network Alexa Muntian, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Christie Blais, Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Abbey Wallace, Washtenaw County Office of community and Economic Development Wallace discusses taskforce meetings from last month and this month. Highlights include: • Delineation of liaisons • Inability to identify a subrecipient for payment • OCED will be giving checks to individuals and partnering with the FEC to help recipients set up bank accounts, etc Pedri moves Hall seconds Action is approved

4:00pm	7. Fiscal Year 2025-2026 HUD CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (ACTION) – <i>Kristin Kunes, CoC Supervisor (OCED)</i> Timeline of Local Competition Local Strategy Ranking Policy Kunes reviews changes in 2025 HUD NOFO. Highlights include: • Tier 1 is now 30% of funding vs 90% in 2024. This is still safe funding • Tier 2 is 70% of funding vs 10% in 2024. This is competitive funding and is subject to HUD’s priorities • Eligible projects include bonus or transitional housing, supportive services, permanent supportive housing • There are a variety of new requirements that projects must meet (e.g. services are required, substance abuse is not seen as a disability, etc.) • Permanent housing is capped at 30% of annual renewal demand • CoCs must reallocate funding that exceeds that amount • HUD might reject projects if there is evidence of racial bias, gender expression, etc. • CoCs must demonstrate local standards (e.g. collaboration with law enforcement, etc.) • New scoring criteria There is a group discussion surrounding current laws concerning camping and illicit drug use in Washtenaw County. There is further discussion surrounding if it is feasible for the CoC to meet new system requirements. Cooper asks about transition grants. Kunes explains that they are for renewal projects. They offer some flexibility and a 12-month on ramp to help transition. Kunes gives an overview of the competition timeline. Highlights include: • What difficulties the CoC may encounter with this timeline • Questions surround opportunities to give feedback. Kunes explains that historically additional time is not given to give feedback, and there is some embedded dates where community can give feedback • A small group of people are currently being recruited for the FRT Kunes reviews draft ranking policy. Highlights include: • Tier 1: PSH projects that meet requirements • Tier 2: Renewal permanent housing transition to eligible non-PH project types or new projects • Tier 2 also has “bonus”: HMIS expansion, supporting infrastructure, add another staff position (Tier 2 is subject to CoC scores) • Tier 2 “DV bonus”: transitional housing projects
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	There is a discussion around how these decisions were made and if there is flexibility to consider other options. Kunes explains that there were several approaches – values driven, compliance drive – the simple approach felt like the right approach. There is a discussion about how our CoC has historically struggled in Tier 2 due to competing nationally. Kunes shares strategies and considerations. Highlights include: • Prioritize and focus resources • Consider cancelling non-essential functions. We will keep supporting basic level functions. Take time where you need it, free up key time to work together on this There is a discussion surrounding PSH to TH. Voting takes place about current ranked priorities. There is feedback that folks don't feel ready, yes or no question is too black and white, and that they need more information. There is a suggestion to wait until after Friday's session. There are questions surrounding YHDP. Kunes explains that grant agreements for YHDP have not been signed, and that YHDP is not affected by this current funding cycle. There are suggestions that PSH providers should start looking in their portfolio and see where funding could be replaced by potential senior millage funding (for those 60+). Kunes emphasizes that organizations should simultaneously be contingency planning and have several agencies apply for funding. Highlights of this discussion include: • Need someone to take lead on contingency planning and ask partners to focus on funding competition • Exploration of a lawsuit • Discussion of solo applications, will touch base with the consultant There is discussion surrounding ripple effects this will have on other parts of the system (e.g. winter warming and emergency shelter). There is a suggestion to look at what other infratrusture projects can be funding in tier 2, such as street outreach. Motion to amend the approved agenda to allow for feedback to happen Friday afternoon Cooper moves Carlisle seconds Approved
4:30pm	8. Family Homelessness System Planning Recommendations and Next Steps – <i>Amanda Carlisle, Executive Director (WHA) and Derrick Jackson, Washtenaw County Racial Equity Officer</i>

Carlisle gives an overview of meeting that took place in Fall 2025 focusing on preparing the system for families, coordinated entry, and the emergency response task force. Highlights include:

- Looked at family homelessness demographics - average length of time to housing continues to increase
- Looked at outcomes for different programs
- Looked at capacity in current system
- Covered a lot of topics during planning sessions and mapped out possible changes that could realistically happen this year
- Participants came away with a better collective understanding of how the system operates for families and understanding that there is more immediate need for longer-term support, will continue to explore infrastructure changes
- SOS and IHN are now working more closely together
- CMH is exploring and analyzing if they can handle after-hours calls for HAWC

4:45pm	9. Introducing the Washtenaw County Resiliency Office – <i>Beth Gibbons, Director (Washtenaw County Resiliency Office)</i> Moved to December
4:55pm	10. Public Comment
5:00pm	11. Adjournment Adjourned at 4:57

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
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)
Co-Chair	Andy LaBarre, Washtenaw County Commissioner
Co-Chair	John Hieftje, Former Mayor of Ann Arbor
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 DeLeeuw, Deputy County Administrator
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)

