

WASHTENAW COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD

JANUARY 28, 2026 | 3:30-5:00PM

ZOOM WEBINAR

MEETING ID: 861 8385 1022

PASSCODE: 121540

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:30pm	1. Call to Order
3:33pm	2. Welcome and Introductions
3:38pm	3. Public Comment
3:40pm	4. Approval of Agenda (ACTION) Fosler moves Hieftje seconds Agenda is approved
3:42pm	5. Approval of the December Minutes (ACTION) Pedri moves Mogensen seconds Minutes are approved
3:45pm	6. 2026 PIT Count Methodology (ACTION) – Andrew Kraemer, OCED Kraemer gives an overview of 2026 PIT Count Methodology to follow up on previous board discussions. Highlights include: • Ensuring that everyone experiencing homelessness, both sheltered and unsheltered, are counted by using the HMIS database, partnering with non-participating shelters, and doing an in-person count • Happening tonight at 10pm, large group of volunteers doing a census in as many areas as possible (taking safety into account) • Using 123Surveys to conduct surveys, team has decided to move forward with using the app after doing more research into privacy metrics

- All data will be deleted within 30 days with only OCED staff having access to data collected, and all data reporting will be aggregate
- Board has final say and approval of app usage

There is a broad board discussion about privacy concerns. The team answers questions as possible:

- Concerns are raised that all methods are difficult to use in such as extreme temperatures (both analog and digital)
- Staff share that both methods will be accessible during the count
- It is confirmed that data is only saved locally on hard drives, not in the cloud
- Data that is reported is only aggregate, demographic area with limited data about disabilities
- Discussion of GIS specialist coming to a future meeting

Questions regarding hoteling and how those currently hoteled are counted. Staff clarifies that is the government or a partner organization are paying for the hotel, they will be counted as sheltered, but if a private organization or donor is paying, staff will not have record of that.

Seipelt moves
Epps supports

Item is approved

3:55pm

7. Resolution to Uphold the 2024 HUD Continuum of Care Funding Competition and Renewal Rankings for FY2025 **(ACTION)** – Kristin Kunes, OCED

Kunes gives latest update on HUD CoC Funding Competition. Highlights include:

- HUD was ordered by the courts to move forward with application in December and reopened the FY24-25 NOFO ending on February 9th
- CoCs must renew or submit new projects, and HUD will conduct a standard review and allocation of awards will happen in March

- Staff are asking the board to affirm a resolution to uphold the previously approved FY24-25 Funding Competition decision in October of 2024

Hoener moves

Kayumi seconds

Item is approved

4:10pm

8. CoC Letters of Support **(ACTION)** – U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem, Per Diem Only, and Service Center Notice of Funding Opportunity

Auston Schneider, Salvation Army of Washtenaw County

Jan Little, Michigan Ability Partners

Breanna Kammer, Disability Network Eastern Michigan

Three organizations are coming to the CoC to ask for letters of support for two different funding opportunities through the VA:

Major Goodwill, Salvation Army of Washtenaw County: We are looking for funding through the VA Per Diem Grant. This funding would support the veteran's shelter. The shelter operates ten beds that are available to male veterans in our community. Things at the shelter have been going well with an 80% occupancy rate. This FY, 15 veterans have been served and 8 have been put in permanent housing.

Little moves

Mogensen supports

SA letter is approved

Next letter is for a separate opportunity, support for veteran families, asked for support from two different agencies

Little, Michigan Ability Partners: We are looking for funding through the Service Center NOFO through the VA. We provide support services for veteran families in the VA program for rapid rehousing to rapidly transition veterans that are unhoused into housing. MAP has operated

this program for ten years as a subsection of Wayne-Metro. Our grant ended in September because Wayne-Metro's grant ended in September, and we think this is an important program to have in our community. We currently have another veteran program that is going well.

Lee: The last grant you were a subcontractor of Wayne-Metro? Are you applying to get to be the main contractor?

Little: Yes, we will hold this grant in Washtenaw County, but we are talking about bringing Monroe on as a subcontractor to bring resources to that community as well.

Fosler moves
Weathers supports
Little abstains

MAP letter is approved

Disability Network was not able to get letter to Kunes in time, and the next board meeting is not until after the application is due. Kunes discusses this:

- The board can grant the chair permission to make the decision to sign the letter on behalf of the board
- The VA can only award one grant to one entity, so if the board submits both letters on behalf of both agencies, only one agency can get the funding
- This is the first time that the board has the option to send two letters of support for two competing organizations

A representative from Disability Network reviews their proposal:

- Disability Network kept the contract when Wayne-Metro was not renewed and has been operating rapid rehousing and supportive services for the area. They hope to continue doing this.
- They are hoping to continue serving 50-60 veterans per year

There is feedback from the board that there are concerns with signing a letter for both organizations, especially because Disability Network did not have a write up.

No motion is made to let the board chair sign the letter, no action is being taken on this item at this time

4:20pm

9. Residential Displacement Response Taskforce – Kristin Kunes, OCED

Kunes gives an overview of the proposal for a Residential Displacement Response Taskforce. Highlights include:

- There has been an increased need of large-scale apartment assistance and response with time-sensitive responses being very important
- There is a need for a task force to assess current capacity and gaps, protocols for the future, best practices for relocation, identify funding needs, development of a clear, system-wide response, and a task force to be able to respond proactively and efficiently when this issue arises
- Kunes opens up discussion about if the CoC would be interested in moving forward with this if an action item to assemble one was proposed and if any organizations would be interested in being represented on the task force

Kayumi gives an overview of the situations that have happened this past year with large-scale apartment evictions and condemnations:

- Thorncrest Apartments in Saline and Arbor One Apartments in Ypsilanti have both been projects where many CoC organizations have been involved
- OCED partnered with City of Saline and other organizations to address Thorncrest and also brought out the mobile unit with the Racial Equity Office to give support to Arbor One residents

Lee shares that LSSCM has been very involved with these events, as there is a significant legal component to it. LSSCM would be interested in being part of the task force.

Kraut shares about WCPH's response to apartment complexes that have lost water or heat for multiple weeks. WCPH would be interested in being part of the task force.

There is a larger discussion about function of the taskforce:

- Emphasis that prevention should be a role of the task force with suggestion that the word prevention be put in the name
- Suggestions that this should be a paid position by the county
- Kayumi shares that OCED has been exploring adding two position to the HAWC Call Center that would involve this type of emergency response work
- Concerns that this is a hefty task for this task force
- Feedback that the task force would allow a coordinated, equitable response to these situations, as some communities are more supported and more affluent and have different levels of response

4:35pm

10. Winter Shelter Updates– Emergency Shelter Providers
Shelter Association of Washtenaw County (SAWC)
Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)
SOS Community Services
Ozone House
SafeHouse

Taruza, IHN updates:

- Very full, the fire marshal has given us a warning
- Have 9-11 families in the overflow area,
- Struggling with water, food, and Towsley plumbing

Rutledge, Ozone House updates:

- We do have capacity in our minor youth shelter (10-17) if anyone is encountering young people in that age range, we can get them moved in
- For transitional aged youth (18-24), we are trying to open an expansion space for these people, but it has not been able to be operationalized because of funding
- There is currently a plan for if federal HUD dollars come through for YHDP, it will serve as emergency housing for that group

- We also have some funding for hoteling if needed
- We have people at our main facility daily as a warming shelter site: our drop-in center is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays due to staffing limitations, 12pm – 2pm for those aged 18-24 and 3pm – 6pm for those aged 13-21

Weathers, SOS updates:

- We have 7 units, all units are full
- We received a grant to expand master leasing program to 13 units, and we have leased nine, so we have capacity for another four units. All have been 3- and 4-bedroom units, so we are putting large families in them
- We are also disseminating eviction prevention dollars through BB. To date, we have put \$247,000 which is about half of winter sheltering eviction prevention dollars, and it should be spent down into march/April

Adelman, SAWC updates:

- Delonis does take individuals 18 and over, we are quite full but not at capacity, still send people our way
- Freighthouse is open Monday - Thursday, daytime rotation is still happening and evening locations are still open, but we have space
- Delonis is also open during the dat

Darden, SafeHouse updates:

- Almost at capacity with 39 families in shelter currently
- Have been getting a significant amount of crisis calls and getting more calls from those on the west side of Washtenaw County

4:55pm

11.Public Comment

Dr. Taylor: I want to connect with youth providers on the call because I want to make a facility in West Willow for teenagers to provide resources. My thought is I don't know what is required, but we are looking for a letter of support from the CoC in regards to us submitting our application that is due in February.

4:58pm

12.Board Member Updates

Mogensen: Some members of the public pointed out in our last meeting the need for bus tokens. The congregation I am involved in has a continuing fund to buy bus tokens, so I was able to respond to that request

Lee: LSSCM is conducting a legal needs assessment. We sent out some invitations for a brief virtual gathering we are hosting a week from today at noon. If you are interested, please let me know. I can send invite out to entire board to see who wants to participate.

LaBarre: Next Wednesday at the BOC working session, members of CoC are presenting to update the board on CoC cuts from HUD, so the board and CoC can start working to provide a county response. 5:30 next Wednesday.

5:00pm

13.Adjournment

Rutledge motions

Hieftje seconds

Meeting adjourned at 5:03