

WASHTENAW COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD

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TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:30pm	1. Call to Order
3:33pm	2. Welcome and Introductions
3:43pm	3. Public Comment
	4. OMA Update – Toni Kayumi, Director (OCED)
	Kayumi gives update on Open Meetings Act: • COVID-era OMA rules are being phased out, and now meetings will need to be in person • The public can still be online, but for quorum and voting to count, board members must be in person • The timeline for implementation is flexible, and the goal is to have the changes made by the end of summer
	There is a question relating to accommodations, and Kayumi and LaBarre say they will get back to the board when they have more information.
3:45pm	5. Approval of Agenda (ACTION)
	Fosler moves Hoener seconds
	A reminder from the board to make sure that the zoom link is included on Civic Clerk with the agenda.
	Agenda is approved
3:47pm	6. Approval of the February Minutes (ACTION)
	Hieftje moves Mogensen seconds
	Minutes are approved

3:50pm	7. Youth Joint TH-RRH Prioritization Policies (ACTION) – <i>Abbey Wallace, CoC Policy Specialist (OCED)</i> Wallace reviews the Youth Joint TH-RRH Prioritization Policies. Highlights include: • Explanation that this surrounds transitional housing that will operate as crisis housing for youth and young adults to stay temporarily • Systems level work group decided to keep the prioritization process the same • Wallace reviewed prioritization policy and explained that an assessment tool will be used in prioritization Board asked questions regarding the assessment tool and the ability to file for an appeal if provider believes the outcome of the tool is not accurate. Board members explain that an appeal can be immediately filed and that the tool can be very useful and accurate. Youth give feedback that the assessment tool may not be accurate the first time used because it takes time to build trust with providers and provide accurate answers to questions. Feedback from board that acronyms should be spelled out and source of term should also be defined. Hieftje moves Lee seconds Policies are approved
3:55pm	8. 2026-2027 Winter Shelter Taskforce (ACTION) – <i>Kristin Kunes, CoC Supervisor (OCED)</i> Kunes shares that this item aims to formalize the creation of the taskforce and the charge that they have been appointed. She shares highlights of what has been changed and feedback that has been incorporated since last meeting: • To ensure inclusion of those with lived experience, the taskforce will solicit feedback from this group through focus groups • Focus groups participants will be paid through the Focus Group Payment Pilot Program • Board members can also review taskforce members, and Kunes notes that County Administration representative may change in the future There is a broader discussion about lived experience voices being heard and considered on the taskforce. Highlights include:

	- Concerns that there should be a permanent spot on the taskforce for a lived experience representative, feedback that the focus group setting is demeaning, and that those with lived experience should be in every room where decisions are being made - Confusion from board about how one or two people on the taskforce cannot speak for and represent all that are homeless, but that there are only two lived experience members on the CoC - Concern about delay in creation of focus group - YAB shares that they feel that just two voices on YAB would not be enough - Feedback from YAB that it takes several sessions to create a trusting bond and get the full picture from someone who has lived experience - Feedback from the board that there is a lack of surveying in our system and that every organization should be conducting nonbiased surveys with clients, that we should be following up with those that have utilized winter sheltering to get as many voices as possible - Feedback from board that, from experience, it is not practical to recruit homeless people who want to participate, that can volunteer, and have access to meetings with current resources Hall moves DeLeeuw supports Motion is approved Pedri opposes
4:00pm	9. Introducing the Youth Advisory Board (YAB): My CoC and Me – <i>Kevin Fofonah, YAB Coordinator (Ozone House) and YAB Members</i> Jayla Allen Le’Mia Brown Chris Decker Kadavian White Calyx Bower Michael Howell YAB gives a presentation to kick off CoC tour, help the board get to know YAB, define the purpose of YAB, and give feedback based on YABs lived experience. Highlights include: - HAWC had long wait times, wasn’t a great experience, and had a lack of communication - SOS treated clients with compassion and care, and communication was clear - Ozone House made youth feel listened to, however, wait times were long. Youth appreciated their client centered approach and shared how staff helped them get into college, get an ID, get mental health services, and made them feel like a family

	• Alpha House IHN made youth feel like staff really cared, and they hope that their organization can continue to expand and be more accessible • Delonis Center helped with food and housing, but feedback included stopping their harm reduction • Corner Health helped youth with prenatal health and mental health as well as children's care after baby was born, youth had a good experience get prenatal care but struggled to easily get appointments for other kinds of care • MAP frequently checked in with clients, and youth found it an easy experience once they got into the system. Feedback included more frequent communication while youth are waiting for placements Board thanks YAB for sharing their experience and reflect on how valuable input from those with lived experience is. Board asks youth what their experience has been so far working with the CoC and what they believe is the best way to communicate with people with lived experience. • Youth share that it often feels like there isn't a space to share, so having that space and meeting with people multiple times and getting comfortable with them helps them open up • Youth share they appreciate having someone to guide the group and makes them feel heard • Youth appreciate being able to share with the CoC that young people can bring something valuable to the table
4:30pm	10.2025 Opportunity Index – <i>Toni Kayumi, Director (OCED)</i> Kayumi shares that OCED has officially launched the 2025 Opportunity Index. She shares highlights of the process: • Kayumi appreciated the feedback from the CoC board – it helped inform improvements for the newest iteration • OCED worked with Poverty Solutions to update the index • Newest version is much more intuitive and doesn't take training to use • Feedback is encouraged as agencies use the new index • Newest version is housed on the OCED website at www.washtenaw.org/opportunityindex
4:35pm	11. Draft CoC Subcommittee – <i>Andy LaBarre, CoC Board Co-Chair</i> LaBarre shares about the proposed CoC Subcommittee and what it would look like in practice. Highlights include: • Subcommittee will act as a small steering committee to navigate what is happening with HUD • This committee will think about the system as a whole and will explore how the system can be less reliant on HUD • The subcommittee will focus on changes happening over the next nine months

	LaBarre is asking board to review the proposal and give feedback
4:45pm	12. HUD CoC Funding Updates for FY25 and planning for FY26 – <i>Kristin Kunes, CoC Supervisor (OCED)</i> Kunes gives an overview of FY25 and upcoming FY26. Highlights include: - HUD has been ordered by Congress to release funding from Q1 and Q2, but there is no updates on Q3 and Q4 (FY25) - Lawsuit updates include: preliminary injunction is still in place, and HUD cannot cut FY25 funding. HUD has appealed and asked to suspend the paid - HUD intends to release a NOFO for FY25 and expect communities to go through that competition - Congress mandated that HUD release FY26 NOFO by June 1st, and we want CoC to be prepared to respond to any NOFO - Going forward, the focus will be preparing the CoC board, foundational learning sessions in April and May (including topics like system pathways, current CoC funding environment, how the CoC competition and collaborative application works) - The CoC is hoping to get community input and planning engagement for ranking policy and rubric - CoC is pursuing a local consultant if funding allows Board gives support for hiring a consultant and gives feedback that they should look at last year's model that was released to help inform decisions for this year.
4:55pm	13. Public Comment Road home documentary is premiering April 23rd and May 7th at the Michigan Theatre. The schedule for future showings will be updated soon. Film will be released for public use so that anyone can host a showing if they would like.
5:00pm	14. Adjournment Hieftje moves Kayumi seconds Meeting is adjourned at 5:04pm