

WASHTENAW COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD

APRIL 22, 2026 | 3:30-5:00PM

[ZOOM WEBINAR](#) (LINK)

PASSCODE: 121540

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:30pm	1. Call to Order
3:33pm	2. Welcome and Introductions Board Members Present: Amanda Carlisle (Elise Ellsworth present on her behalf) Aaron Cooper Nicole Adelman Jan Little Jim Mogensen Kim Montgomery Rhonda Weathers Alex Thomas Toni Kayumi (Monica Bullock on her behalf) Jennifer Hall Katie Hoener Amanda Guanco Ruth Kraut Tish Lee Kellie Rutledge Vanessa Panekey KJ Pedri Renee Adorjan Andrew DeLeeuw Le'Mia Brown Jayla Allen
3:43pm	3. Public Comment Scott Ellis, Avalon Housing: Update on Legislative Advocacy Day hosted by Michigan Coalition to End Homelessness: very successful event with over

	100 meetings with state representatives. Senator Irwin and Shink hosted a forum on affordable housing crisis. Corn Williams, Executive Director of Leaf Harm Reduction: Leaf Harm Reduction is a state funded harm reduction agency with operation in Ypsi for the last 18 months primarily funded through MDHHS. Williams wants to nominate himself for substance use services agency designee.
3:45pm	4. Approval of Agenda (ACTION) Hoener moves Adelman supports Agenda is approved
3:47pm	5. Approval of the March Minutes (ACTION) Cooper moves Hoener supports Suggestion to start including meeting attendance on minutes Minutes are approved
3:50pm	6. CoC Subcommittee – <i>Andy LaBarre, CoC Board Chair</i> (ACTION) LaBarre suggests tabling discussion and action item until May meeting due to OCED staffing changes. Board discussion results in decision to move forward with the action item with confirmation that current list of subcommittee members is correct accounting for staffing changes. There is a question on if the consultant will be involved in the NOFO. OCED staff share that interviews are underway. Pedri moves to amend the subcommittee to add a lived experience representative Mogensen supports Motion passes

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Item passes

4:05pm

7. Collaborative Solutions: Strengthening Homelessness Response through Washtenaw County's Continuum of Care –
Sunggeun/Ethan Park, Associate Professor (University of Michigan School of Social Work)

Park joins the CoC Board to share a case study conducted at the end of last year. The purpose of the study is to act as a conversation starter to review the strengths of the housing and homelessness system and identify the weaknesses. Highlights included:

- There is a printed report and an audio overview of the report
- Gave an overview of the CoC and its history
- CoC and HUD funding flow overview
- Main areas of study included representation on the board, deliberation of the board, how the board allocates, and OCED as the lead agency
- Feedback included CoC functioning as an administrator of HUD CoC funding which has narrowed scope of potential impact
- Call for community-wide strategies and action plans to navigate the federal funding landscape over the next few years
- Potential next steps: strategic priority setting and system assessment, deliberation and governance collaboration, board representation and engagement, resource diversification and acquisition

Discussion of fundings, dynamic of electeds on the board. Suggestion for CoC Board to connect with BOC in a more informal environment where there is a less of a power imbalance to respectfully build an agenda together.

Comment from the public that the CoC asks for a case study where an important system dysfunction was not resolved to help develop a mediation and appeal process to better plan for disruption and support those that may not be represented by this body.

	OCED staff submitted request to HUD Technical Assistant Support concerning CoC governance. This request was approved by HUD, so a technical assistant will be coming to work directly with CoC and BOC in coming months.
4:25pm	8. Developing Washtenaw Care: A Healthcare Access Response in Washtenaw County to Coverage Threats of the OBBA – <i>Jeremy Lapedis, Executive Director (Washtenaw Health Project)</i> Lapedis gives overview of HR1 and its implications for healthcare in our community. Highlights included: • Current healthcare coverage in Washtenaw County • WHP provides coverage for 1/3 of those uninsured that can't get insurance another way • Functions of WHP • Implications of HR1 – leading to coverage loss – 12,000 – 18,000 people could lose coverage in Washtenaw County – limits eligibility for Medicaid, increases to bureaucracy, inflates marketplace premiums • Moving forward: Continue to build on the WHP structure: Washtenaw Care • Washtenaw Care is healthcare coverage for those in Washtenaw County • Overview of Washtenaw Care • Proposal of a healthcare access millage to help finance and support response to these implications • How CoC and WHP can work together
4:45pm	9. Washtenaw CoC 2025 Racial Disparity Assessment Summary – <i>Andrew Kraemer, CoC Data and Evaluation Specialist (OCED)</i> Kraemer gives overview of the 2025 Racial Disparity Assessment. This is an assessment that is required on an annual basis and has been used in materials such as the CoC Impact Study. Highlights included: • Focuses on data from 2023 – incorporated ALICE data from United Way • Findings include:

	• Those who are Black and African American continue to be overrepresented in homelessness system • All other races are underrepresented in the homelessness system • The share of Black or African American households increased greatly due to increase in families with children experiencing homelessness • Racial disparities are much larger among families with at least one adult and one child compared to adult-only households • People of Latino or Hispanic ethnicity access homelessness services at similar rates to their presence in the general population Kraemer shares that this data has largely been consistent and that findings aren't surprising. Shares that the report is important when making upcoming funding decisions, and it can continue to inform decisions like hiring and who is on the CoC board.
4:55pm	10.Board Member Updates Aaron Cooper is leaving Avalon Housing May 21st. Scott Ellis is going to replace Cooper until the Board can carry out its nomination process. Cooper advocated for Avalon to still be represented on the board. LaBarre thanks to Kristin Kunes for her leadership on the CoC Board. Hall shares that the Road Home Documentary's first screening is April 23rd at the Michigan Theatre at 6pm. Future screenings include May 7th at the Michigan Theatre at 6pm and May 28th at the EMU Student Center.
4:58pm	11.Public Comment
5:00pm	12.Adjournment Hoener moves Adelman supports Meeting is adjourned at 4:59pm