

WASHTENAW COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE (CoC) BOARD

JUNE 24, 2026 | 3:30-5:00PM

LEARNING RESOURCE CENTER*

4135 WASHTENAW AVENUE ANN ARBOR, MI. 48108

**COC BOARD MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND IN-PERSON*

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TIME	AGENDA ITEM
3:30pm	1. Call to Order
3:33pm	2. Welcome and Introductions In attendance: Amanda Carlisle Scott Ellis Nicole Adelman Jan Little Jim Mogensen Kim Montgomery Rhonda Weathers Toni Kayumi Johnny Epps Katie Hoener Zachary Fosler John Hieftje Kellie Rutledge Le'Mia Brown Vanessa Pankey KJ Pedri Andrew DeLeeuw Shekinah Singletery Andy LaBarre
3:40pm	3. Public Comment Mark Creekmore: Shared about a webinar his organization was hosting regarding cuts to Medicaid and budget and policy changes at the Pittsfield Branch of AADL.
3:43pm	4. Approval of Agenda (ACTION) Little moves Fosler seconds

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Agenda is approved	
3:45pm	5. Approval of the May Minutes (ACTION) Jan Little, Jim Mogensen, and Nicole Adelman need to be added to attendance on May Minutes Little moves Hieftje seconds Minutes are conditionally approved, and attendance will be double checked at next meeting
3:50pm	6. Winter Shelter Report – <i>Amanda Carlisle and Elise Ellsworth, WHA</i> Carlisle shares Winter Sheltering Report that reviews use of winter sheltering dollars for the 2025-2026 season. The report was created by the winter sheltering task force. Highlights include: • Report covers Nov 1, 2025 through April 15, 2026 • Overview of how BOC funding and other funding was spent • Overview of people served and cost of programs such as coordinated entry, eviction prevention, and diversion as well as shelter and staff costs • Overview of use of shelters and emergency shelters by individuals and families • Overview of hoteling costs • Future challenges to consider when planning for next winter include permanent housing resources, funding limits, staffing, changes at the federal level, and increases of folks coming from other communities • Task force will be working over the next month on how to respond to next winter • This report will be presented to BOC next week Discussion: Question regarding where the data is sourced from with staff answering that all data comes through HMIS Feedback that the current plan does not place enough emphasis on fighting chronic homelessness and long-term, sustainable solutions. Suggestion that we should regroup and ask if 15% allocation is enough for diversion.

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	Discussion surrounding the figure of 70% reduction in overdose incidents and why this has come about. Some suggestions were the increased availability of Narcan as well as more accessibility to drug alternatives. Discussion surrounding the issue of other folks from other counties coming to Washtenaw. The taskforce suggestion talking with DHHS and Michigan Housing Authority to increase allocations to Washtenaw County because of increased service. Question about the 23 vouchers being underutilized on page 12 of the report. Staff answered that is referring to PSH resources and HCV utilization. Unfortunately, we have had a low lease up where individuals could not find units, but more current numbers have increased with more people finding leases.
4:05pm	7. FY 26-27 ESG Funding Opportunity and Timeline – <i>Abbey Mulder, OCED</i> Mulder shares that the Washtenaw County website is updated with the ESG Funding Competition information from earlier this month. • Gives an overview of the competition timeline • Shares that the FRT is looking for new members for the CoC Funding Competition • At the July board meeting, the recommendations for ESG will go before the board with OCED submitting recommendations to MSDHA before the end of July • Applications are due next week
4:10pm	8. HUD CoC NOFO Discussion – <i>Matt White, Housing Innovations</i> White comes and presents to the CoC Board, as he is serving as a consultant to support the CoC in the latest NOFO. He gives a run down of the NOFO process, the ranking system, and what the next few weeks will look like: Highlights include: • Overview of the changes of this NOFO and what has lead up to these changes • Overview of ranking policy that has been drafted so far including HMIS in tier 1 and renewal of PSH in tier 1 up to cap, DV new projects and reallocation PSH in tier 2 • Note that the next year, projects can operate as PSH but have to transition to transitional housing projects • Encourages board to start talking about who is best to decide what should transition from PSH to transitional housing and thinking about sweeping changes that will have to be made in CoC framework Clarifying question that in last year's NOFO, there seemed to be a caveat that you could not convert PSH into transitional housing. White explains that HUD has eliminated that cap language.

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- Overview of a preliminary timeline with the full application being submitted to HUD at the end of August
- Note that the National Alliance to End Homelessness has filed a suit against HUD
- Note that there are questions regarding harm reduction, and the NOFO states that HUD will not provide funding to communities that participate in those activities. The body will have to figure out how to navigate this and to what level Washtenaw will align with the policy priorities of this administration

Question about the suit the NAEH has filed and if White has any insight. White shares that he believes the suit will move very quickly and that if there is pause in the NOFO, the board will know quickly.

- At July meeting, the final rating and ranking policies will be presented with a list of other policy considerations

Question about why HMIS is the first listed priority in tier 1. White clarifies that it is doubtful that it would be funded in tier 2, and the order of the priorities in tier 1 does not really matter. Suggests that we can reorder the projects to better reflect the board priorities.

- Review that the scoring criteria will remain relatively the same from FY25, but that the weighting and point values of each may change
- Note that for transitional housing, a public housing authority needs to operate the rental assistance, not a nonprofit and that this is an importance consideration to make when deciding what projects to transition

4:55pm

9. Public Comment

Scott Ellis, Avalon Housing: Application for income limited housing in Ypsilanti is open through the 30th. Visit www.avalon.org/apply to apply.

KJ Pedri, lived experience representative: Currently, there is a struggle to provide transitional housing for people that are coming from treatment at Bear River in Emmett County. Folks are being told to go to Delonis for a tent because we don't have good transitional housing. Our current system is prioritizing people that have been through Dawn Farm. The waitlist is extensive, and I would like for those involved with those systems to look into this.

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	Andy LaBarre, chair: Greg Dill announced his retirement, and I suspect it is likely to appoint an interim at the July 1 st meeting. I can't speak for the whole board, but we are trying to manage this transition period.
5:00pm	10. Adjournment Hieftje moves Hoener seconds Meeting is adjourned at 4:56pm

Key Terms:

ARD: Annual Renewal Demand
CoC: Continuum of Care
ESG: Emergency Solutions Grant
FRT: Funding Review Team
FY: Fiscal Year
HMIS: Homeless Management Information Systems
HUD: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
MSHDA: Michigan State Housing Development Authority
NOFA: Notice of Funding Availability
NOFO: Notice of Funding Opportunity
PSH: Permanent Supportive Housing
RRH: Rapid Re-Housing
SO: Street Outreach
SSO: Supportive Services Only
TA: Technical Assistance
TH: Transitional Housing
YHDP: Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program