

Lakeshore Housing Alliance
Bi-Monthly Meeting
February 7, 2025 at 12:00 – 1:30 PM
Hybrid - in person/Zoom

Minutes

Attendance (sign in sheets?): C. Fort, L. Keegan, S. Bashaw, E. Kamphuis, L. DeLaLuz, M. Hennessey, K. Spanjer, Pastor Watt, P. Welsh, B. DeVos, P. Cummings, B. Zawacki, P. Caudill,

From Zoom notes: L. Coghill, T. Bolo, D. Glashower, J. Brozowski, M. Kornelis, B. Dorland, D. Bechtel-Unekis, V. Bender, Y. Ramirez, C. Korstange,

CF Notes: Action steps:

1. NAEH/MCAH lists for members *purposes of announcements and advocacy 2. Membership follow up (Liz?) 3. Housing Rights (updates from Liz?) 4. Blurb for lived experience (Christina) 5. Prepared report for April 4th (Christina) 6. Advocacy 7. Liz DeLaLuz United Way (report)

Quorum established

I. Introductions

II. Approval of agenda and minutes - motion, support; approved

III. Staff Update – ADD CF notes

- a. PIT Count-Christina provided an update on the PIT Count completed January 29th -Feb 4thcompleted. Data deadline from participants is Feb. 7th.
- b. LHA Collaborative Effort – Project Home purpose statement:
 - 1) Address the homelessness challenges in Downtown Holland and the broader Holland/Zeeland community,
 - 2) while ensuring that the right services are thoughtfully delivered to the people who need them.

On January 30th, a working group of housing and service providers and involved community agencies, met to begin the process of coming up with short term solutions including inventories of organizational resources. Yesterday, downtown stakeholders were engaged to come up with a commitment to solutions oriented helpful feedback specifically for the unsheltered population.

As we move forward, there will be working groups that will assist with gap analysis and short term and long term solutions. Part of the pre-work has been to invite the facilitation team (Har Ye Kan, Travis Williams-LLC, and Christina Fort) to visit downtown sites where homeless individuals/families are currently

receiving services. It is our hope that this will be the beginning of work in and on our CoC/County Wide to make homelessness a rare and one time occurrence.

c. Other

IV. CoC Update

- a. Governance Charter Amendment
 - Liz provided an overview of the membership process and voting
 - Liz provided an overview of the proposed changes which were sent out to in December as required; motion, support; approved.
- b. Federal Funding Status
 - It is recommended that folks sign up for NAEH and MCAH email lists if they have not already as they have sent out several calls to action and helpful summaries.
 - It was agreed to form an Advocacy Ad Hoc Committee and Brian DeVos agreed to Co-Chair. Some of the items considered were to find ways to push out good resources and actions to be taken, to assist the LHA and members to respond strategically as things continue to rapidly evolve, and to gather information to communicate out about our impact.
- c. **Suggestions** for Trainings/Presentations to LHA
 - Sarah provided an overview of trainings that are referenced in recent HUD applications such as Equal Access Rule and anti-discrimination, domestic/dating violence, stalking and sexual assault survivors; and access to mainstream benefits; LHA has had recent presentations on/from SOAR, Resilience, Fair Housing, CALL-211, CAH, OCCAA, WRC, Grant Me Hope, MCAH, system performance/data
 - members were invited to submit additional suggestions, which included veterans services – ex: a systems-wide navigation at the county and state levels; transportation (C. Fort has a contact); Possible mini trainings on specific topics related to DV
- d. Invitation to share success stories
 - Michigan will have source of income protections under state civil rights and landlord/tenant law beginning April 2, 2025

V. Updates

- a. Executive Committee
 - the committee is working with staff on getting updated processes in place and will be working on policy updates (such as grievance and coordinated entry, which may take the form of ad hoc committees with co-chairs to assist in drafting updated documents; also looking at election of co-chair and membership processes
- b. Allocation and Accountability - none
- c. **HMIS Agency Administrators – Christina provided an update regarding program exits for clean up due March 1st. HMIS Agency Admin met Feb**

d. Housing Choice Vouchers – no updates

VI. Announcements

-Several upcoming events were shared including a Know Your Rights session at Lighthouse on 2/23; United Way [Ottawa County](#) Assessment on 2/27 in Grand Haven; Fair Housing [rights training](#) for Latine/x community online on 2/26 with Spanish interpretation

- United Way is gathering information regarding the impact on the community of funding freezes/delays:

- a. Please list any federal funding your organization receives including amount and department it is coming from. (We asked them this several times so they could separate funds out.
- b. Would your organization's programming continue without federal funding?
- c. Approximately how many program participants could go without services if federal funding were eliminated?
- d. Is there any additional information you would like to share as it relates to federal funding.

Or here is the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/56ZN6YM>

VII. Adjournment

Save the date – next meeting – Friday, April 4, 2025 – 12 to 1:30 pm