

Lakeshore Housing Alliance
Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2025 at 12:00 – 1:30 PM
Zoom

- I. Introductions
- II. Approval of agenda and minutes
 - a. Group approved the agenda for today's meeting, as well as approved the minutes from the August meeting.
- III. Staff Update
 - a. PIT Count – Christina shared that a group met in September to begin planning and discussed a county-wide strategy. Also shared that she connected with Tracey at OAISD to ensure that the McKinney Vento population is included.
 - b. Project Home – Christina shared that there are two projects that decisions need to be made on: Expansion of LHA and the Day Center (land use zoning needs to be approved first). The LHA Executive Committee will determine whether or not to pursue a fundraising partnership with Heart of West Michigan United Way. She also noted that work is being done around a Residency Policy.
 - c. By Name List – Christina shared that the By Name List is moving into a new phase of really digging into assessments of people's housing journeys and how to best move them through the process.
- IV. CoC Update
 - a. Presentation – Walking with Warriors
 - i. Autumn Heartpence presented on the Walking with Warriors program through MDHHS, sharing that Veteran Navigators are available for every county, providing support to homeless veterans.
 - b. Member Spotlight – Paula Alvarez – ICCF Community Homes
 - i. Paula shared details about the variety of services they apply to Ottawa County, highlighting their Family Self-Sufficiency Program.
 - c. LHA 2026 Meetings and Workgroup Schedules
 - i. The Bi-monthly and Annual Meeting is December 5, 2025 12pm-1:30pm
 - ii. Group discussed whether or not the meeting cadence and date still work, and members shared that they appreciate the combination of in-persona and virtual options for attending

- d. LHA Expansion/Heart of West Michigan United Way umbrella fundraising approach – determination to be made after October 7th.
 - e. HUD NOFO – has not come out yet, PSH expected to be cut by at least half
 - f. LHA Annual Membership meeting is December 5th – will include membership review, as well as discussion around identifying entities who may be missing
 - g. Advocacy Workgroup – Jessica Pressley shared that they are looking for someone to step in as Co-Chair, as Brian has retired. Also looking to increase overall participation in the group.
- V. Invitation to Share Success Stories – several members shared
- VI. Announcements
- a. Christina noted that she has been sharing (via email) information on a variety of training opportunities
 - b. Brenna shared that Good Samaritan’s OCEPP program funding ended at the end of September, but they have some additional funds to run it through at least the end of November, possibly end of the year.
 - c. Liz shared that there is a Fair Housing Seminar on October 23rd from 9-10am
- VII. Updates
- a. Executive Committee
 - i. Liz shared that the committee has been working on a lot of items!
 - ii. Nominations will be accepted soon for new committee members, and voting will occur at the Annual Meeting December 5th
 - iii. Working on various policy revisions
 - iv. Reallocated Rapid Rehousing funds from Resilience to Good Samaritan
 - b. Allocation and Accountability – no update
 - c. HMIS Agency Administrators – 2024 data has been totally cleaned up!
 - d. Housing Choice Vouchers
 - i. Brenna shared that 14 vouchers were allocated last quarter, no update yet for new quarter
- VIII. Adjournment – 1:25pm

Save the date – next meeting – Friday, December 5, 2025 – 12 to 1:30 pm