

**Lakeshore Housing Alliance**  
**Bi-Monthly Meeting Minutes**  
**February 6, 2026 at 12:00 – 1:30 PM**  
Virtual – via Teams

- 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 December meeting.
- III. Staff Update
  - a. PIT Count – Christina thanked all who participated in the PIT Count, noting that coordination and collaboration amongst agencies was very strong. Jessica Pressley touched on the in-person component, sharing that the turn out was very strong – 20 people, with 8 agencies represented!
  - b. Project Home – Christina shared that teams with current projects have been meeting with Heart of West Michigan United Way to plan a launch event. Work is also being done to explore setting up a website to house project details, as well as development of shared metrics.
  - c. FY25 NOFO HUD CoC Grant Update – Christina provided updates on both the FY25 and FY26 NOFOs.
  - d. Work Groups – Christina reviewed the five defined priority areas of Membership, Advocacy, Youth Action Board, Data Gathering/Awareness/Impact, and Governance Compliance. Noted that input and engagement from LHA membership is needed, and to watch for a survey that will be coming.
- IV. CoC Update
  - a. Training/Presentations
    - i. Christina shared that several trainings/presentations are scheduled for upcoming meetings, but that more information needs to be gathered about topics of interest. Brenna shared a link in the chat to an interest form, and members provide feedback in real time. Members can also reach out with additional ideas in the future.
  - b. Member Spotlight – AJ Westendorp – Escape Ministries
    - i. AJ provided an overview of the work done by Escape Ministries to provide intervention and support to youth who “fall through the cracks” in one way or another. He shared that their goal for 2026 is to

launch a network of 'host homes' for youth aging out of foster and needing a stable housing option as they transition towards independent living.

c. Invitation to share success stories – several members shared

V. Updates

- a. Executive Committee – Sarah shared more about what Christina touched on earlier in the meeting regarding Work Groups and strategies the Executive Committee has around the work that can tackled.
- b. Allocation and Accountability/HPE Funds – Mark shared that there will be an ask, in a few weeks, for the AAC to convene around allocation of the Homeless Prevention Endowment funds (from the local Community Foundations)
- c. HMIS Agency Administrators – Christina shared that data cleanup continues and is going well
- d. Housing Choice Vouchers – Brenna shared that while there are no new voucher updates at this time, her agency is working to assist individuals with keeping their existing vouchers

VI. Announcements

- a. Liz shared that there is an online Fair Housing event on April 22
- b. Jen shared that Ottawa County Community Action Agency's Walk for Warmth event will be on February 20 at 5:30pm, at EV Construction
- c. AJ shared that Escape Ministries will be hiring soon regarding their host homes project, and will send the job description to Christina to distribute to the membership

VII. Adjournment – 1:26pm

Save the date – next meeting – Friday, April 3, 2026 – 12 to 1:30 pm