**MUSKEGON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE NETWORK**



**Coordinated Entry Committee**

**October 25th , 2023**

 ***2:00 PM – 3:00 PM***

**United Way of the Lakeshore**

**31 E Clay Ave Muskegon, MI**

**Topic: MCHCCN Coordinated Entry Committee**

**Time: Oct 25, 2023 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**

 **Every month on the Fourth Wed, until Mar 27, 2024, 6 occurrence(s)**

 **Oct 25, 2023 02:00 PM**

 **Nov 22, 2023 02:00 PM**

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| **Representatives** | **Present** | **Absent** |  | **Representatives** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| Brandon Baskin Health West, Chairman | X |  |  | Cherylle Booker, EWP |  | X |
| Dan Skoglund, Rescue Mission | X |  |  | Diolinda Sali, HMIS Admin | X |  |
| Lisa Reinecke, True North Community Services | X |  |  | Vacant, CoC Coordinator |  | X |
| Kristen Turgeon, Mission for Area People |  | X |  | Diana Stubbs, Mission for Area People |  | X |
| John Peterson, Planning Consultant |  | X |  | Angela Mayeaux, Muskegon Housing Commission | X |  |
| Chisara Butler, EWP | X |  |  | Yolanda Hall, Rescue Mission |  | X |
| Shanna Turner, EWP |  | X |  | Kristy Smith, Family Promise |  | X |
| Alicia Cox, VA | X |  |  |  |  |  |

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order -2:01pm

2. Approval of August Minutes-No Minutes from September. The meeting did not have enough attendees. Diolinda passed out Meeting Minutes from August.

3. Reports from Committees

i. Outreach Subcommittee – Brandon Baskin talks about involving someone from True Noth to be apart of the Outreach Committee as either Chair or Co-Chair. Lisa Reinecke explained that as this point, the HARA is far too busy for someone to be able to regularly attend the outreach meetings. Alicia Cox said she would be interested in being Co-Chair. Brandon Baskin is unable to be Chair of the committee currently due to an increase in activity at Health West and needing to hire more individuals for open positions. Brandon suggested that he could include in the job description for the open positions at Health West that they are to participate in the Outreach Committee.

ii. Special Populations Sub-Committees (By-Name List) Veterans and PSH lists. – Diolinda mentioned that an email was sent out to determine how those who are attending the BNL would feel about having an in-person meeting on November 1, which is the next scheduled meeting. So far only one person has confirmed that they could attend in person. Diolinda mentioned possibly moving the first in person meeting to the 15th of November instead.

Brandon brought up the Housing Resource list has not been updated on the Muskegoncoc.org site. Diolinda explained that she does not have access to the document to make changes to it. That Community Encompass was likely the agency that was making additions to it. Lisa Reinecke stated that she has been trying to get access to the documents since they are the HARA now, it is important that there is an updated document available to the public. It was suggested that perhaps we can start a new document that is a live editable document instead of live google document because the VA has restrictions, and they are not able to access the document.

4. CE August & September Report – Diolinda presented a new version of the BNL CE reports. This new version is now an excel spreadsheet instead of just being a word document. The excel sheet would include the previous months information compared to the new report. When presenting the report, Dan Skoglund asked the question if an individual was homeless in the spring, checked into the shelter and then checked out, that if they were to check in again in the fall would they be counted as a new addition to the list. Diolinda explained that yes, they would be added to the list again because if they left the shelter to be housed somewhere, they would be removed, but if they were to become homeless again and check into the shelter, they would be added to the BNL again. Dan Skoglund mentioned that he did not believe that these number on the report were accurate compared to what he has seen at the shelter. Diolinda explained that that statement is likely accurate when taking into consideration that there is not much engagement from the shelter with adding individuals to the BNL. Lisa Reinecke recommended taking the information from the Coordinated Entry report pulled from HMIS instead of taking the information from the BNL by filtering out the appropriate information to get the values. It was decided that any further discussion on this topic will happen during the next Data Committee Meeting.

5. HARA Update- Lisa Reinecke provided the group with a HARA update. Lisa states that the HPP funds have been allocated. Her staff have met with 21 homeless individuals to do an intake into their RRH program. In the month of October, True North spent $61,058.00 on Homeless Prevention clients. She also shared that so far in the month of October they have received 1,500 phone calls.

6. New Business- It was suggested that the Coordinated Entry Committee invite local landlord to the meetings to attempt to mend relationships between the HARA and the landlords in the area. The landlord association was once included in the CoC but is no longer. It was determined to save this discussion for the Steering Committee to get more input.

 Dan Skoglund shared that there has been an influx of refugees at the shelter. He was looking for any option or resources to share with these individuals. When attempting to refer these individuals to services, he claims that they are not meeting the required criteria for these programs due to either they do not currently have the right to work in this county, the country in which they fled from does not allow them to qualify for the services. And when trying to secure housing, they can’t because they do not have a regular income. Angela Mayeaux asked if there was a sponsoring agency which assisted with getting them up here from Central America. Dan stated he was unsure.

7. Adjournment – 2:40pm