**MUSKEGON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE NETWORK**

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**Coordinated Entry Committee**

**November 22nd, 2023**

***2:00 PM – 3:00 PM***

**United Way of the Lakeshore**

**31 E Clay Ave Muskegon, MI**

**Topic: MCHCCN Coordinated Entry Committee**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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| **Representatives** | **Present** | **Absent** |  | **Representatives** | **Present** | **Absent** |
| Brandon Baskin Health West, Chair | X |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dan Skoglund, Rescue Mission |  | X |  | Diolinda Sali, HMIS Admin | X |  |
| Lisa Reinecke, True North Community Services | X |  |  | Jasmine Young, VA |  | X |
| Kristen Turgeon, Mission for Area People |  | X |  | Kesha Sanders, True North |  | X |
| John Peterson, Planning Consultant |  | X |  | Angela Mayeaux, Muskegon Housing Commission, Co-Chair |  | X |
| Chisara Butler, EWP |  | X |  | Regan Dykes, Rescue Mission |  | X |
| Shanna Turner, EWP | X |  |  | Kristy Smith, Family Promise |  | X |
| Alicia Cox, VA | X |  |  | Lisa Block, Family Promise |  | X |

**Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order – 2:02pm

2. Approval of August Minutes- October 25th- Tabled approval of meeting minutes for next month’s meeting since they were not attached to the meeting invite for those attending zoom, and only Lisa Reinecke attended in person.

3. Reports from Committees

i. Outreach Subcommittee – Alicia Cox spoke on how this month’s Outreach Committee meeting went. She suggests we spend time on the next meeting talking about preparation for the PIT count in January. In addition to more brainstorming for a spring event for the homeless community. Alicia spoke with someone at Salvation Army and gained some more information on food options regarding the event.

Also, a meeting will be scheduled with Lisa Reinecke and Stephen Thiele to start planning for the monthly outreach initiative that was previously spoken about in the Outreach Meetings.

ii. Special Populations Sub-Committees (By-Name List) Veterans and PSH lists-

Brandon Baskin shared that there is currently two single and 1 family opening in the Health West PSH program currently. Brandon mentioned that there will likely be more openings soon due to clients who are facing eviction due to lease violations.

Brandon also provided an update on Health West’s Housing Navigation position. An offer has been sent out to an applicant for the position. They are anticipating they’d likely start in December and will be going through rigorous training for this role.

4. CE September & October Report – Diolinda Sali presented the CE reports for numbers in September and October. These counts primarily reflect the information being pulled into the Coordinated Entry system. The bottom half of the report reflects information from the By-name-list. This report also now includes information for those who had been identified as qualifying for PSH.

5. HARA Update – Lisa Reinecke gave a HARA update to the group. From October 2nd to today (Nov. 22nd) True North has served 39 household and spent $137,000 in Homeless Prevention funds for these households. There is about $10,000 in ESG funds that have not been used up yet but they anticipate that these funds will be able to assist about 2-3 households. They have spent out all their Homeless Prevention funds and have began working with Rapid-rehousing clients. So far True North has housed 4 households with one household currently pending move-in. These RRH households will be receiving six months of rental assistance with intensive case management including home visits.

Lisa reported that there has recently been a misunderstanding of how the HCV program is supposed to be ran. She stated that individuals who are **‘doubled-up’ or couch surfing do not qualify to be added to the HCV waitlist**. Only those who are **literally homeless** qualify to be added to the HCV with a verification letter from a local shelter.

She stated that only in counties where there is **no** shelter available for a homeless individual to go to, those who are couching surfing, can then qualify. A copy of the guidelines for the HCV program will be sent out by Alicia Cox to the Case Manager’s Resource Network email group so more caseworkers can be properly informed.

Shanna Turner from Every Woman’s Placed asked the question if an individual is in transitional housing would they qualify? Lisa states that they would, and True North would only need a letter of verification from EWP. Only when the individual is in **PSH** do they **not** qualify to be added to the HCV list.

Lisa also shared that a True North caseworker does work from the Community Resource Center every Wednesday to help individuals who have questions or would like a walk-in appointment. There is also an open position with True North Community Services in Muskegon since they recently had someone resign.

6. New Business-Diolinda Sali shared that Madison Butler, the new CoC Coordinator will be starting on Monday, the 27th.

7. Adjournment-2:23pm