# MINUTES………………………..………………………… Muskegon County Homeless Continuum of Care Network

**Muskegon, MI 49442**

**Meeting Description:**  **M*CHCCN Memb*er Meeting**

In Person at the United Way and Via Zoom

**Meeting Date: May 4, 2024 9:00 am-10:30am**

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| Representatives | Present | Absent |  | Representatives | Present | Absent |
| Jamie Hekker, Chair, Public Health of Muskegon County, voting member | x |  |  | Emily Merten, Muskegon Community College | x |  |
| Kristie Smith – Family Promise | x |  |  | Jill Bonthuis – Pioneer Resources | x |  |
| Kristen Turgeon – MAP | x |  |  | Sara Johnson, Call 211, voting member | x |  |
| Sharonda Carson, City of Muskegon Voting member | x |  |  | Angela Mayeaux, Muskegon Housing Commission, voting member | x |  |
| Diolinda Sali, Volunteers of America | X |  |  | Christine Robere – United Way of the Lakeshore | x |  |
| Madison Butler, Community enCompass, voting member | x |  |  | Chris Shepherd, Pine Grove Manor | X |  |
| Virginia Taylor, Boys and Girls Club | x |  |  | Hillery Ross-Furse, Health Project, Non-voting member | x |  |
| Alisha Pennington, MDHHS | x |  |  | Ebony Williams, EWP | X |  |
| Brandon Baskin, HealthWest | x |  |  | John Peterson, consultant, Non-Voting Member | X |  |
| Kristen Turgeon, MAP | x |  |  | Aaron Estrada-Trinity Health GR | x |  |
| Nicole Smith, Community enCompass | x |  |  | Brandon Baskin, Health West, Chairman, Coordinated Entry Committee | x |  |
| Lisa Block, Family Promise | x |  |  | Alicia Cox, VA | x |  |
| Dan Skoglund, Muskegon Rescue Mission | x |  |  | Megan Tallent, Health Project | x |  |
| Theria Fisher, Community EnCompass | x |  |  | LaToya Jackson, Community enCompass | x |  |
| Donata Kidd, MDHHS | x |  |  | Dick Kamps, Step up | x |  |
| Gretchen Damm, Muskegon County | x |  |  | Laressa Burt, Health Project | x |  |
| Julie Aaron-Shyne, City of Muskegon Heights | x |  |  | Nicole Calloway, DIP Group Homes | x |  |
| Monica Demyers, CenC | X |  |  | Tara Becker, Michigan Works | x |  |
| Miranda Paggeot, CoC Coordinator | X |  |  | Janelle Mair, Community Foundation | x |  |
| Kristy Smith, Family Promise | X |  |  |  |  |  |

**MINUTES**

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m. by Ms. Hekker.

Major Valerie Nance announced her upcoming move to the Grand Valley Area Command of The Salvation Army. A new officer is coming, her name is Major Lynneta Poff. There will be a farewell party June 14 for the Nance’s. Bridget will be sending out an invitation to all agencies.

II. Approval of Agenda (AR)

Dan made the motion to approve the agenda. Christine provided support. All in favor. Motion carried.

III. Approval of Minutes of January 11, 2023- Attachment A (AR)

Stacey Gomez requests an edit, as she was present at that meeting. Madison made the motion to accept the minutes as edited. Brandon provided the second. All in favor. Motion carried.

IV. Point in Time/Housing Inventory Chart

161 people observed both sheltered and unsheltered. Last year, 122 were in emergency shelters, 13 unsheltered. Numbers are consistent with what they have been. This is an expected increase post-COVID.

The housing inventory chart shows the total number of beds in the county. There are 408 year-round beds, 30 seasonal beds (although MRM has more than 30 if needed). 350 beds were occupied the night of the count. This does NOT include emergency departments – these are in the PIT count numbers.

V. ESG Interim HARA – Jamie Hekker

MSHDA has not released ESG or HPP funds that are available to the community. Funds were not spent as previously thought, they were not made available. RFP is due May 12. Any interested agencies need to be at the meeting tomorrow, May 5 at 11am in this room or online. Major Nance asked for clarification: can COC members come if we cannot be the interim HARA? Jamie: YES! Check your emails if you are a review committee member, scheduling of best day to review applications will come via email. Do clients still go to Community enCompass for assessments and waitlist? Yes, all case management is still happening in house. Someone is also at the MRM CRC from 9am to 1pm on Tuesdays and Thursday, and at Health West on Friday mornings from 8a-noon. What are you looking for in a HARA? Preferably someone with grant management experience, who has a presence in Muskegon County. This needs to be a long-term solution, it is not for an agency looking for a quick “cash grab”.

VI. Trainings/Data importance-Angie/Miranda

There has been a ton of work done to resolve data quality issues. HMIS admin position is open. There’s an upcoming training happening in July. The CMRN did implicit bias. On the horizon are housing first and trauma informed care.

VII. Committees

Coordinated entry, data, and outreach all have openings. Information is available on the CoC website. Anyone wishing to be a member of any committee please show up. All meetings are held at United Way of the Lakeshore.

VIII. Round table and announcements

* VA: VA2k walk is happening May 19 at 2:30pm. Meeting at the clinic and walking around the airport. Lots of resources for homeless veterans
* Muskegon Rescue Mission: The CRC is open to EVERYONE in the community, not just those utilizing the shelters. Sec. of State is coming in again. There is a calendar online to see what guests are there and when. CRC has no fees, sometimes outside agencies (SOS or register of deeds) may have charges associated with their offerings, everything else is free. In Marc they served over 500 individuals.
* Public Health: New address at 1903 Marquette (but the easiest access is off Quarterline. No one is in 209 E Apple
* DHHS: SOAR programming is beginning again.
* Trinity Health/Health Project: Tuesdays and Fridays there is representation at the CRC from 11am-1pm for SENIORS re: home repairs, medication, etc.
* CHW is backlogged at least 2-3 weeks.
* How You Birth Doulas: trained the first 10 doulas! Serving primarily the underinsured, uninsured, and those on Medicaid.
* United Way: Mission United clean headstones before Memorial Day. Community baby shower at Muskegon Family Care on Saturday
* Community enCompass: Still doing intakes and screenings over the phone. Not open to walk-in appointments. Sacred Suds is still open for laundry, showers, and lunch is served Tuesdays and Thursdays. The farm boxes are coming up for veggies, $15?
* Health West, Behavioral Health: offices are open until 7pm on some weekdays. Trying to work in extended hours again to suit needs of all clienteles.
* Muskegon Housing Commission: renovations are happening and look great! The waitlist is open. There is a family unification program.
* Mission for Area People: fish fry on May 12 at the Fruitport Eagles from 5-8pm. The golf outing is coming up for medical assistance funds. A childcare assistance grant was awarded by the Community Foundation.

VIIII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:12 am