**MUSKEGON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE NETWORK**



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**Case Managers Committee**

**Thursday, June 28, 2018 9:30 a – 10:30 a**

**United Way of the Lakeshore**

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*The Case Managers Committee of Muskegon County is a network of service agencies that provide a safety net for critical, unmet needs through information sharing, advocacy, and case reviews.*

**Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order at 9:30 am.

**Welcome & Introductions**

Welcome and Introductions were provided.

**Community Presentations**

* United Way/AFL-CIO Labor Engagement, *Jana Routt*
	+ *Jana Routt was not able to present this month and will be rescheduled.*
* Beacon of Hope, Kyle Thompson
	+ Kyle Thompson presented on the counseling services provided to individuals in Muskegon, Holland, Holton, Mason and Grandville and provided flyers and brochures.

**HARA (Housing Assessment Resource Agency) Update**

* Community enCompass (EenC)
	+ Virginia Taylor provided the following updates that there were ESG funds available to assist homeless individuals <30% or below area median income
	+ There are case management services for individuals with Medicaid as a health insurance through the CHIR (Community Health Innovation Region) but there is no leasing assistance.
	+ CenC, Muskegon DHHS, Community Foundation for Muskegon County and the Courts will be kicking off an Eviction Diversion program in September '18. Virginia will give more information at the August Case Managers Meeting.

**Case Coordination Request Review**

Ann Dean asked the group for suggestions for transportation assistance to doctor appointments in Grand Rapids for a 35 y.o. individual with stage 4 multiple sclerosis. The individual is $24.00 over the MCD limit which no puts him/her on spend down and she/he is no longer ineligible for chore services and transportation assistance through Medicaid. Because the request was made at the end of the meeting and we ran out of time, it is still an open request item.

**Announcements – Roundtable**

* VOA (Volunteers of America) – reported there is no financial assistance until July 1st
* Community Connect/Veterans Standown September 26th at the LC Walker Arena 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm. Individuals can connect to community resources. See Thomas "Cowboy" Harding or Andrew Terrill for more information.
* Point In Time Count – July 25th 8:00 pm meet up at the Health Project 565 W. Western Ave Muskegon. Looking for more volunteers.
* Outreach Team, Cowboy and Andrew reported that they can help organizations working with homeless individuals verify homelessness contact Andrew at 616-741-1372.
* Sacred Suds is offering "Stitch and Save" a free alteration service on July 19th from 9 am – 11 am; and every 3rd Thursday of the month.
* Hope Project is hosting a Mentor Interest Meeting on Aug. 11th at Kingdom Life. Contact Rita C. Rita@hopeproject.org for more info.
* HealthWest, Deb Ballard announced that there is till funding to assist homeless individuals with 1st month rent and security deposit. Eligible applicants must be receiving mental health services and must have income to sustain housing.
* Muskegon Rescue Mission, Kristy reported that the shelter is not full although it has been busy but there is still plenty of room to accommodate guests.
* Pathway to a Healthy Pregnancy – Hillery announced they are taking referrals for a smoking cessation program for pregnant women.
* Telemon in Hart MI is taking applications for teaching positions
* Disability Network WM, Lisa Sullivan announced that transportation assistance is still available for seniors. Drivers are reimbursed $.50 per mile.
* MAP (Mission for Area People) Kristen T. announced that Music for Meds raised about $20,000 for the community to help meet unmet medical needs.
* Senior Resources – Kescha C. announced there is funding to assist seniors with Lawn Service and Snow Removal. Individuals must meet income qualifications and demonstrate a medical need to be eligible. Clients can call Senior Resources to speak with an Options Counselor to be screened and learn more.
* CHNA Community Health Needs Assessment - Michael Ramsey reported that the last day to complete the survey was Jun 30th. Also that ECHO – OPIOD Task Force and the Red Project were teaming up to provide training and more information would be forthcoming.

**Adjourn**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.**

**2017 Meeting Dates**

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| **~~January 25~~~~th~~ ~~Annual Forum~~** | **July – NO MEETING** |
| **~~Thurs. February 22~~** | **Thurs. August 30** |
| **~~\*Fri. March 23~~** | **Thurs. September 28** |
| **~~\*Fri. April 27~~** | **Thurs. October 26** |
| **~~Thurs. May 24~~** | **November – NO MEETING** |
| **~~Thurs. June 28~~** | **December – NO MEETING** |

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