**MUSKEGON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE NETWORK**

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**Outreach Committee**

**August 14, 2023**

***1:00PM – 2:00PM***

**United Way of the Lakeshore**

**31 E Clay Ave. Muskegon MI, 49442**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees**

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| Alicia Cox, VA |  | Miranda Paggeot, CoC Coordinator |
| Jasmine Young, VA |  | Madison Butler, CenC |
| Melissa White, EWP |  | Stephen Thiele, Red Project |
| Jasmine Young, VA |  |  |
| Brandon Baskin, HealthWest |  |  |

1. Call to Order --1:05 PM

Introductions were made. No minutes were distributed for review.

II. HARA Changes

TrueNorth Community services will assume all HARA responsibilities on October 1st. TrueNorth is currently in the process of training the newly hired staff. Community encompass is still providing the intakes for any homeless individual. The intakes include getting them assessed and entering the data in HMIS as well as adding people to the HCV waitlist and completing recertifications. CenC staff are the Community Resource Center Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9-1 pm.

III. Veterans StandDown/Homeless Connect

Currently there are about 35 vendors signed up for this event. The date is September 27 from 12 to 4 pm. Fatty Lumpkins will be providing a sack lunch to the participants. The event is taking place at the County Administrative building formally known as Baker College and will take place in the “student center”.

IV. By Name List

There were 5 individuals that were discussed. These individuals have been on the By-Name-List and have had no contact with any of the housing providers. If agencies are currently working with or know how to contact the 5 individuals discussed, they should reach out to the housing provider that is making the inquiry or notify the HMIS admin of the contact to stay active on the housing list.

Questions were raised about the policy on how many times an individual is to be contact and for how long before they get moved to the inactive status. Miranda will send out the policy for the committee for review.

V. Unsheltered Homeless

In the past couple of months there has been some email circling around homeless individuals in the downtown area. Miranda will reach out to Captain Rush to see about getting representation at the outreach meetings for the CoC.

The ESG Outreach program component in the past has had very limited funding. With other agencies doing outreach it is suggested that these agencies partner up to provide more outreach services. Brandon Baskin added that HealthWest is planning on adding 3 to 4 positions to staff that will essentially perform the job functions of a community health worker. Stephen Theile suggested having someone with lived experience along to help with connecting with the people who we are trying to serve.

VI. Lived Experience Survey

A survey was sent out to the CoC member asking if they served on any committees and which ones and also asked to identify any lived experience or domestic violence victim. This anonymous survey was sent out so the CoC can gain an understanding of who is serving on what committees and which committees have representation from individuals with lived experience.

Recently the Steering Committee took action to use the Community Foundation money that was set aside for the MCHCCN and use that money to create a stipend for people with lived experience. More information should be coming soon as nominations start up at the end of the year so the nominees can take their seats for the beginning of the calendar year.

VII. Other Business

* Recovery Fest September 29 1-7pm Heritage Landing
* Gala September 9 $80 per ticket
* Health Wellness Event Hackley Park 11-2 September 17
* Fishing Event Lake Harbor August 18, 10-12pm
* Opioid Summit August 18, 8:30-1
* Red Project Awareness Day August 25, 3-7pm