**MUSKEGON COUNTY HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE NETWORK**



**Outreach Committee**

**February 13, 2023**

 ***1:00PM – 2:00PM***

**United Way of the Lakeshore**

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

**Minutes**

1. Call to Order – meeting was called to order at 1:08 PM

Welcome and Minute Review – Introductions were made. Those in attendance were:

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| Dan Moran, HMIS Admin | Jamie Hekker,PHMC |
| Alicia Cox, VA | Jasmine Young, VA |
| Melissa White, EWP | Stephen Thiele, Red Project |
| Nancy Todd, Community enCompass |  |

The minutes were reviewed. Ms. Hekker motioned to approve the minutes, which was seconded by Ms. Cox.

II. Review Committee Description – Mr. Moran presented the Outreach Committee Description 2023 for review. A discussion regarding the recent PIT count covered the areas where individuals were located and suggestions for future PIT counts. Mr. Moran discussed an opportunity to create lists of individuals who were enrolled in programs for the literally homeless, such as Rapid Re-Housing, who were not housed on the night of the PIT count and contacting those individuals following the night of the count to include those who reported being unsheltered. Brief discussions regarding the roles of the Outreach Committee in organizing and implementing community events, as well as its role in the By Name List Inactive Status policy took place. Ms. Hekker and Mr. Thiele added the suggestion that representatives from the community with lived experience would be a valuable addition to the committee.

III. PIT Overview – Mr. Moran briefly reviewed the unofficial results of the PIT count, while providing an update on the work remaining to complete the reporting. Ms. Hekker and Mr. Moran both thanked the volunteers for their participation in the PIT count.

IV. Project Homeless Connect/VA Stand Down – Ms. Cox provided an overview of the current plans for the VA Stand Down event, including possible dates of September 8th or September 11th, as well as the selection of the Van Dyk Mortgage Center as the venue for this year’s event. Ms. Cox also mentioned that there is a possibility that officials from Lansing may also attend the event. A discussion regarding the Project Homeless Connect event and the potential to hold it at the same time as the VA Stand Down touched on the areas of arranging for a food truck for the event as well as providing a sack lunch for participants. Transportation was also mentioned as an opportunity to explore. The committee reviewed the past events held in the community, including the various venues and the relative success of those events. While networking at these events is valuable, the committee agreed that the focus of any future events needs to be on participants.

V. Other Business – No new business was introduced, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.