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## COMMUNITY ACCESS COMMITTEE "HYBRID" MEETING MINUTES

812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing, MI, 48910  
Monday, September 30, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

### Committee Members Present

Dianne Holman, Chair, Jason White, Vice-Chair, Dwight Washington, Paula Yensen

### Committee Members Observing via Zoom

None

### Excused

Paul Palmer

### Other Board Present

None

### Other Board Present via. Zoom

None

### Staff Present

Sara Lurie, Elise Magen

### Staff attending via Zoom

Bradley Allen, Tonya Seely, Emily Wollner

### Staff Excused

None

### Public Present (Via Zoom)

None

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Dianne Holman, Committee Chair at 5:33 pm.

**Previous Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION:**

MOVED by Paula Yensen and SUPPORTED by Jason White to adopt the meeting minutes of July 22, 2024 as written.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**ACTION:**

MOVED by Paula Yensen and SUPPORTED by Jason White to adopt the meeting Agenda of September 30, 2024 as written.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None

**BUSINESS ITEMS**

**FY24 CMHA-CEI Needs Assessment**

Bradley Allen, Quality Coordinator, and Tonya Seely, Quality Improvement Specialist, presented an executive summary of the FY24 CMHA-CEI Needs Assessment. The Needs Assessment is almost finalized and will be published on the CMHA-CEI website in the next few weeks.

Dwight noted that while three of the listed priority needs are focused on mental health needs, the other two, related to housing and building workforce capacity, don't seem as clearly connected. He questioned how CMHA-CEI delivers services to support those goals and how Medicaid supports that work. Elise described that Medicaid funds services at Adult Foster Care settings and finding housing for people who need those services is an ongoing need for the agency. The workforce capacity priority need refers to an internal goal to build CMHA-CEI's workforce capacity, which saw big deficits post-pandemic and efforts to grow have been ongoing. Sara noted that a big success with workforce capacity has been growth in CMHA-CEI's intern programs. The agency also recently qualified as national workforce shortage site which opens up additional opportunity for scholarships/funding.

Dianne asked what some of the differences are between previous needs assessments and the FY24 version. Elise identified that this year the CCBHC certification requirements included a lot of structure and guidance on what should be included in a needs assessment. Tonya attended trainings related to this and consequently there was a lot of new data and analysis included in the needs assessment this year. Tonya noted that there is also additional information this year related to the social determinates of health. Sara appreciates that the FY24 assessment also includes more comparison data compared to previous versions.

Dianne wondered what data could be included in the needs assessment that specifically pertains to accessing service. Elise noted that the State recently presented information that identified that 9-11% of the child population should be receiving services and that Michigan is sitting around 7% as a state. This is brand new information, but is something that QI will be able to look into locally as well.

Paula reported hearing that in area homeless shelters individuals receive shelter, but that there aren't other activities or services and individuals have to leave during the day, including those with mental illness. Sara noted that CMHA-CEI tries to help fill that gap with the JIMHO program and Charter House to help people who can't be in the homeless shelter during the day. There are also outreach activities that will target the homeless population include mobile crisis and recovery coaches who go to the shelters and try to connect individuals to services. Sara suggested that someone from one of CMHA-CEI's housing units could attend a future CAC meeting to provide additional information about what kind of community efforts are taking place locally. Jason added that in Eaton County, the PATH team does go out to homeless encampments and will also follow-up on referrals for homeless individuals, but that not everybody wants to participate in services or receive treatment.

Dwight noted that there are cross cultural psychological and different issues for different populations and wondered how the agency is prepared to address and support different psychological and mental health needs of specific populations. Elise reported that Syd Harvey is the agency's new DEI Officer. He has been meeting with directors and clinical programs to identify agency needs and is working on a DEI plan for the agency that addresses these topics.

Sara added that CMHA-CEI also has a block grant for working with the Hispanic population, which funds a Spanish speaking therapist and recovery coach. Work has also been ongoing to connect with the Hispanic Health Alliance in the community. There has been great value in connecting with community organizations to have them help us become better at improving services for specific populations.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sara reported that they have tentatively scheduled a groundbreaking celebration for the new CSU on November 15<sup>th</sup>. They also received notification recently that CMHA-CEI is a recipient of the Gary Peters Community Connection Grant, which will provide funding for CSU start up staffing.

Dwight questioned if there was any follow-up with the City Pulse related to the negative, stigmatizing image they utilized with an article recently. Sara was able to meet with the reporter and editor connected to the article. They were very apologetic and saw CMHA-CEI's point of view. Sara emphasized that ensuring positive images/visuals are utilized in the materials created and published by CMHA-CEI is something the agency's PR/Outreach team consistently prioritizes and that they also work to ensure the same with any paid media or in other collaborations with media.

### NEW BUSINESS

None

### Public Comment

None

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., Atrium, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing, MI.

Minutes submitted by:

Emily Wollner  
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