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COMMUNITY ACCESS COMMITTEE "HYBRID" MEETING MINUTES

812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing, MI, 48910
Monday, November 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Dianne Holman, Chair, Jason White, Vice-Chair, Al Platt, 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

Brooke Hall, Sara Lurie, Elise Magen

Staff attending via Zoom

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 5:32 pm.

Previous Meeting Minutes

ACTION:

MOVED by Al Platt and SUPPORTED by Jason White to adopt the meeting minutes of September 30, 2024 as written.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda

ACTION:

MOVED by Al Platt and SUPPORTED by Paula Yensen to adopt the meeting Agenda of November 25, 2024 as written.

MOTION CARRIED unanimously.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Housing Information

Brooke Hall, Housing and Residential Supervisor, attended to provide information about housing in the tri-county area and to address some of the questions from the last Community Access Committee meeting about what supports are available for people in shelters in the community.

People in shelters are required to leave during the day so that shelters can clean the dormitories; they are not directed to go anywhere specific, but there are safe places available to go in the community. New Hope offers a day center and offers lunch. Holy Cross also offers case management to people to help address homelessness and CMHA-CEI has people on-site there as well. There are CMHA-CEI staff who are trained to assess people and help them connect to housing resources or, if no housing options are available, will help people with other needs like getting IDs, blue certificates, and also enter information into the HMIS (homeless management information system).

There are hot/cold plans that are a coordinated effort through the city. These plans relax some of the code compliance rules to allow other settings – library, churches, etc. – to provide housing. Homeless shelters will also extend their hours. In addition to the LPD communicating information, various outreach teams are also activated to connect people to resources.

The Housing Service of Mid-Michigan has pulled Clinton County into their Eaton County HUD. Brooke can provide contact information for the Eaton County HUD. Clinton County doesn't have an emergency shelter, so people have to come to Ingham County for those resources. There are very limited affordable housing options in Eaton and Clinton Counties because zoning laws don't offer many options for multi-family housing.

Paula questioned if there are also state-level affordable housing initiatives. Brooke indicated that the Michigan State Housing Development is the authority over the local HUDs. Paula noted that it feels like there is a fragmented process in MI that creates scarcity and makes the system difficult for people to navigate.

Brooke encouraged members to talk to elected officials about these topics. Having representatives at local city council meetings to advocate for affordable and supportive housing is important. Talking to legislators about the need for more supportive housing is also helpful. Brooke highlighted a few topics that can be addressed to increase the availability and accessibility of safe, affordable, and supportive housing, including the expansion of funding for support services, reducing barriers/increasing access to housing, and providing more opportunities for special populations.

Dianne emphasized that secure housing makes treatment more effective and increases access to meeting needs that allow people to seek services.

Brooke will send additional housing information to Elise to share with the committee, including specific information to highlight during advocacy efforts. Brooke also invited members to reach out to her directly if they would like to discuss any of this information in more detail.

Demographics Report

Sara handed out a copy of the most recent Demographics Report and highlighted some areas of interest. This report is new, so a full analysis hasn't been completed yet. This report includes all individuals who had a contact with CMHA-CEI that results in information being entered in the electronic health record. This year CEI went over 14,000 for the first time, which is a 20% increase from FY19 to current. This report will be used in the next Needs Assessment and the data will be used to compare CMHA-CEI

to the overall population regionally and/or state-wide.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:29 pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 27, 2024 at 5:30 p.m., Atrium, 812 E. Jolly Road, Lansing, MI.

Minutes submitted by:

Emily Wollner

QCSRR Administrative Assistant