



**Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
 Legislative Action Committee**

Monday, March 27, 2017
 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Meeting Attendance:

Ryan Hannon	Goodwill Street Outreach
Stephanie Kasprzak	Monroe County Opportunity Program
Sarah Sporny	Community Housing Network
Doug Russell	Room at the Inn, Marquette
Roxanne Morin	NEMCSA
Robert Elchert	United Way of the Kalamazoo and Battle Creek Region
Amanda Carlisle	Washtenaw Housing Alliance
Terri Ariss	Livingston County Homeless CoC Committee
Lisa Moler	Mid Michigan Community Action
Tamara Gaines	Salvation Army
Amelia Allen	HAND
Katrina Urista	City of Lansing
Angie Mayeaux	Haven House
Eric Hufnagel	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Laurel Burchfield	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Jason Weller	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness

Call to Order: Eric Hufnagel called the meeting to order at 12:03

Introductions

March 2 Legislative Recap (Laurel)

- Good turnout-over 70 people registered, around 70 legislative offices
- Good feedback about who we should be engaging with and what next steps should be

Policy Priority Setting

- Reports from Subcommittees
 - (Eric) Affordable Housing: Hasn't met this month. Meeting notes from first meeting will be available online soon. Good conversations with legislators.

- (Laurel) Decriminalization: Focus on data collection and education/awareness building. Surveys and questionnaires. Homeless Bill of Rights introduced by Sen Johnson's office-will be conducting follow up.
- (Jason) State ID: Able to ID state legislators during advocacy day who are interested. Resulted in some direct action, such as site visits. Met two weeks ago: creating better infrastructure for information-sharing—dropbox—and creating consistent talking points for three target groups— Secretary of States, Vital Documents Office in Lansing, local level communities that are looking at slush funds for County Clerks offices for vital docs fees. No set meeting schedule but will meet again before legislative recess.

Federal and State Budget

- State Budget: Gov proposed budget that included ESP and at-risk students increases (Eric)
 - Eric has been meeting with subcommittee members. Salvation Army and Goodwill also meeting on ESP. Positive feedback, but we need to be vigilant since environment is subject to change.
 - Still appropriate to be making calls-look for that info on social media
- Federal Budget: President put out his blueprint (Eric)
 - HUD-this is the primary budget fund that impacts the population we work with, though there are other budget items.
 - \$4.3 billion decrease/12%. This impacts Michigan-4,945 vouchers, \$32,135,105 in public housing funding, \$111,447,354 in Community Development Block Grant funding and \$29,024,174 in HOME funding for Michigan. These direct cuts will make impact, but will also impact state-level budget and how these programs get funded from state or local level. Need to also get local level officials to engage.
 - MCAH will be putting out plan for feedback-quick turnaround (48 hrs).
 - Our goals:
 - Make case to leg about why HUD should not get significant cuts
 - Draw media attention about value of HUD-really describe what is the value at local level
 - Time line:
 - Full recess: April 10-22
 - House recess only: May 5-15, May 26
 - Full Recess: July 3-7
 - Full Recess: August
 - FY Begins: October 1
 - Possible Actions:
 - Op-Ed for state-wide distribution
 - Letters to the Editor drafts to member group for local papers
 - Organize in-district visits with MCAH members
 - Facilitate roundtables with multiple stakeholders for legislative offices
 - Press Conferences
 - Feedback:
 - Stephanie-Community Action Network added to state wide partners
 - Amanda-local elected officials are passing resolutions opposing HUD cuts-initiated by Counties of economic.
 - Interest in roundtables and site visits?
 - Amanda
 - Amelia
 - Ryan

Calls to Action

- State Funding

- Follow national level advocacy—MCAH will be using consistent messaging

Webinar/Training Calendar (Jason)

- Looking for input for webinars: Should we repeat advocacy webinars? New topics?
 - No feedback
- Immigration webinar will be repeated
- Angie-Haven House from East Lansing-Is there any action to be taken with agency about process for how that money will be distributed?
 - Eric-that would be through Salvation Army. Doesn't recall any meetings/standing opportunities to participate in that conversation. MCAH can put some feelers out for input opportunities.

Notices from Group

- Breakfast of Champions-May 17
- Robert-meeting this Friday with County Clerk in Kalamazoo County and County Commission Chair about fee waivers for vital records like what was done in Calhoun.

Next Meeting:

- April 24 @ 12:00