



**Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness  
 Legislative Action Committee**

Monday, June 26 2017  
 12:00-1:00 p.m.

**Meeting Attendance:**

Sarah Sporny	Community Housing Network
Terri Ariss	Livingston County CoC
Peter Ruark	Michigan League for Public Policy
Elizabeth Kelly	HOPE
Roxanne Morin	NEMSCA
Lyn Raymond	Greater Ottawa County United Way
Lisa Moller	Mid-Michigan Community Action
Ryan Hannon	Goodwill Street Outreach
Kelsey Griggo	Goodwill Street Outreach
Eric Hufnagel	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Laurel Burchfield	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Nick Kipper	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Jason Weller	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Lacey Stanage	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Kate White	Michigan Community Action
Amanda Ruehs	EightCap
Debra Hayes	My Brothers Keeper

**LAC Agenda  
 7.24.17**

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

- 1. Introductions**
- 2. How Housing Changed My Life: Rally and Storytelling Event**
  - a. Who is attending?
    - i. Terri
    - ii. Ryan
    - iii. Kate
  - b. Help us spread the word
- 3. Policy Priorities 2017-2018**
  - i. State ID brief update

1. Debra Hayes – approved in Genesee with vital record waiver
- ii. Spotlight on Decriminalization. Summary of Survey Results
  1. Overview of the results – The Decriminalization subcommittee facilitated a survey of agencies and service providers from May 25- June 2, 2017. The [attached report](#) is draft and reports findings on the following topics:
    - a. Discrimination, Police Engagement and the Legal System
    - b. Criminal Records and Returning Citizens
    - c. Landlord Relations
  2. Ryan – update – community outreach court start on Sept 13
  3. Debra Hayes – Genesee county – homeless man broke into county jail – tazed, not through police? Told to contact CHS for services.
  4. Peter Ruark – helpful. Starting work on incarceration policy and help for returning citizen. Connect with Laurel

#### 4. State Updates

- a. State Budget:
  - i. Gov signed budget
    1. Included increase to ESP and at-risk

#### 5. Federal Updates

- a. House Budget. Summary
  - i. Historically, the Senate comes in higher than House, so hopeful
  - ii. House more receptive than Admin, but still some work to do
  - iii. Overview of the House budget from [NLIHC](#):
    1. *Tenant Based Rental Assistance*: increase of \$195,000 from FY17, but not as high as we'd like
      - a. Section 811 vouchers increase of \$30,000 from FY17.
      - b. VASH vouchers increase
    2. *Public Housing Capital Fund*: decrease of \$92,000 from Fy17, but the proposed administration budget would see a \$1.2 mill decrease.
    3. *Public Housing Operating Fund*: No difference from FY17.
    4. *Community Development Fund*: decrease of \$100,000 from FY17, but the proposed administration budget is \$0.
    5. *HOME Investment Partnerships Program*: decrease of \$100,000 from FY17, but the proposed administration budget is \$0.
    6. *Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program*: No difference from FY17, but proposed administration budget is \$0.
    7. *Homeless Assistance Grants*: No difference from FY to \$2.38 mill.
    8. *Project Based Rental Assistance*: increase of \$266,000 from FY17 to \$11 mill, but the proposed administration budget would see a \$465,000 decrease.
    9. *Housing for the Elderly (202)*: increase of \$71,000 from FY17.
    10. *Housing for Persons with Disabilities (811)*: increase of \$1,000 from FY17.
- b. National Conference on Ending Homelessness and congressional visits. Report out
  - i. 10 people from Michigan participated in congressional meetings
  - ii. Priorities communicated to members of Congress
    1. McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Grants
      - a. Asking for 2.6 bn – increase to include inflations, new vouchers
    2. Medicaid
      - a. MI as expansion state is more at risk if Medicaid funding is cut
    3. Mainstream Affordable Housing programs
      - a. Increase
    4. USICH
      - a. Sunsetting. Senate Bill 743 introduced would extend but doesn't not include any funding. House budget doesn't include USICH

- iii. Feedback – mixed. Some MoC are receptive/informed while others are not as engaged. It’s our responsibility to make sure this info is on their radar screen.
  - 1. Eric stressed local visits in August to MoC he visited

**6. Calls to Action (if any)**

- a. How Housing Changed My Life: July 26
- b. Twitterstorm: July 26 at 2:00
- c. Call in: July 27

**7. Additional MCAH Updates**

- a. Summit Mixer/Meeting
  - i. Attendance at the Summit?

Sarah Sporny	Community Housing Network - No
Terri Ariss	Livingston County CoC – Yes
Peter Ruark	MLPP – Maybe
Elizabeth Kelly	HOPE - Yes
Roxanne Morin	NEMSCA - Yes
Lyn Raymond	Greater Ottawa County United Way - Maybe, probably not
Lisa Moller	Mid-Michigan Community Action– no, but organization is sending staff
Ryan Hannon	Goodwill Street Outreach - Yes
Kelsey Griggo	Goodwill Street Outreach - Yes
Eric Hufnagel	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Laurel Burchfield	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Nick Kipper	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Jason Weller	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Lacey Stanage	Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness
Kate White	MCA – Not sure
Amanda Ruehs	EightCap –Maybe
Debra Hayes	My Brothers Keeper - Yes

ii. Award

- 1. New idea to recognize an outstanding individual or org outside of LAC that assists with our policy priorities.
- 2. Group thought it was a good idea
- 3. Process – each subcommittee puts forward a nominee (if they have one) and the full LAC committee votes.

iii. Should LAC have a meeting after Tuesday summit (after 3:00)

- 1. Terri – travel after the summit, breakfast better
- 2. Peter – Send out Doodle poll, breakfast better
- 3. Agenda would be focused on LAC and looking forward, different activities to participate in. Back of shop.

- b. Advocacy Day planning committee and Legislative Blitz – to be discussed at Summit meeting or next LAC meeting

**8. Advocacy Updates from the Field**

- a. None

**9. Next meeting: August 28**