

2022
Homeless
Advocacy Day

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Agenda

9:30 a.m.	Review of Advocacy Day priorities, talking points, materials Lisa Chapman, Director of Public Policy, MCAH
10:30 a.m.	Keynote Speaker Brian Calley, Exec. Director- SBAM and former Lieutenant Governor of Michigan
11:00 a.m.	Wrap Up & Logistics Lisa Chapman
11:30 - 4:00	MI House & Senate Meetings



Please remember to submit the "**Report Back**" form (included in your original email) to Lisa Chapman no later than April 1.



Advocacy Tips



DO introduce everyone in the meeting and say why you're there
"We're here for the Homelessness Advocacy Day"

DO be confident - you are the expert on these issues and your community needs

DO share MCAH talking points AND your personal stories and local data

DO be flexible and understanding of tech issues or barriers



DON'T wear inappropriate clothing (nothing political)

DON'T be disappointed if you meet with staff

DON'T be aggravated if they disagree your perspective - educate them!

DON'T let this be the last time they hear from you – keep the relationship going

DON'T be afraid to say you are unsure of a question- gives a chance to follow up!



Talking Points

- **Source of Income Protections:** House Bills 4553 & 4554 (Committee on Regulatory Reform), Senate Bills 254 & 255 (Committee on Local Government) introduced in 2021.

A Bit of Background

*All renters and persons seeking homeownership should be treated fairly regardless of their source of legal income. These bills prohibit discrimination of renters and homebuyers based on their source of income including veterans benefits, social security, SSI/SSDI, Alimony and child support, Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF), emergency rental assistance and housing choice vouchers, among others. Currently, 19 states and D.C. have laws that protect source of incomes of residential renters and buyers. In Michigan, a landlord can legally refuse to consider some sources of income, including Housing Choice Vouchers (formerly known as Section 8).
See other document in this packet.*

The Ask

Support this legislation by encouraging committee chairs to move this bill into committee and eventually vote to pass.



Talking Points

- **Eviction Expungement Legislation:** Senate Bill 949 introduced by Sen. Brinks with bi-partisan support 3/3/2022, no hearing as yet.

A Bit of Background

The bill would provide opportunities for certain eviction records to be sealed. It would also provide the courts with discretion on records that are at least five years old but require the sealing of them in certain cases — such as tenants residing in foreclosed properties and evictions filed during a declared state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic. See other document in this packet.

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Talking Points

- **Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund (MHCDF)- Michigan's Housing Trust Fund**

***A Big Win!** \$100 million was included in SB 565 the infrastructure bill that was passed on 3/24/22! Please make sure to thank the member of the legislature that you are meeting with for this funding! This fund has only been funded twice before since inception with General Fund \$.*

Still Needed

*The Michigan Housing and Community Development Fund (MHCDF) exists to support the development and coordination of public private partnerships to meet the attainable housing needs of households across the state. There is currently **NO ongoing** source of funding to perpetuate the MHCDF. Other states use document recording fees, real estate transfer fees, etc.*

The Ask

We need to advocate for a **sustainable** source of funding that will be dedicated to MHCDF to assure funding is available every year for this important purpose.

Please share any additional information about eviction diversion/CERA funding, the need, and what the available resources looks like in your community.

Include personal stories of those in your community who are seeking eviction diversion resources.



Follow Up

Please identify in advance one person who will take notes and submit the virtual Homelessness Advocacy Day report form to Lisa Chapman, Director of Public Policy/MCAH

Legislative Follow Up

- **A thank you email or call.** Use this as a time to further your relationship – invite them to participate in activities you are hosting – and to re-iterate your talking points from the call.
- **Send more detailed information.** If your legislature had questions, utilize the provided materials or additional information.
- **Tweet** about the talking points and tag the Legislator on Twitter. Please also tag MCAH (@mihomeless).
- Don't let this be the last time you engage with your legislature, think of it as **the start of a beautiful relationship!**
- **Keep raising your voice** in support of increasing housing assets and ending homelessness.



MCAH Thanks You

- Let MCAH know how it goes! Send us your notes, feedback form, and any suggestions for improving the event.
- Sign up for MCAH e-mail alerts and follow us on Facebook and Twitter
- Join the MCAH Legislative Action Committee – 1st Monday of the month at Noon
- Join the Coalition for Expanding Housing Access- Every other Thursday at 10 am. (Upcoming March 31 and April 14)

