

Advocacy and Public Awareness

Meeting Minutes

6.10.19

Present: Leah McCall, Ashley Burton, Angela Gougherty, Elizabeth Kelly, Deb Hendren, Kelly Phillips, Janet Smith

Absent: Eric Burton, LaMontre Harris, Rebecca Mix, Debbie Brinson, Marc Craig

1. **Policy Agenda:** Ashley will send out and bring copies to the next meeting for review
2. **Responding to HUD's Comment period on proposed changes for "Mixed Status" families & Equal Access:**

- a. MIXED STATUS: HUD proposed a rule change that would no longer allow "mixed-status" families – households with both documented and undocumented members – to qualify for federal housing assistance based on their immigration status.
 - i. This proposed rule would force families out of public housing and Section 8 programs, effectively spurring homelessness, forced family breakups, and/or loss of housing assistance
 - ii. From now until **JULY 9** you can submit a comment to HUD to oppose this rule
 - iii. Elizabeth will craft a public comment that provides a story explaining how community comes together; Leah will send to the Alliance Board for approval
- b. EQUAL ACCESS: This proposed rule provides that grant recipients, subrecipients, owners, operators, managers, and providers (Shelter Providers) under HUD programs which permit single-sex or sex-segregated facilities (such as bathrooms or temporary, emergency shelters and other buildings and facilities with physical limitations or configurations that require and are permitted to have shared sleeping quarters or bathing facilities) **may establish a policy, consistent with state and local law, by which such Shelter Provider considers an individual's sex for the purposes of determining accommodation within such shelters and for purposes of determining sex for admission to any facility or portion thereof.**
 - i. Deb, will craft a public comment that provides a story explaining how community comes together; Leah will send to the Alliance Board for approval
 - ii. Kelly will reach out to Luke to help provide info with story (two communities came together to help)

3. **FMR Exception:** Deb followed up with Mark Sorbo, he responded saying that it was part of a much bigger conversation up in DC that was part of another plan.

- a. Leah will send an email to Keith for all grantee agenda item – we would like to talk about FMR limitations with the current market

4. **Legislative Action:** No update

- a. Still waiting to hear about the \$226,000 allocated in the governor's budget

5. **ABA – FS – Outreach to Oakland County District Judges**

- a. Elizabeth will follow up with Jayesh about background checks & referrals- issue with pulling SOS fact sheet because of low barrier model
 - b. Money for iChat – need to discuss who is paying for it-SD?

- c. Issue of people not staying at the shelter
 - d. Discussion at Face to Face, specially about RRH and if warrant needs to be cleared before pursuing housing. Different because RRH is month to money as opposed to PSH which is a longer lease.
 - e. Leah set up a meeting with Jody – Liaison – We are having issues with pulling iChat, see if she can help us if the client is an OCHN recipient
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PUBLIC RELATIONS

1. **November: Homeless Awareness month:** Group discussed PR for Functional Zero Veterans
 - a. Focus on putting it out there that we need more affordable housing
 - b. Affordable housing benefits everything
2. **Use November:** Looking at ways to engage all of the members of the Alliance to be doing certain events and to coordinate that to theme it around things like affordable housing
 - a. Educating the community
 - i. Sub-populations; seniors, youth, veterans
 - ii. Angela mentioned making one pager
 - iii. Discussion around United Shore – reaching out to sponsor these events. Leah email CEO to request a meeting to discuss the local the community and how we might partner to help their employees as well as folks that we are working to service. Also, Kathy – Health of Human Services – Reach out to her as well.
 - iv. Ways the community can assist, ask the municipalities to do something
3. **Ashley will add Homeless Awareness Month Planning to agenda for next month**
 - a. Focus each week on a different population
 - b. Coordination of community events in leu of community resource day; weeks devoted to subpops – veterans, youth, seniors, functional sentencing or families
 - c. Round table idea?
 - d. Next week timing will be Advocacy 9:00 – 9:30; PR 9:30 – 11:00 for more time to focus on homeless awareness month
 - i. Leah reach out to LaMontre about Honor hosting next meeting