



NORTHEAST MICHIGAN COALITION AGAINST HOMELESSNESS

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September 18, 2023 (2:00 pm) VIA GOTOMEETING

Agenda for NEMCAH Monthly Meeting

Welcome-Introductions

Attendees –Ashley Gagnon, Tarin Sheffield, Jason Parks, Elise Gapczynski, Traci Schuelke, Jenny Leaf, Kelli Rembowski, Amanda Rashotte, Jim Vondoloski, Art Ohlrich, Jody Perkola, Jeanine Kaltz, Simone Latuszek, Jaime Gabriel, Father Tyler Bischoff, Rod DesJardins, Karen Bertetto

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PURPOSE: To ensure that individuals and families have access to safe, decent, affordable housing and support services designed to help them become integrated socially and economically into their communities.

MISSION: NEMCAH will work collaboratively to end homelessness by addressing housing issues through a community-based process that develops a comprehensive, coordinated continuum of care to individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in the community it serves.

VISION: We believe that having a safe, permanent home is a basic human right. Our vision is to end homelessness in the Northeast Michigan region.

NEMCAH Committee Reports

Access Committee

Report by Traci Schuelke – Group met last week, they are continuing to meet on a bi-monthly basis. Recently met with Sunrise Mission and staff will be going bi-weekly to complete in person intakes for guests. Next meeting is November 14th from 10:00-11:30am.

Communications/Marketing/Partnerships

Report by Tarin Sheffield – Last meeting was in July, although currently planning 3 meetings in October to get ready for Homeless Awareness Month. Planning to do another sleep out for Homeless Awareness Month along with a drive for supplies for The Kindness Closet, with the focus on expanding to more locations.

By Name List

Report by Tarin Sheffield – Group is meeting on a bi-weekly basis. Currently there are 151 individuals on the list. There hasn't been much participation from community partners as they are experiencing staffing vacancies. Recently Tip of the Mitt did 2 HCV pulls, 13 households from Ogemaw County and 20 households from Alpena County.

BoS Committee Reports

Governance Council

Report by Ashley Gagnon – Summit to End Homelessness is being hosted in Bellaire, MI October 23rd & 24th. Governance Council meeting for October will be held in person at the summit.

DV Sub-Committee

Jeanine didn't attend the last meeting, however the group is working to make sure they are meeting HUD requirements so they're eligible for future funding.

Veteran Sub-Committee

No LPB attendees attend these meetings

Youth Sub-Committee

No LPB attendees attend these meetings

Regional Housing Partnership- recently announced a Town Hall Meeting to share the housing plan with the public
Homeless Prevention Program – still have funding and NEMCSA made a request to MSHDA to move funds around to allow them to assist more households
PSH Grant – Received HUD approval to post the open position with plans to start the program October 1st.
Program will assist the 10 most vulnerable households on the BNL.

Introduction to LPBs

Group watched the video on the Balance of State CoC Training Site.

Partner Updates

Father Tyler let everyone know that they had interviewed for the position of Director of the Emergency Warming Shelter which will be located at the old St Bernard's Church. Still taking steps to get the building open to the public.

BOS Committees:

- Performance and Outcomes Committee meets monthly on the first Monday of the month at 2:00PM ET. You can register to join this meeting by [clicking here](#).
- Coordinated Entry Committee meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 9:30AM ET. You can register to join this meeting by [clicking here](#).
- Racial Equity and Accountability Committee meets on the second Friday of the month from 1-2 PM ET. You can register in advance for this meeting [HERE](#).
- Finance Committee meets monthly on the first or second Friday of the month at 1:00PM ET. You can sign up to join this committee by emailing the CoC Coordinator at coordinator@miboscoc.com or join using the link [HERE](#).
- Domestic Violence Subcommittee meets regularly on the third Wednesday of the month at 9:30am ET. You can register for these meetings by [clicking here](#).
- Youth Subcommittee regularly meets at 11am ET on the first Friday of each month. You can join these meetings by clicking [HERE](#).

NEXT MEETING WILL BE December 18, 2023 AT 2:00 PM VIA GOTOMEETING