



OAKLAND COUNTY

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Homeless Healthcare Collaboration Meeting Minutes May 8, 2020

Welcome & Introductions - Shane Bies, Oakland County Health Division

- Meeting commenced at 9:05 a.m.

Agency Updates

Megan Phillips, Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN)

- OCHN has created a COVID-19 resource page which includes resources from Oakland County Health Division and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.
- Resource and Crisis Center is open for walk-ins and Sober Support Unit is open 24/7. RISE Center is available remotely.
- ACCESS had to pivot substance use disorder (SUD) services. All staff are now working remotely, and SUD and mental health screenings are being conducted remotely.
- All higher level of care providers are still operational with limited capacity.
- OCHN is still referring clients for SUD, detox and medication assisted treatment.
- Outpatient providers are using tele-health.

Elizabeth Kelly, HOPE Shelter

- HOPE is accepting clients that are positive or have been exposed to coronavirus. They are quarantining essential works in motel areas.
- Intakes are being done over the phone.
- HOPE is accepting referrals from Oakland County jail.
- HOPE is experiencing individuals that have been treated for COVID-19, discharged from the hospital and do not understand why they must quarantine themselves.

Jessie Polito, Lighthouse

- On March 13, their rotating shelter stopped. All guests are now staying in a hotel. Before coronavirus, the shelter served about 30-35 people. Now, they are serving over 60 people. Those being sheltered are treated as if they were exposed to coronavirus.
- To request food assistance or other services, visit <https://www.mycovidresponse.org/signup?description=I+need+help>. Food can be delivered to requestor.

Erica Partee, Honor Community Health

- Honor Community Health is arranging medical and mental health virtual visits for clients.
- They are trying to arrange transportation for guests that need in-person visits or need to be retested. Uber drivers have been canceling trips once they discover the destination.

Karry Rieth, Community Home Improvement Program

- They are in the planning process of CARES Act allocation for ESG and CBDG funds.

Leah McCall, Alliance for Housing

- CARES Act and Michigan State Housing Development Authority funds have specific funding criteria such as people must be COVID-19 positive, COVID-19 exposed, or be a high-risk population as defined by the CDC.
- They are working on the coordinated entry process.
- Alliance for Housing is buying PPE for shelters with funding through United Way.

Deb Hendren, Community Housing Network

- Staff are working remotely.
- They are focusing on harm reduction with clients such as giving out wipes, bottled water and masks.

HHC Updates

- Nurse on Call – 1-800-848-5533 or noc@oakgov.com
- If your organization is working with someone who is COVID-19 positive, infectious, and is unable or unwilling to social distance or stay in place, the Oakland County Health Division, through the Health Officer, can enact a health threat to others. This should be enacted when all other means have been exhausted. During this process, a judge finds that the individual is a health threat to others with evidence they are putting others at

risk. Contact Shane Bies at biess@oakgov.com if you need more information about this process.

- A Homeless Healthcare Collaboration meeting may be scheduled in July.

Next Homeless Healthcare Collaboration Meeting

Friday, September 11, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: To be determined