



OAKLAND COUNTY

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Homeless Healthcare Collaboration Meeting Minutes September 11, 2020

Welcome & Introductions - Shane Bies, Oakland County Health Division

- Meeting commenced at 9:05 a.m.

Featured Speakers

Amy Katz, PACE Southeast Michigan

- PACE is an interdisciplinary and coordinated approach to care - enhancing the well-being of its participants allowing them to age in place at home (any setting that is their home, except nursing home).
- PACE provides full medical, physical and social support to clients.
- PACE is both the insurance (payor) and provider of all services for participants in the program.
- PACE is funded by Medicare and Medicaid.
- Eligible for PACE: Individuals must be 55 years old, qualify for nursing home level of care, lives within PACE zip service area and is capable of living safely at home with support from PACE.
- All Center approved services are at no cost to those who qualify who are Medicaid eligible. PACE Medicaid eligibility requirements: gross income of the individual must not be over \$2,349 and assets for a single person must not be over \$2,000 (includes life insurance cash values, bank balances, CDs, stocks, etc.)
- Contact Amy Katz for more information at amy.katz@pacesemi.org

Kathy Williams, Community Home Improvement Program

- Oakland County is dedicating more than \$3 million in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) COVID-19 funds from the federal CARES Act to help eligible citizens pay past-due rent, mortgage and utilities due to COVID-19 hardships. The Oakland County Board of Commissioners has also given an extra \$5 million in funds.
- During Phase 1 of fund distribution, 3,000 inquiries were made.

- Phase 2 of fund distribution begins October 1, 2020. They will be accepting a second wave of applications for primary residents.
- For people to qualify, they need to be able to meet future rent income of at least 40%.
- As of September 11, Community Home Improvement has plenty of funds left – first come, first serve.
- Rent, Mortgage and Utility Relief Grant Program Application:
<https://www.oakgov.com/covid/grants/Pages/rent-mortgage-utility-relief.aspx>

Lynda Krupp, Lakeshore Legal Aid

- Counsel and Advocacy Law Line (toll-free) – 888-783-8190
- Wednesdays are the best days to call the law line. The law line is open until 6pm and will answer all calls before closing.
- Eviction Diversion Assistance – Oakland County Hotline – 866-248-8715
- Community Housing Network Housing Resource Center - 248-269-1335 or HRC@chninc.net
- CDC's new eviction moratorium:
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/09/04/2020-19654/temporary-halt-in-residential-evictions-to-prevent-the-further-spread-of-covid-19>

Chaka McDonald, Oakland Community Health Network

- There are 212,000 veterans in the tri-county area and the majority of veterans are 65 years or older.
- More veterans have died by suicide than in Vietnam.
- Substance use with veterans is on the rise – 5x the amount of the civilian population.
- 82-93% veterans have co-occurring mental health issues.
- Oakland Community Health Network can support veterans and military families (family members – uncles, siblings, etc.).
- For more information, contact Chaka McDonald at mcdonaldc@oaklanchn.org or call 248-764-4443.
- Oakland Community Health Network Veterans Information - <https://www.oaklandchn.org/index.php/access-and-eligibility/serviceinformation/335-veterans-referral>
- Oakland Community Health Network – Access - 248-464-6363

Dr. Jason Wasserman, Oakland University

- Street Medicine – Emerging field of medicine that provides medical care directly to those who are living on the street.
- The program sees patients at HOPE Warming Center (every other Friday since November 2019) and on the streets of Pontiac (every other Saturday since March 2020).

- Street Medicine Pontiac at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine is comprised of student teams and one Beaumont physician.
- Since November 2019, there have been 224 patient encounters at HOPE and street outreach.

Agency Updates

Lighthouse

- For assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit <https://www.mycovidresponse.org/> for help.

HHC Updates

- Please vote on a new Homeless Healthcare Collaboration logo.
- There will be an ID Task Force meeting on Wednesday, September 23 from 2pm – 3pm.

Next Homeless Healthcare Collaboration Meeting

Friday, November 13, 2020 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Location: BlueJeans