



ID Task Force Minutes
Monday, March 20, 2017 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Oakland County Health Division **Room 216**
1200 North Telegraph Building 34 East, Pontiac MI 48341
Conference Call: (248) 454-0579

Present: Ardi Cera (SoS), Julie Day (Lighthouse), Tina Densmore (SoS), Sandi Elanges (OCHD), James Fackler (SoS), Debra Hayes (MBK-Genesee), Elizabeth Kelly (HOPE-Oakland), Sam Montney (OCHD), Jason Weller (MCAH), Gloria Lutey (OCHD)

1. General Discussion on SoS Pilot

SoS Feedback

T. Densmore had one exception request & the person did have a valid ID on file. E. Kelly stated that the purpose of the pilot is to ensure that individuals who are homeless do not make unnecessary trips to the SoS branch. Often a client cannot remember whether they have a current ID on file. So, if a case manager or the client is unsure, we are going to fax the info to exceptions to make sure the client has what they need prior to trekking to the SoS branch.

Specific County/Agency Feedback

D. Hayes reported a positive experience with the Flint SoS branch. A guest only had a photocopy of his lost ID which was not sufficient to get a replacement. The case manager was able to help the individual get supporting documentation. She reported that the branch office was helpful, confirming he had what he needed prior to his trip to SoS. Genesee County commissioners and Genesee Co Clerk John Gleason are discussing a proposed fee waived vital records program similar to Oakland County's program. Debra reported that she and staff from My Brother's Keeper are providing testimony to the Board of Commission as part of their fee waiver advocacy. She feels they have good BoC support for this proposal to pass.

E. Kelly reported that a training was held at the March 2nd Oakland County Alliance for Housing meeting to ensure that Oakland, Macomb and Genesee case managers understand the process. Due to regular turnover in case management, Oakland is planning to offer this training as part of future Alliance meetings a couple of times a year.

2. Statewide Advocacy Efforts for ID

Michigan Coalition against Homelessness organized an Advocacy Day on March 2nd. Five policy issues were part of the advocacy presented to legislators, including accessibility and affordability of State IDs and vital documents.

J Weller reported that 60-65 advocates came to the March 2nd Advocacy Day event. A large list of legislators stated they were interested in learning about the ID issues and some ready to take action. J. Fackler said some legislators have reached out to SoS to learn more about these ID issues.

A drop-box was created for individuals to share ID resources, documents and talking points that are already being utilized in other areas of the state. Talking points to engage legislators concerning ID needs will also be included in the drop-box to make sure everyone is using the same language across the state. MCAH is encouraging local CoC's to reach out to their county Clerks to replicate the vital records fee waivers/reductions that other counties have adopted.

D. Hendren & E. Kelly presented at the MI Interagency Council on Homelessness on some of the barriers those who are homeless face when seeking IDs and vital documents. The council's response was empathetic and they are preparing a white paper for the Governor on the accessibility and affordability of ID and vital documents. They also brainstormed possible funding suggestions.

Michigan Plan to End Homelessness--Increase Economic Stability Workgroup

This group is being chaired by Paula Van Dam of MDHHS. Some of the goals of this workgroup are:

- reduce barriers that keep people homeless longer
- increase awareness of obstacles homeless individuals face in trying to resolve homelessness
- reducing obstacles to securing ID/vital documents

The Increase Economic Stability Workgroup launched January 2017 as part of the 3 year Michigan Plan to End Homelessness.

3. Other issues/update

REAL ID

SoS will begin issuing REAL ID compliant cards (they will have a star on them) in late August or early September (\$25 for initial card & \$18 renewal for licenses. IDs are \$10). Enhanced IDs/DLs are already compliant. These are marked with a flag.

If an individual's ID or DL was issued prior to 2011, they will have to provide the additional documentation, including birth certificate, social security card, legal presence documents, to acquire a compliant photo ID. I

REAL ID compliant cards are necessary to fly domestically or entering a federal building.

Voter ID

J Fackler indicated that there are rumblings in the legislature of potential bills requiring voters to present official photo ID at the polls. We will continue to monitor any voter ID bills.

4. Social security

Dan Bowman was not on the call.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 17, 2017 2:00 - 4:00 PM