



OAKLAND COUNTY

# Homeless Healthcare Collaboration

Bringing Community Resources Together

**ID Taskforce**

**Attendees:** Sam Babbie-Gill (VA), Ardiana Cera (SoS), Tina Densmore (SoS), Sandi Elanges (OCHD), James Fackler (SoS), Debra Hayes (My Brother's Keeper Genesee County); Debra Hendren (CHN), Pete Keating (CCRT), Elizabeth Kelly (HOPE), Gloria Lutey (OCHD); Sam Montney (OCHD), Shelly Wood (MDHHS Vital Records), Nicole Odom (MDOC)

**Monday, January 23, 2017 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Oakland County Health Division – Executive Conference Room (Room 257)  
1200 North Telegraph Building 34 East, Pontiac MI 48341

**Conference Call: 248-454-0579**

## 1. Welcome and Introductions

E. Kelly called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm, welcomed the taskforce members and introductions were made.

## 2. General Discussion on SoS Pilot

- SoS Feedback (James Fackler, Tina Densmore, and Ardi Cera )
  - No feedback
- County Feedback
  - **Calhoun County** (Jessica Clanton)
    - Not on call
  - **Genesee County** (Debra Hayes)
    - Debra Hayes is half-way done with the training of her CoC
    - Debra Hayes is meeting with county commissioners this month and Leslie Riley from county clerk's office regarding a fee reduction/waiver for vital records.
  - **Macomb County** (Various Agencies)
    - Debra Hendren held a training in December for MCCMH
    - Shelly Wood from MDHHS Vital Records will work with Debra Hendren and group homes to help individuals to obtain their vital records
    - Nicole Odom noted that through the prisoner re-entry program, individuals are able to leave prison with a free birth certificates (in all states as long as they apply while they are still in prison), social security cards ( if they have only used one social security number), and an MDOC ID card
  - **Oakland County** (Various Agencies)
    - Pete Keating reports that he has seen a rise in those from prison re-entry programs who have birth certificates in their possession.

- **Wayne County** (Catherine Distelrath)—No report
  - Not on call. Catherine has accepted a new role with SWS and did indicate that she would like to continue with the group through her new capacity.
- **Veterans' Administration** (Sam Babbie-Gill - 313-576-1814)
  - Sam Babbie-Gill reported she's not seeing as many and that she reserved the SoS pilot program for when they have exhausted all other possibilities first. She also indicated that the SoS fee of \$10 is often a barrier for an individual without income to get a state ID.
  - VCRRC if individuals are discharged from jail from before noon
  - Volunteers of America – call if individuals are discharged from jail after noon
  - ACHB intake program 253 E Milwaukee, Detroit, MI 48942 PLEASE have clients call: 313-463-7056 and ask for Dorian Mitchell

### **Plan for rolling out the SoS ID Exceptions plan statewide**

- Reminder that this process and alternative list of document is ONLY supposed to be used for clients who cannot obtain the recommended documents
- James Fackler indicated that he prefers to keep this a pilot program because of staffing issues. Debra Hendren and Elizabeth Kelly indicated that the pilot program has been operating for two years without significant glitches. They are urging the Exceptions process be moved from pilot to general practice for the entire state as the issues the task force is addressing are statewide. Human Service agencies can be trained in the process through their local Continuums of Care. ID Taskforce will continue to hold "train the trainer" sessions to make it easier for the SoS and continue to work together. And just as the accommodation to new teenage drivers is to use school records as a proof document, for those who are homeless, use of the HMIS ID card as well as the homeless address verification letter should be routine for this population.
  - Kalamazoo County—Jessica Clanton previously requested that the pilot be expanded to K-zoo, all locations. James indicated that he doesn't support this expansion due to staffing issues at SoS.
  - Saginaw County – Debra Hayes reported that Saginaw Co is also requesting to be part of the pilot.
- REAL ID and State ID/Enhanced ID Update (James Fackler)
  - MI has been requesting a birth certificate since 2011 so any state IDs or DLs issued after that will be compliant with Real ID, marked with a star on the ID. Enhanced IDs or DLs are already compliant as they needed proof of citizenship as part of the application. There will be no cost difference for compliant state IDs which will remain \$10. If an individual wants an enhanced state ID, the cost is \$30. The Enhanced ID would be necessary for travel to Canada and Mexico in lieu of a passport.
- Vital Records – (Shelly Woods)
 

MDHHS has no plans to offer fee reduced/waived vital records at this time. This would require an act of the legislature to change the fee structure to allow for this.

MDOC is offering prisoners who will shortly be released the opportunity to acquire a birth certificate at no cost to the prisoner if they apply prior to discharge from the correctional facility.

- Other issues/updates
  - Voter ID –In the lame duck session of the Legislature, there was a bill requiring a special Voter ID that caused some concern among agencies serving marginalized populations. In addition to the potential to restrict voters, this would have required the state to provide special voter photo IDs for free that could not be used for anything else as well as have MDHHS vital records provide free birth certificates. It is anticipated that there will be more voter ID bills in the upcoming session.
  - MCAH agency survey throughout Michigan on ID access – 8 question survey to be sent in early February to CoCs throughout the state for distribution to local agencies' case management staff . This survey seeks to identify the chief areas where there is difficulty in securing IDs and vital documents for those who are homeless/marginalized populations.
  - MI Plan to End Homelessness/Increase Economic Stability Workgroup – Access to ID has been written into the state Plan to End Homelessness. The IES Workgroup is working to address barriers to ID including fees.
  - MI Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity – 2/8/17 meeting is dedicated to ID access . James Fackler and Elizabeth Kelly have been invited to speak at this meeting.

### 3. Social Security (Dan Bowman)

- Not on call

E. Kelly thanked members for attending meeting and closed at 3:14 pm.

**NEXT MEETING is February 27, 2017 @ 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Oakland County Health Division – **Room 216**

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*There will be a call in option. Please check the **February** agenda as the call in number may change.*