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**MICHIGAN INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS**

**MEETING NOTES**

**September 30, 2024**

**1:00 pm – 2:00 pm, in person and Teams**

**Link to recording:** [**ICH Special Meeting - Monday, September 30-20240930\_131438-Meeting Recording.mp4**](https://stateofmichigan-my.sharepoint.com/:v:/r/personal/harveyj1_michigan_gov/Documents/Recordings/ICH%20Special%20Meeting%20-%20Monday,%20September%2030-20240930_131438-Meeting%20Recording.mp4?csf=1&web=1&e=YVYP6s&nav=eyJyZWZlcnJhbEluZm8iOnsicmVmZXJyYWxBcHAiOiJTdHJlYW1XZWJBcHAiLCJyZWZlcnJhbFZpZXciOiJTaGFyZURpYWxvZy1MaW5rIiwicmVmZXJyYWxBcHBQbGF0Zm9ybSI6IldlYiIsInJlZmVycmFsTW9kZSI6InZpZXcifX0%3D)

Attendees: Paula Kaiser VanDam, Craig Brunet(TEAMS), Mariam DeLand, Sarah Goad, Ryan Hertz, Erica Patton, Kayla Rossen, and Michelle Williams

Absent: Kelly Rose, Cassie Weston

Invited Guests: Monique Price, Lisa Bahadosingh

Staff: Lisa Kemmis, Amina Mohamed-Saleh, Janice Harvey

Members of the public: Paige Beasley, Lindsey Bishop Gilmore, Daija Butler, Phil Cavanaugh, Lynn Hendges, ReGina Hentz, Donna Price, Susan Williams, Taura Brown, Eric Hufnagel

1. Welcome and explanation of meeting -Paula Kaiser Van Dam
2. Approval of Agenda – Paula Kaiser VanDam
   1. Motion: Mariam DeLand; Second: Kayla Rossen; motion passed unanimously
3. Discussion and approval of the FY26 Budget Priorities – Paula Kaiser VanDam
   1. FY26 budget will be a tighter budget as the COVID money has been spent. There will not be a lot of new investments using general funding. A survey was sent to the ICH members to share their rankings of the items recommended and if there were any that shouldn’t be included. According to the survey, ranking of the recommendations in order of priority were as follows: 1. Expanding Emergency Shelter funding; 2. Emergency Rental Assistance; 3. Gap Financing Fund for PSH Creation; 4. Increase Supportive Services; 5. Expand Outreach to Unsheltered; 6. Community Based Systems Transformation Advocates; 7. Expand SOAR Program; 8. Right to Counsel.

There was discussion on the direction for recommendations in the letter in consideration of FY26 budget. After discussion, council members agreed to remove the recommendation of Right to Counsel ($75 million) and agreed on the following priorities in this order:

* + 1. Combining Expanding Emergency Shelter Funding and Expand Outreach to Unsheltered ($12 million)
    2. Emergency Rental Assistance ($30 million)
    3. Increase Supportive Services ($25 million)
    4. GAP Financing Fund for PSH Creation ($20 million)
    5. Expand SOAR Program ($1 million)
    6. Community Based Systems Transformation Advocates ($2 million)

Motion to approve this recommendation: Michelle Williams; Second: Sarah Goad; motion passed unanimously.

1. Discussion and approval of the Racial Equity Action & Accountability Committee plan – ARC 4 Justice / Paula Kaiser VanDam
   1. Paula asked for discussion or questions people may have regarding the recommendation. Members felt it should be time-limited to measure its effectiveness. We will continue to measure progress to make sure we are moving strategies and objectives forward. Would MSHDA continue to provide staffing support? Lisa Kemmis stated that it will continue to be staffed by MSHDA (Amina) and that MSHDA has the ability to dedicate staff time to support this. The grant is in place with CSH and they would be responsible for convening the partners and giving updates. Lisa shared that this work is currently happening with the infrastructure that is in place but this will just make sure the work will continue once ARC 4 Justice transitions out (contract ends December 2024).
      1. Motion: Mariam DeLand made a motion to adopt this body with a 5-year time limit, ICH reviews each year, recommend a change in direction if needed, and discontinue if not making progress; and can extend it past 5 years as long as ICH sees value; Second: Sarah Goad. Discussion on this timeline with support of the 5 years. Passed unanimously
2. Meeting Schedule for 2025
   1. Paula explained that we are not getting through full agendas at a 2-hour meeting so would like to add an hour to the meeting. Meeting in December will add an hour (12:30-3:30 pm). Meetings for 2025 will continue with that timeframe unless we see we don’t need that much time.
3. Adjourn
   1. Motion: Michelle Williams; Second: Sarah Goad; passed unanimously.

**NEXT ICH meeting: December 16, at 1:30 p.m.**