Network Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2018

Advent House

**Board Members Present**

Jessica Lamson, Liza Rios, Jenny Leaf

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order 9:44

**Introductions**

Please see sign in sheet

**Minutes approved**

Liza Motion to approve minutes

2nd by Rich

All in favor, None opposed

**Discussion Topic**

*By-law changes* – presentation by Liza

3 Main changes - Name Change, Human service and Network consolidation, Membership level change

Please review, vote will take place at the October meeting.

*Board of Directors*

There will be six open spots on the Board to be filled October 1. Currently we have seven nominees for those roles. In September, there will be summary from each nominee. The Consumer position is also open and we are seeking a new person to serve.

**Network announcements**

*City of Lansing* – Mobile food Pantry Tabernacle of David, this Saturday

This afternoon, the Senior fair is at Gardner Middle School this year.

Monday, The Pat Babcock Connect for Kids, Lansing Center. 8:30 kick off with the Mayor. Medical students will be there, money to take families shopping, haircuts available.

*DHHS* – MSHDA vouchers, the proper paperwork needs to be included. The problem comes with paying the Electric Bill, the consumer has to be able to pay the bill. If they can’t pay the bill, then the housing is rejected. Documentation of how the electric bill is going to be paid, needs to be included.

DHHS does have money for furniture. Everything is on hold at DHHS regarding the caseworker changes. Please fill out an application for State Emergency Relief to ask for furniture.

Mt Hope Church is willing to help with moving furniture for clients. Geoffb@mthopechurch.org 586-894-3125

*CEI-CMH* – no report this month

*Coordinated Entry* – MSHDA pulled 80 more names yesterday.

*Veterans Report* – Trying to get to functional zero. Eight new veterans came into the system, and eight were given housing.

MCAH – is doing a bit of research on how to incentivize landlords on helping people with vouchers

NNOV – National Network Organization for Vets, doing tiny homes. They are obtaining land from the land bank. Working on getting a school at Holmes and Pleasant Grove.

Rent Smart Program 483-4877 Joe McDonell

**Speaker suggestions**

Joe McDonell with the rent program

Advocacy at the legislative level, getting DHHS to the table to change the policies

Navigating DHHS, regarding utilities and services

Capital Area Community Services across Michigan

Updating at 211

Resource lists

**Announcements**

CACS – is looking for consumer representatives for their Board. Two year positions. Also seeking four community agency representatives.

Meeting ended for networking 10:46am