

Kalamazoo County

continuum



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The Systems of Care Committee serves as the CoC interagency Team to identify and eradicate barriers that prevent or limit access to housing and services in the community. The committee focuses on planning and organizing to deliver equitable housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximize self-sufficiency.

Participation and Terms of Service

- Members of the system of care committee are drawn from the Kalamazoo CoC membership and wider community and should have basic understanding, direct or indirect involvement in the creation of policy within these systems or be directly or indirectly impacted by the homeless response system.
- Organizational representation will be made up of all levels of institution i.e. executive leadership, management, direct service providers to fully assess and make improvements to service delivery.



April Meeting Agenda

Welcome/Sign in the chat

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Introductions

CoC Membership

- The CoC invites community members to join us in our efforts to end homelessness and to create a county where everyone has equitable access to safe, affordable, dignified housing by becoming a member of the CoC.
- Access to state, local, federal funding streams, nominate and vote for at-large board members, opportunities to learn about other communities and their efforts
- Membership applications are available throughout the year
- If you or your organization wants to be part of the nominations for 2024 at-large board members, membership applications need to be submitted ASAP.

CoC Board At Large Member Nomination

The Process:

The full CoC Membership is able to nominate individuals they feel would provide strong leadership and/or perspective on the Board, regardless of formal affiliation with an organization. Once the nomination window has closed, an anonymous electronic voting process will occur wherein CoC Membership can cast their votes for those nominated. The top 4 vote getters will be invited to serve in the At-Large seats and will be given all the rights and responsibilities of standard Board membership. The term is for 3 years.

When:

- Week of April 22nd Open nominations: Requests will go out to CoC Members to electronically nominate At-Large board members
- Week of April 29th Voting: Requests will go out to CoC Members electronically to vote on 4 At-Large board members
- Week of May 6th The top 4 vote getters will be invited to serve in the At-Large seats
- As a reminder, **only members of the Continuum of Care can nominate and vote for At-Large CoC Board members**. Anyone may be a voting member of the Continuum of Care; however, organizations can only have one voting member.
- All organizations and individuals must affirm their current membership by filling out an application, regardless of current or past participation within the CoC. If you haven't completed a membership application and want to be a part of the nomination process, complete an application ASAP! CoC Membership information and application can be found here: <https://kzoococ.org/become-a-member/>
- (If you have already completed a member application in 2024, you do not need to complete another one.)

Community Consultants

- The CoC is looking to establish a team of (6-8) individuals with direct lived experience of homelessness to work as community consultants to help guide the work of the CoC. The CoC has implemented a stipend to compensate those consultants for their time and expertise.
- The goal is to create a committee with individuals from various backgrounds with different experiences of homeless (e.g. unsheltered, couch surfing, living in temporary shelter, etc)
- **Applications are due this Friday, April 19th**



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What would you like to see out of the Systems of Care Meeting?



**Thank you for your
partnership.**

