

**Kalamazoo County**

continuum



**OF CARE**

**United Way of  
South Central Michigan**



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# April Agenda

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Welcome/Sign in the chat

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Group Agreements

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CoC Updates

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Federal Update

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Service Provider Updates

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Housing Updates

# Group Agreements

- **Speak your truth:** Say what is in your heart, trusting that your voice will be heard, and your contribution respected. Be aware that the impact of your words on others may be very different from your intent.
- **When things get difficult, turn to wonder:** If you find yourself disagreeing with another, becoming judgmental, or experiencing challenging emotions, try turning to wonder: "I wonder what she is thinking?" "I wonder what brought him to this place?" "I wonder what they are feeling right now?" "I wonder what my reaction teaches me about myself."
- **Identify assumptions and suspend judgment:** Our assumptions and judgments are usually invisible to us, yet they undergird our worldview. By identifying our assumptions, we can then set them aside and open our viewpoints to greater possibilities.

# CoC Updates



# CoC Updates: Funding

- **CoC Mini-Grants(up to \$15,000) are available on a rolling basis to CoC member organizations.** Details can be found here: [Mini-Grants – Continuum of Care \(kzoococ.org\)](http://kzoococ.org)



# CoC Updates

Welcome new CoC Associate Javier Carillo!

No longer hiring Grants Manager

RentAble program is back open! No longer accepting applications for April.

Will begin taking applications first Tuesday of May

Visit website for most up to date information:

<https://kzoococ.org/rentable-program/>

# Federal update

Funding, policies, etc



# Recent changes at the federal level that impact homeless services

**Funding Freezes:** The administration issued a memo to pause federal grants for various social services, including homelessness support. The memo was rescinded on Jan. 29th; however, some Federal funds may not be accessible. This abrupt suspension has disrupted funding for numerous service providers nationwide, affecting their ability to operate effectively [\(You can take action now with the National Low Income Housing Coalition\)](#).

**Policy Reversals:** The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has rescinded the 2016 "Equal Access" rule, which previously ensured that transgender individuals had equal access to shelters and services. This change may lead to increased discrimination against transgender individuals seeking shelter. In Feb 7th memo Sec. Turner instructed HUD to stop enforcing EAR

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Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) rule: The AFFH rule was intended to help communities address segregation and inequality. In 2023, HUD published a new AFFH rule, which was not finalized. The proposed rule published at 88 FR 8516, February 9, 2023, is withdrawn as of January 16, 2025.

Anticipating the eventual release of HUD's proposed "Mixed-Status" rule (released towards end of first term in office but was never published due to advocacy)

The rule would lead to thousands of mixed status families that have members who are undocumented or otherwise ineligible for public and other subsidized housing to split up or be evicted putting them at risk of homelessness

# Recent changes at the federal level that impact homelessness (What we know and what we think we know)

## HUD Staffing

HUD notified American Federation Gov't Employees it would be laying off 4000 employees, or 50% of the workforce.

- Community Planning and Development (CPD) -84%
- Office of Fair Housing –76%
- Policy Development & Research –76%
- Office of Public & Indian Housing –50%

Technical Assistance – reduction is ~60% of contracts

## Field & Regional Office Reduction

- Currently 65 field offices, proposed cuts would leave 6 field office
- Reducing regional offices to 7

## Recent changes at the federal level that impact homelessness (What we know and what we think we know)

- No official news from HUD
- Detroit office was set to close Friday 4/11/25.
- HUD staff are being asked to decide by 4/11 if they want to stay in their positions

### Other staffing funding cuts:

- Massive layoffs at the Dept of Health and Human Services affecting administration of LIHEAP
- 3 regional Head Start offices in Michigan have closed

# Federal FY26 Budget

## White House Floats 30-40% Cuts Across Government Agencies

- President Trump's FY26 budget request is expected in early April, and recent reporting **suggests** the Administration is considering proposing 30-40% cuts across federal agencies.
- Such severe funding cuts would be even more drastic than the 15-18% cuts to HUD's budget included in the budget requests released during the first Trump Administration

# Recent changes at the federal level that impact homeless services

## Federal Budget

- Congress passed a continuing resolution through remainder of fiscal year.

Adjustments made in the adopted CR:

-\$16.49 billion for HUD PBRA (Project based rental assistance) +\$480mil

-\$931.4 million for Section 202 (provides affordable/accessible housing&supportive services for older adults) +\$18 mill

-\$256 million for Section 811 (people with disabilities)

-\$3.43 billion for HUD Community Development fund -\$3.29 mill

CR gives HUD the authority to repurpose funds from the CoC Builds NOFO (awards have not been made yet) to fund the CoC renewals. If this is done it would still leave CoC program short \$168 million)

# Recent changes at the federal level that impact homeless services

## HCV

Per MSHDA rep they are not expecting to move forward with HCVs as of right now. They are expected to provide an update soon.

# Recent changes at the federal level that impact homeless services

## FY24 CoC Competition

- Detroit field office began processing renewals/new awards end of the week 3/10; processing in order of grant expiration
- Tier 2 projects will not be funded ( Impacts one PSH project in Kalamazoo County)
- New grant agreements to contain language that mirrors Executive Orders (no DEI, no immigration support, gender,
- CoC working with agencies to determine outcomes if funding is not received fully or is disrupted, the includes gap filling and updating prioritization

# Recent changes at the federal level that impact homeless services

## Future CoC Funding

- 1) FY24 renewals are processed...with a possible FY25 competitive funding round, funded at their current levels
- 2) FY24 renewals are processed...with a possible FY25 competitive funding round with a significant funding reduction (and maybe the elimination of CoC Planning Grants?). This will be highly dependent upon how deep the cuts are in the FY25 HUD budget AND if Congress shifts some or all community funding to block grants to be administered through states. The key question here: how will the block grants be administered, by whom, using what criteria, at what level, and how much available for "administration" of the funds... The role of a CoC in this scenario would need to be determined...

**The hope is that all funds for FY24 are captured, all grant agreements processed, and funds made available to agencies.**



# 2025 Federal Funding

**MSHDA: Plans to  
release FY25 ESG  
NOFA**

**HUD: FY25 HUD CoC  
funding information  
should be made  
available soon**

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# Upcoming Events & Happenings


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MCAH  
Academy  
Training

Unleashing the Power of Psychological Safety:  
Building Thriving Workplaces

Thursday February 20, 1-5pm. Virtual Training.  
Registration Required-\$60 [\*\*REGISTER HERE\*\*](#)



If you have an  
event or  
happening that  
you would like  
to share

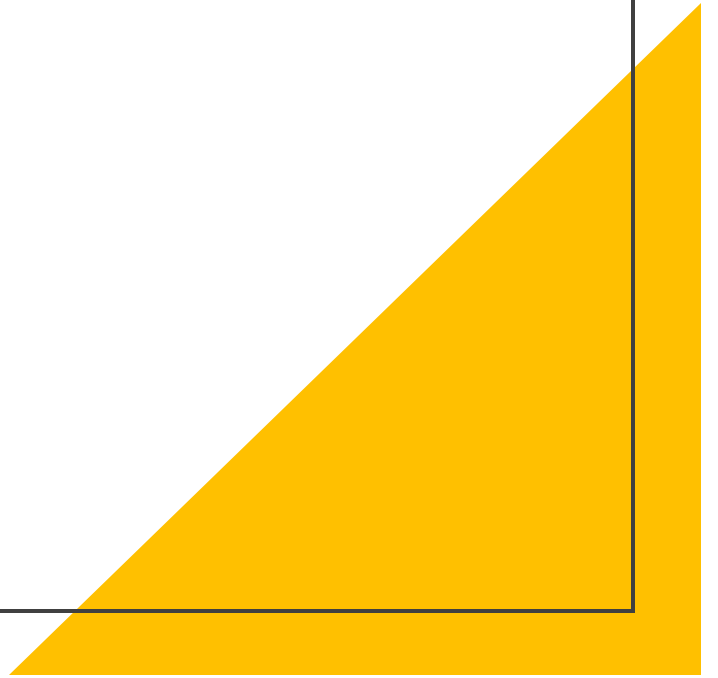
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# **Service Provider Updates**

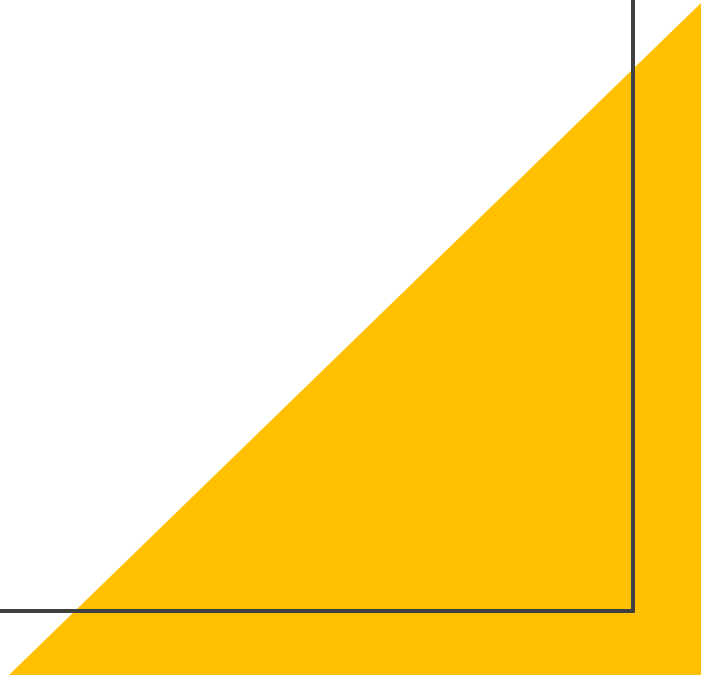
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# Housing Provider Updates



Advocacy

Updates



**Thank you for your  
partnership.  
Next meeting:  
Tuesday May 20th, 1pm**

