

Kalamazoo County

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May Meeting Agenda

Welcome/Sign in the chat

Group Agreements

CoC Updates

Service Provider Updates

Housing Updates

Group Discussion



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CoC Updates

Welcome At-Large CoC Board Members:

Tammie Natho (ISK)

Sean Harris (Recovery Institute)

Tobi Hannah-Davies (ISAAC)

Sarah Cain (Kalamazoo Housing Advocates)

CoC Consultants - Still holding interviews. Will make an announcement by the end of the month

FY24 PIT/HIC results submitted to HUD. An overview to come next month

Advocacy: The Civil Rights Board is presenting updated language City of Kalamazoo, Chapter 18 at their regular meeting Thursday June 5th at 5pm in Kalamazoo City Commission Chambers

Disaster Relief: Community event Friday May 24 at Portage Community Center 10am-4pm. Resources for those impacted by tornados - HRI is leading efforts in housing to centralize supports for those impacted by tornadoes. Supports through the disaster relief fund. More information to come

CoC Updates continued

Funding Updates:

FY25 Emergency Shelter Program application deadline reminder

- As a reminder, applications for the FY25 ESP are due by **11:59 PM EST, Friday, May 31, 2024** and must be submitted **with all required supporting documentation** to usc.gld.espapplications.shared@usc.salvationarmy.org
- **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 \(kzoococ.org\)](https://kzoococ.org)

Upcoming CoC Meetings

- Veterans By Name List Meeting: 5/22, 3pm
- Shelter Group meeting: 5/24, 11am
- Data Team Meeting: 6/4, 1pm



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


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.
- 33 applicants. Interviews continuing through this week.





Michigan Department of Civil Rights 2024 Summit on Fair Housing

- June 12, 2024, Detroit, MI
 - Topics include:
 - AI and Housing Equity
 - Environmental Justice
 - Rental and Homeownership
 - Fair Housing Legal Updates
 - Disparate Impact Investigations
 - Exclusionary Zoning
 - Best Practices for Increasing Equity
 - Disability Accommodations in Housing, including Assistance Animals
 - Registration is free but necessary to attend: [Civil Rights Summit on Fair Housing Registration \(whova.com\)](https://www.whova.com)
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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.





Service Provider Updates



Housing Updates



**Thank you for your
partnership.
Next meeting: Tuesday
June 18, 1pm**

