

Economic and Workforce Development Subcommittee Meeting Minutes January 9, 2020 8:30am – 10:00am

Meeting Attendees:	Adriene Pendery, Betty Beth Johns, Shea Johnson, Sara Magnuson, Tawana		
	Brown, Chad Patton, Sharlene Organ, Oogie Lamar, Sara Parano, Tony		
	Calcagno, Laura St. Louis, Bob McKown, Carra Otero, Dan TenHoppen, Monica		
	Light, Tia Zeien, Mary Engle, Colene Johnson, Nancy Oliver, Nancy DuBois,		
	Tammy Britton, Daniel VanderMolen, Jayme Vosovic, Dan Mitchell, Dick		
	Bukowski, Shannon Harris, Sarah Laman, Shea Johnson, Tammy Britton, Dick		
	Bulkowski, Shawn Arapovich, Denny Sturtevant, Jess Zarik, Wende Randall,		
	Brianne Czyzio Robach		
Time Convened:	8:37	Time Adjourned:	10:05

Introductions	

FUSE Presentation

Discussion

Denny Sturtevant, CEO, and Jess Zarik, FUSE Coordinator at Dwelling Place presented on their FUSE project. FUSE stands for Frequent Users Systems Engagement. This is a national model developed by the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH). The goal is to wholly address housing and intensive supportive services needs of the top 50 system-users in the Heartside neighborhood. Ddressing the needs of frequent system users will help decrease spending

To tract whether these interventions lead to a decrease in frequent systems-use, FUSE will match data on those receiving services across community systems. The definition of a frequent user differs in each community but can include metrics such as the number of ER visits, pickups by police, days homeless and others. Dwelling Place will combine health care, HMIS, law enforcement, other data sources. In other communities who implemented this project, communities have seen healthcare expenses shift from ER resources to primary care resources. Many FUSE projects involve employment services, these services are offered to participants who are ready to receive services.

In Grand Rapids, there has been engagement across multiple systems. Denny shared that the Police and Fire departments' number 1 priority is reducing the number of pickups in the Heartside neighborhood. From the healthcare side, there is engagement from Cherry Health, Mercy Health, others. In addition, the project has support from housing providers, state housing development authority, health services, law enforcement. The team is meeting with businesses, churches, others along Division Ave. to discuss how this program connects to economic development of the Division Ave. corridor.

Currently, the process is in the planning stage. They are having a kick-off event on January 22 from 10 to noon at LaGrave church. The CSH technical assistance (TA) team will be overviewing the FUSE process. There will also be presentations from DHHS, MSHDA, and others. If you are interested in attending, reach out to <u>Jess Zarik</u>. Learn more at: <u>www.csh.org/fuse</u>. With questions, reach out to <u>Denny or Jess</u>.

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Movimiento Cosecha Update	
Discussion	



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Gema and Cat from Movimiento Cosecha provided an update on their work over the past few months. Licenses for All bills were introduced in the state house and senate at the end of October. Bills are sponsored by Rachel Hood and Winnie Brinks.

- HB-5192 and HB-5193 are currently in the Transportation Committee
- SB-0631 and SB-0632 are currently in the Government Operations Committee

All bills are only active in 2020 meaning that this year is the year to push to move these proposals forward. Hearing support from allies is important for legislators. In addition, expressing individual or organizational support for the bills can help build a movement. Gema encouraged all members to join a coalition. One such collation is <u>Drive Michigan Forward</u>. 3 Michigan counties and several school districts have passed support for driver's licenses for all.

Attendees asked questions regarding opposition and impacts of the bill. Gema and Cat provided education on the impacts of driver's licenses for all. Driver's Licenses for all is not about immigration status or voting, but about safety and belonging. In addition, the economic benefits are well documented. Wende noted that organizations can share information and advocate without it being considered lobbying.

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2020 Action Team Planning		
Discussion		
Tabled due time. Action teams should work to schedule a meeting for the month of January.		
Action Team Report Out		
Discussion		
Tabled due to time.		
Organizational Updates		

Discussion

Rapid on Demand: is still available in a limited areas, <u>visit their website</u> to learn more. **Disability Awareness Day:** Disability Advocates will be hosting a Disability Awareness Day event in March. Please reach out to <u>Laura St. Louis</u> if you are interested in helping with the planning.

KDL – is hosting small business expos in January.