

September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

2 - 3:30pm

<https://anokacounty.webex.com/meet/michele.reid>

1. Welcome and Introductions – via chat
2. Any changes/edits to minutes from August 11<sup>th</sup> meeting - **Attachment**
3. Community Conversation – 45 minutes – Breakout
  - a. Data
    - i. Cost burdened households
      - i. See Powerpoint for specific data
    - ii. Eviction Moratorium
      - i. Services
        - a. Question: How do properties know that renters have not applied for rental assistance?
    - iii. Lack of affordable housing
    - iv. Disparities
  - b. Questions
    - i. What do the cities want to prioritize regarding ending homelessness and why?
    - ii. What is their urgency to prevent homelessness?
    - iii. How/What can HHAHC do to help with affordable housing?
    - iv. What are the needs, where are the gaps in Affordable Housing and Homeless Services?

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4. Community Development – Karen Skepper - 20 minutes
  - a. Community Priority Discussion
  - b. [rachel.finazzo-doll@co.anoka.mn.us](mailto:rachel.finazzo-doll@co.anoka.mn.us) Please feel free to email me with questions--especially if they pertain to HOME funds!
  - c. [karen.skepper@co.anoka.mn.us](mailto:karen.skepper@co.anoka.mn.us) 763-324-4603 or 763-227-5807
5. Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless – Listening Sessions – Zara Wolfe – 15 minutes
  - a. Zara & Zach Eichten
    - i. [zack@mnhomelesscoalition.org](mailto:zack@mnhomelesscoalition.org)
    - ii. [zara@mnhomelesscoalition.org](mailto:zara@mnhomelesscoalition.org)
  - b. Discussion:
    - i. [https://jamboard.google.com/d/1b\\_scnegyrLqNrKXHueejAxr8xjSkuumGKB8VjKa0S2w/viewer?f=0](https://jamboard.google.com/d/1b_scnegyrLqNrKXHueejAxr8xjSkuumGKB8VjKa0S2w/viewer?f=0)
    - ii. What are some obstacles that keep your region from efficiently and effectively serving people who are experiencing homelessness and/or housing stability?

- i. Lack of affordable housing
  - ii. Lack of family shelter space
  - iii. Limited street outreach
  - iv. Rental criteria - criminal background, credit, rental history
  - v. Resources to prevent homelessness for those above 200% FPG (need more flexible funding to serve those outside of income requirements)
  - vi. Need for Expanded ESP/State funding for Emergency Hotel Shelter
  - vii. Decreasing requirement for services required for those who are identified as Long Term Homelessness - requiring services long term is not person-centered
  - viii. More flexible funding for storage fees, transportation, moving costs, etc.
  - ix. Zoning - places don't allow for affordable housing
- c. What is currently working in your region?
    - i. Strong and willing partnerships
    - ii. Strong Community Advocacy around needs and gaps
    - iii. Transparency
    - iv. Having hard conversations centered on growth
    - v. Street outreach - could be even stronger with greater funding
    - vi. Positive engagement with LE when they know there is a place to bring people
  - d. What are the solutions that would overcome the obstacles?
    - i. Ongoing housing vouchers
    - ii. More housing - specifically affordable housing, but more housing all together is needed
    - iii. Cost analysis of people who utilize emergency services vs. housing first
    - iv. Improved landlord engagement and willing partnerships to better house people
    - v. Remove barriers to rent

## 6. SMAC Updates:

- a. No Coordinated Entry Committee meeting in Sept
- b. September 28 - CE Assessor meeting/training

Next meeting is October 13th - hybrid of in-person and virtual

## 7. Adjourn

### Next month's meeting reminders

Meeting	Date/Time	Location/gotomeeting/call-in option
Coordinated Entry Committee	Thurs. 10/7 9a-10:30am	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/699295573">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/699295573</a>
SMAC Governing Board	Tues. 9/21 1p-3p	<a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/756256229">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/756256229</a>
HHAHC Prevention and Outreach Subcommittee	Wed. 10/6 1p - 2:30p	<a href="https://anokacounty.webex.com/meet/michele.reid">https://anokacounty.webex.com/meet/michele.reid</a> Meeting Number: 283187674
Heading Home Anoka Housing Collaborative	Wed. 10/13 1p - 2:30p	Northtown Library 711 County Hwy 10 NE Blaine, MN 55434 OR <a href="https://anokacounty.webex.com/meet/michele.reid">https://anokacounty.webex.com/meet/michele.reid</a> Meeting Number: 283187674

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## Glossary of Acronyms

ABAWD	Able-Bodied Adults Without Dependents	LSA	Local System Administrator
ACT	Assertive Community Treatment	LSS	Lutheran Social Service
AMRTC	Anoka Metro Regional Treatment Center	LTH	Long-term Homeless
CAF	Combined Application Form	MAC-V	Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans
CCBHC	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic	MCH	Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless
CE	Coordinated Entry	MI/MH	Mental Illness / Mental Health
CD	Chemical Dependency	MICH	Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant	MICAH	Minnesota Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing
CH	Chronically Homeless	NOFA	Notice of Funding Availability
CoC	Continuum of Care	OEO	Office of Economic Opportunity
CVSO	County Veterans Service Officer	PIT	Point-In-Time
DHS	Minnesota Department of Human Services	PSH	Permanent Supportive Housing
DV	Domestic Violence	RFP	Request for Proposal
DWP	Diversionary Work Program	RRH	Rapid Re-Housing
EA/EGA	Emergency Assistance/Emergency General Assistance	RSDI	Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance – Social Security
EITC	Earned Income Tax Credit	SMAC	Suburban Metro Area Continuum of Care
FHPAP	Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program	SNAP	Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (Food Stamps)
FPAC	Family Promise of Anoka County	SPMI	Serious and Persistent Mental Illness
GED	General Equivalency Diploma	SSA	State System Administrator
GRH	Group Residential Housing	SSDI/SSI	Social Security Disability Insurance/Supplemental Security Income
HHAHC	Heading Home Anoka Housing Collaborative	SSEH	Stepping Stone Emergency Housing
HIC	Housing Inventory Count	TBI	Traumatic Brain Injury
HMIS	Homeless Management Information System	TH	Transitional Housing
HRA	Housing & Redevelopment Authority	THP	Transitional Housing Program
HS	Housing Supports (Formerly GRH)	VA	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
HTF	Housing Trust Fund	VASH	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development	VI-SPDAT	Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Determination Assistance Tool
ICA	Institute for Community Alliances		
IRTS	Intensive Residential Treatment Services		
LCC	Lee Carlson Center		

Websites - General	To subscribe
<b>State Agencies:</b> Dept of Human Services – DHS, OEO - <a href="https://mn.gov/dhs/">https://mn.gov/dhs/</a> MN Housing: FHPAP, HTF – <a href="http://www.mnhousing.gov">www.mnhousing.gov</a> HMIS: ICA - <a href="http://www.hmismn.org">www.hmismn.org</a>	<a href="#">DHS - Select areas of interest to subscribe to MN Housing</a> – enews <a href="#">ICA Newsletter</a>
<b>Regional:</b> SMAC: <a href="http://www.smacmn.org">www.smacmn.org</a> Coordinated Entry: <a href="http://smacmn.org/coordinated-entry/">http://smacmn.org/coordinated-entry/</a> Youth Services Network – youth resources	<b>Bottom of each page</b> SMAC: <a href="http://www.smacmn.org">www.smacmn.org</a> Coordinated Entry: <a href="http://smacmn.org/coordinated-entry/www.YSNmn.org">http://smacmn.org/coordinated-entry/www.YSNmn.org</a>
<b>Anoka County:</b> <a href="http://www.anokacounty.us">www.anokacounty.us</a> Basic Needs: <a href="http://www.anokacounty.us/basicneeds">www.anokacounty.us/basicneeds</a> ACCAP: <a href="http://www.accap.org">www.accap.org</a>	Subscribe to calendar – receive agendas, minutes <a href="https://www.anokacounty.us/iCalendar.aspx">https://www.anokacounty.us/iCalendar.aspx</a> Select Heading Home Anoka Housing Collaborative <a href="#">ACCAP's Resource Guide</a>

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