



3/24/2020

From the Desk of Amanda Sternberg

Hey All

We're cancelling (postponing) the gaps analysis focus groups...even the virtual format. Plan is to re-schedule at a later date, when we (providers and all of us) will be able to give the time/focus need to ensure they yield meaningful feedback. We're still moving forward with an on-line survey and data analysis. I'll provide more details when I have it.

-Amanda

Returning Citizens with the help of Nation Outside

During this time of national crisis we are called to meet the challenge of providing adequate resources and services to people who are exiting prison and returning to the community. To make an accurate real-time assessment of resources available to service the service provider community, and to create assurances that no returning citizens nor their families will be left to navigate their way through this crisis alone [Nation Outside](#) is taking action.

In response to the Covid-19 crisis, criminal justice reform advocates are calling for the release of incarcerated people who are considered low risk to the community. While Nation Outside understands the need for action, we are mindful that returning citizens have unique challenges and specific needs. Our response to this crisis is to cast a broad net in search of community-based organizations, institutions and foundations who are prepared to receive people returning to communities throughout Michigan in the coming months.

Nation Outside is working to ensure adequate housing and supportive services for returning citizens. On average Michigan paroles 10,000 people from prison per year. This means over the next four months no fewer than 2,500 people will be paroled. Covid-19 has put a strain on community-based systems and resources which otherwise would be available for those in transition. The purpose of this survey is to identify where essential services and supports are available to ensure successful transition to the community.

If you are with, or are aware of, an organization, institution or foundation that is poised to provide direct services to people exiting prison, please take a moment to complete and/or share this survey widely throughout your network.

[COMPLETE FORM HERE.](#)

Community & Home Supports, Inc. Job Opportunity

Community and Home Supports, Inc. has begun they search for a Resource Navigator. Attached the job description.

Job Title: Resource Navigator

Job Summary: The Resource Navigator is primarily responsible to assist individuals and families who are literally homeless according to federal regulations with acquiring the services and supporting documentation needed to be transferred to our Permanent Supportive Housing partners.

Contact:

Send current résumé, cover letter, and references as attachments by email or US Post to:
ATTN: Human Resources

Community & Home Supports
220 Bagley Street., Ste. 600 Detroit, Michigan 48226
(FAX): (313)332-4143 EMAIL: resume@chsinc.org
(Please reference position title only in the subject line)

Resource Navigator Job Description Document

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) on the MI E-Grants system for the TSH-2021-Transitional Supportive Housing - 2021.

All proposal responses with related materials must be submitted electronically using the MI E-Grants system located at <http://egrans-mi.com/mdhhs>. Agencies interested in applying for this Request for Proposal must first register both the agency and users, and process a Project Director Request in <http://egrans-mi.com/mdhhs> and submit their proposal by 05/05/2020 at 15:00.

For application instructions, please visit <http://egrans-mi.com/mdhhs> and click the "About EGrAMS" link. The "Competitive Application Instructions" manual will provide detailed instructions on completing an application in the MI E-Grants system. Request for Proposal documents can be found by clicking "Search Grants" and searching for "Competitive" grant opportunities.

For technical assistance when completing registration for the MI E-Grants system or entering application materials, contact the Bureau of Grants and Purchasing Helpdesk at 517-335-3359 or email MDHHS-EGrAMS-HELP@michigan.gov.



HAND Welcomes New HMIS Manager, Denise Goshton

Denise Goshton is originally from Michigan and have worked in the non-profit, human services field for over 10 years. Denise has always had a passion for statistical information and helping people. She started out in the non-profit sector at the Macomb Homeless Coalition as an Administrative Assistant and was able to grow into other roles including Homeless Management Information Systems Administrator (Supervisor), Director and Continuum of Care Coordinator for the Macomb County (Michigan).

Denise has gained knowledge and experiences from Continuum of Care jurisdictions in Michigan, Virginia and Maryland. Denise has worked in Prince Georges County (Maryland) as an Homeless Management Information System Specialist. Denise also

worked in Church Falls/Fairfax County CoC (Virginia) as an HMIS Liaison and Program Evaluation Manager. Working in the non-profit sector specifically in regards to data has played a huge part in Denise receiving her Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology.

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Detroit Continuum of Care Gaps Analysis Survey

HAND, in partnership with OrgCode Consulting, Inc., is conducting a gaps analysis of the homeless response system to help us better understand how to make homelessness in Detroit rare, brief, and non-recurring. Your input is important in identifying opportunities for enhancements to services and understanding gaps in our system.

Please take a moment to provide your input by completing this [survey](#). The survey will be open until mid-May.

Note, later this year we intend to conduct focus groups with providers and clients to also understand needs and gaps in our system. Additional information on focus groups will be provided later in 2020.

Thank you for your time! Your input is valuable to us. If you have any questions, please contact Amanda Sternberg at amanda@handdetroit.org.

The link to the survey referenced here is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DetroitGaps>



THAW GIVES ENERGY TO HEROES IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CORONAVIRUS
Our Front Line Energy Program will raise and distribute up to \$1 million in utility assistance

Detroit, MI—April 21, 2020.

2020 Frontline Energy Program Gas, Electricity & Water

The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW) announced today that it has developed and launched a dedicated utility relief program for essential workers that begins on April 22, 2020. The announcement was made by THAW CEO Saunteel Jenkins.

How to Donate:

Every dollar raised for this program will be matched by our generous corporate sponsors and settlement dollars. This is a great opportunity for philanthropic donations to go further. Donations will be accepted at www.thawfund.org.

How to Apply:

Individuals can apply online at www.thawfund.org or via mail. A signed complete application as well as ID, proof of income, proof of household/family members, and a copy of the utility bill/bills to be paid will be required. Upon approval, THAW will make the payment directly to the utility. Qualifying utilities include electric, heat and water.

- Applicant must be an essential critical infrastructure worker as defined by Michigan Department of Health and Human Services the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as listed on the Frontline Energy Program application.
- Applicant's household income must be at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level guidelines.
- Utility account must be residential (not commercial account)
- Utility account must be in the applicant's name; if not the applicant must live at the service address and provide proof of address
- Unauthorized usage charges will not be covered.
- Total utility assistance cannot exceed \$500 for heat and/or electricity and/or water

[Downloadable Document - Front Line Energy Program Release](#)

[Downloadable Document - Utilities Info 2020 Front Line Energy Program](#)

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Requests for Reasonable Accommodations

Thursday, June 18 | 1pm ET / 12pm CT / 10am PT | \$60

This introductory webinar will provide an overview of your role as housing and service providers in ensuring reasonable accommodations are made to support changes that assist your clients with disabilities to fully benefit from their housing and participate in programs and services. We will specifically cover your obligations per Fair Housing, the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Rehabilitation Act.

[Training Details](#)

The CSH Virtual Summit 2020 will cover current issues and future impacts of the COVID-19 crisis, including addressing the disproportionate impact the virus has had on communities of color.

Registration is \$150 per person and is open now through June 22.

(Note: Summit is not included in a CSH Subscription)

Virtual Registration Includes:

- Four half-days of live broadcast presentations from 1pm - 5pm Eastern / 12pm - 4pm Central / 10am - 2pm Pacific
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- Virtual networking opportunities
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HAND Welcomes New Staff Members

William Sheeley,

Data Analyst

William Sheeley lives in Southgate, MI with his wife and daughter. Prior to Michigan, they lived in Rexburg, ID while in school and relocated here after his wife received a job as a flight attendant. They have lived here for 4 years now. His background is in data analytics and prior to this position he was a Data and Systems Administrator for a grant funded through the Office of Family Assistance.



His job entailed keeping in compliance with rules and regulations and gathering and compiling reports as well as making sure everything in the system was up to date and being recorded properly. He hopes to learn a new aspect to data analytics by working alongside the HMIS team to do what he can to meet the goal that everyone is working so hard to achieve and that is to end homelessness in Michigan.



Jasmine J. Morgan, Systems Coordinator – Housing Resources

Jasmine J. Morgan was born a natural leader in the winter of 1990. Throughout her childhood, Jasmine worked diligently alongside her mom to ensure the safety and well-being of those around her. She attended Detroit Public Schools and graduated from Cass Technical High School in June 2008 and she gracefully transitioned into a Public Servant.

After a fulfilling two years with CitiMortgage, Jasmine began her career as a Public Servant with Congresswoman Brenda L. Lawrence. Jasmine worked as a Congressional Liaison and Scheduler for the 14th Congressional District of Michigan. As a Congressional Liaison she managed Immigration and Housing concerns for constituents of Michigan's 14th district. As the district scheduler, she scheduled appointments and facilitated meetings on behalf of the 14th District congressional staff.

Jasmine worked for Community and Home Support, Incorporated as Resource Navigator. On a daily basis, Jasmine helped consumers to obtain vital documents for housing and regularly attends meetings on behalf of her agency and the Detroit homeless population. Jasmine furthered her advocacy to work for the Department of Health and Human Services for the State of Michigan. In this role, she handled grant management activities for Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals programs in Detroit, Lansing and Benton Harbor. Jasmine was the Medicaid Housing and Healthcare Integration Specialist to serve the Community Health Innovation Regions (CHIRs) in Michigan. In this role, Jasmine oversaw the implementation of the pilot sites in Washtenaw, Muskegon and Northern Counties in Michigan to create housing interventions for those experiencing homelessness with high emergency services utilization or high health care costs. She also supported the integration of statewide homeless data with comparable Medicaid data in the Michigan State data warehouse. Jasmine currently works for Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND) as the System's Coordinator. In this role, she will

serve as a liaison between providers and the Continuum of Care.

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Housing and Revitalization Department

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CDBG/NOF Best Practices Webinar

Wednesday, July 1st @ 10:00 am to 11:30 am

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RRH and Shelter Operations Training on June 25

June 24 - To all RRH providers

Just a friendly reminder to register and attend the RRH and Shelter Operations webinar/training this **Thursday, June 25 starting at 9am and 11am**

Registration links are provided below for **both sessions**.

Rapid Rehousing During COVID: June 25th, 9-10am

Topics covered:

- [RRH key concepts, eligible activities & best practices](#)
- [RRH program requirements](#)
- [Planning for COVID-19 budgeting](#)
- [Targeted housing support service strategies](#)

Shelter Operations During COVID: June 25th, 11-12 pm

Topics covered:

- Shifting from emergency response to “new normal”
- Planning for COVID-19 budgeting
- Change management
- Staffing adjustments, Physical facility changes, and Procedural changes

Registration: Rapid Rehousing During
Covid-19 (9-10am)

Registration: Shelter Operations
During Covid-19 (11am - 12p)

City of Detroit Annual ESG RFP

June 10 - The City of Detroit invites homeless service provider organizations to submit proposals for projects to be funded by the 2020-2021 Homelessness Solutions (CDBG/ESG) and ESG-CV program as funded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).



All non-profit organizations that wish to provide homelessness prevention, street outreach, emergency shelter, or rapid rehousing services may submit

proposals.

You can find the RFP and more information on the City of Detroit website by clicking the box below.

[Click Here for More Info](#)



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