Initiative Groups (Task Forces, Work Groups, & Councils)

Leadership Information
Meeting Schedules and Locations

MACCH Councils:

- **Provider Council**
  - **Leader:** Mary Meints, Youth Emergency Services (YES)
    - mmeints@yesomaha.org
  - **MACCH Staff Support:** Charles Coley, Executive Director
  - **Meeting Schedule:** 4th Thursday of month @ 3:00pm – 4:30pm at UNO Community Engagement Center (CEC)
  - **Purpose/Initiatives:**

MACCH Work Groups:

- **Coordinated Entry Work Group**
  - **Co-Leaders (MACCH Staff):** Charles Coley, Executive Director & Lisa Vukov, Assistant Director
    - ccoley@unomaha.edu
    - lvukov@unomaha.edu
  - **Meeting Schedule:** 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month @ 1:00pm – 3:00pm at UNO CEC
  - **Purpose/Initiatives:** Planning and implementation of MACCH’s Coordinated Entry (CE) System. Development of CE policies and procedures, implementing best practices, and trouble-shooting system issues. Ensuring compliance with the HUD Coordinated Entry Notice, published January 23, 2017 (deadline of compliance: January 23, 2018)

- **Case Conference Work Group (formerly HRT)**
  - **Co-Leaders:** Cheryl Dixon, Together and Gary Hankins, Community Alliance
    - cdixon@togetheromaha.org
    - ghankins@commall.org
  - **MACCH Staff Support:** Lisa Vukov, Assistant Director
  - **Meeting Schedule:** Weekly on Thursdays @ 9:00am – 10:30am at Community Alliance
  - **Purpose/Initiatives:**

- **Outreach Work Group**
  - **Co-Leaders:** Gary Scarpino, Community Alliance & Cameron Koenig, Heartland Family Service
    - gscarpino@commall.org
    - ckoenig@heartlandfamilyservice.org
  - **MACCH Staff Support:** Lisa Vukov, Assistant Director
  - **Meeting Schedule:** Quarterly
  - **Purpose/Initiatives:**
MACCH Task Forces:

- **Performance Measures Task Force (PMTF)**
  - **Co-Leaders:** Joyce O’Neil, Siena Francis House & Brandy Yant, Institute for Community Alliances (ICA)
    - joyce@sienafrancis.org
    - brandy.yant@icalliances.org
  - **MACCH Staff Support:** Lisa Vukov, Assistant Director
  - **Meeting Schedule:** 3rd Monday of month @ 3:00pm-4:30pm at Community Alliance
  - **Purpose:** The MACCH Performance Measures Task Force (PMTF) supports collection, reporting, and analysis of CoC homeless system data. Using HMIS data, information from Technical Assistance advisors, and best practice evidence-based research, the PMTF informs the CoC membership and board of directors about the performance of the continuum’s systematic responses to homelessness and homeless prevention. The result is continuous improvement of the community’s homeless response system, increasing both effectiveness for consumers and efficiency in the system-wide usage and allocation of resources.
  - **Initiatives:**
    1. Advise and assist in developing the MACCH Annual Data Reports.
    2. Monitor HMIS system issues/changes/updates, including outside HMIS data requests.
    3. Develop and review Dashboard reports that allow community to monitor CoC progress.
    4. Regularly review CoC Performance Report data to ensure that HMIS data and supporting information reported by MACCH is complete, accurate, and appropriately represents the clients’ and agencies’ experiences to the greatest extent possible.

- **Diversified Housing Task Force (DHTF)**
  - **Co-Leaders:** Andrea Jacobs, ICA & Jennifer Determan, Region 6 Behavioral Health
    - andrea.jacobs@icalliances.org
    - jdeterman@regionsix.com
  - **MACCH Staff Support:** Lisa Vukov, Assistant Director
  - **Meeting Schedule:** 2nd and 4th Thursdays of Month @ 10:45am – 11:45am at Community Alliance
  - **Purpose/Initiatives:**

- **Youth Task Force (YTF)**
  - **Co-Leaders:** Brandy Gustoff, Omaha Home for Boys & Phillip Burrell, Project Everlast
    - bgustoff@omahahomeforboys.org
    - pburrell@nebraskachildren.org
  - **MACCH Staff Support:** Lisa Vukov, Assistant Director
  - **Meeting Schedule:** 2nd Tuesday of month @ 11:30am – 12:30pm at Omaha Home for Boys (Wurdeman Bldg.)
  - **Purpose/Initiatives:** YTF systematically addresses youth homelessness by identifying and removing access barriers, coordinating services and advocating on behalf of homeless and near-homeless young people. YTF collaborates to identify and address issues within homeless and near-homeless young people. We also work to coordinate and ensure data accuracy for the annual youth Point-In-Time (PIT) Count, as well as review and analyze data related to young people homelessness to determine next
steps based on trends identified. The YTF focuses on exploring and implementing the use of best practices to address the needs of homeless and near-homeless young people. Any person or organization interested or already working on young people homeless and near-homeless issues are welcome to join the YTF.

❖ **Prevention and Diversion Task Force (PDTF)**
  ➢ **Co-Leaders:** Jennifer Griffin, Family Housing Advisory Services (FHAS) & Sharon Jackson, Stephen Center
    ◆ jenniferg@fhasinc.org
    ◆ sharon.jackson@stephencenter.org
  
  **MACCH Staff Support:** Lisa Vukov, Assistant Director
  ➢ **Meeting Schedule:** 3rd Thursday of month @ 3:00pm – 4:00pm at FHAS
  ➢ **Purpose/Initiatives:**

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