

First Presbyterian
Church of Royal Oak Presents

Community Conversations: Supporting the Homeless

Wednesday,
February 20, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Organizations Participating:

- Homeless Action Network Detroit
- Alliance for Housing, Oakland County's continuum of care
- Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries
- South Oakland Shelter
- South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless
- Fort Street Presbyterian—Open Door Ministries
- Community Housing Network
- Helping Oakland's People Everyday
- Coalition On Temporary Shelter
- Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic

Panelists will discuss a variety of questions such as: "What is the state of homelessness in Metro Detroit?," "What are useful resources for organizations that want to help?," "Which needs are best filled by church organizations?," and "What is the most effective way for individuals to help?"

The public is cordially invited to join us for this important conversation.

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Join us for another in a
series of conversations about
topics that affect the local
and regional community.
Light refreshments provided



Community Conversations

opportunities for all ages!
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Amanda Steinberg has been with the **Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND)** since 2007. In her role as Performance Management Analyst, Amanda focuses on developing and implementing a systems-wide performance management process, aligning CoC funding with program performance, monitoring programs funded through the Continuum of Care process, and developing reports on data on performance. Amanda has a Bachelor's degree in Social Work from Western Michigan University and a Master's Degree in Social Work with a concentration in Community Practice and Social Action from Wayne State University. Amanda is a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) and is also a graduate of Leadership Detroit XXXII.



Candace N. Morgan is Director of Housing with the **Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries (DRMM)** located in Detroit, Michigan. Her employment history includes, the Eastern Michigan Division of the Salvation Army as Regional Manager w/ the MDHHS Emergency Shelter Program (22 years), Housing Choice Voucher Agent for the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (2years) and Homeless Assistance Specialist with the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (2 years). Member of the Detroit Continuum of Care formally (Detroit/Wayne County Homeless Network and the Homeless Action Network of Detroit) from 1998-2016. Member of the Macomb Homeless Coalition board of directors from 2014-2016 and recently member of the Detroit Police Chaplaincy Corps.



Trish Hubbell, Director of **Fort Street Presbyterian's Open Door**, is a lifelong Detroit resident, and has a long history of community engagement, grassroots organizing, and activism. She has many years of experience in corporate and nonprofit community relations, marketing and public affairs. She also spent a number of years working in the health care industry, promoting health and wellness in minority communities, and communicating about the social determinants of health. Trish has a Bachelor of Arts in English from Michigan State University, and a Master of Arts in dispute resolution. She has been involved in conflict coaching, training and community mediation. She is passionate about social justice, equity and building respectful, inclusive communities.



Elizabeth Kelly is the Executive Director/CEO of **HOPE**, a low barrier shelter for homeless adults in Pontiac and HOPE Recuperative Center, a specialty shelter with a medical focus for the homeless who are "discharged to home" from the hospital. As part of the Oakland County Continuum of Care (Alliance for Housing) and the Oakland County Homeless Healthcare Collaboration, Elizabeth co-chairs the Michigan ID Taskforce that successfully resulted in a state law that will allow those who are experiencing homelessness access to a free State ID. Elizabeth is also involved in an initiative to create functional sentencing in the Oakland County courts which use treatment, community service and other non monetary measures to ensure that individuals are not incarcerated in the county jail because they can't pay fines or attorney fees. Elizabeth has worked 28 years in non-profit administration. Prior to her role at HOPE, Elizabeth held high level executive positions at Easter Seals Michigan, Macomb Child Guidance Clinic, Fairlawn Center and New Oakland Child -Adolescent and Family Center.



Leah McCall is the Executive Director for the **Alliance for Housing**, Oakland County's continuum of care, with the mission and purpose to support housing solutions by promoting community partnerships. In her role she works to establish a collective response that addresses homelessness and affordable housing in the community and continues to work to develop a local system that identifies gaps in homeless services and creates solutions to overcome those barriers. Prior to her role at the Alliance she worked as a Program Manager at Lighthouse, Pontiac MI for over 14 years. She holds a certificate in non-profit management from Oakland University, a Master's degree in Family Studies from Spring Arbor University and a BS from Oakland University in Human Resource Development with a specialization in Human Services.



Debra Hendren is the director of Community Programs and Outreach at **Community Housing Network**, overseeing programs that serve or connect people with housing needs to resources and services. Debra serves as facilitator of the Community Interagency Service Team for the Prioritized Housing Registry for the Alliance, the local Oakland County Community of Care. She is active in the housing arena at the state level, co-chairing the State ID Taskforce that successfully resulted in a state law that will allow those who are experiencing homelessness access to a free State ID, as well as serving on the planning committee for the Building Michigan Communities Conference. Debra received the 2016 Leader of Leaders Award for Professional Leadership from Leadership Oakland, the 2011 Carla Javits award from the Corporation for Supportive Housing for her work as an advocate, as well as the Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness Community Champion Award in 2014.



Ashley Samson is the current Community Outreach and Development Director for the **Dr. Gary Burnstein Community Health Clinic**. She brings more than seven years of nonprofit, fundraising, and outreach experience to the role after serving at several institutions in a variety of roles. She enjoys being an advocate for many causes and engaging in work that improves our community and promotes inclusivity.



Russ Russell is **South Oakland Shelter's (SOS)** Chief Development Officer and is responsible for managing the operations and resources for fundraising, corporate giving and development. He also oversees the organization's events, communications and marketing efforts. Russ's favorite part of working at SOS is that the agency is truly "the little engine that could"—SOS' team energy and can-do spirit is everything I am about!" In his spare time, Russ loves helping out in his community, working out, and learning to play the guitar.



Delphia Simmons, **Coalition On Temporary Shelter (COTS)**, holds a MSBA from Madonna University, a Lean Sigma Green Belt from WSU, and is a Detroit Revitalization Fellow Alumni. She serves as Chief Strategy and Learning Officer at COTS, founder and publisher of Thrive Detroit Street Newspaper and Board Chair of Build Institute.



Having worked directly with the chronically-homeless since 2003, **Benjamin Ogden** currently serves as the Executive Director of **South Oakland Citizens for the Homeless (SOCH)** which facilitates the only low-barrier winter shelter system in south Oakland County. From programmatic and curricular creation to the implementation of sustainable community-based outreach programs, Benjamin has overseen the development and growth of several faith-based and secular programs geared towards ameliorating the struggles of our communities most marginalized citizenry.