

Grand Rapids/Wyoming/Kent County CoC – MI 506

Steering Council Nomination Information 2020

As directed by the Grand Rapids Area Coalition to End Homeless Governance Charter, the Nominating Committee is announcing the open nomination process for Steering Council members for terms beginning in 2020.

We would like to thank the current Steering Council members listed below whose terms are expiring or who have resigned for their dedicated service and commitment to serving our community (and possibly continuing their service through reelection).

Name	Organization	Population Served	Term Ends
Casey Gordon	KISD	Families w/ Children	Dec-19
Jeffrey King	Community Rebuilders	Veterans, Persons with HIV/AIDS	Dec-19
Lauren VanKeulen	3:11 Youth Housing	Youth	Dec-19
Lisa Cruden	Family Promise	Families w/ Children	Dec-19
Tom Cottrell	YWCA	Domestic Violence, Families w/ Children	Dec-19
Beverly Ryskamp	network180	Seriously Mentally Ill, Substance Use Disorder	Resigned
Deanna Rolffs	Inner City Christian Federation	Families w/ Children	Resigned

The full Steering Council is to be made up of 21 seats. The Governance Charter directs that 6 seats are permanent seats (City of Grand Rapids, City of Wyoming, Kent County, Youth Action Board, Veteran Action Board, and the Housing Resource and Referral Agency or HARA). The additional seats listed below are current Steering Council members whose terms continue.

Name	Organization	Population Served	Term Ends
Adrienne Goodstal	Mel Trotter	Families w/ Children	Dec-20
Alonda Trammell	Dwelling Place	Persons with HIV/AIDS, Formerly Incarcerated	Dec-20
Karen Merrill-Tjapkes	Legal Aid of Western Michigan	General- Legal	Dec-20
Kwan McEwen	Urban League of West Michigan	Families w/Children	Dec-20
Shannon Bass	Community Member	Formerly Homeless	Dec-20
Elizabeth Stoddard	Fair Housing Center	Domestic Violence, Formerly Incarcerated	Dec-21
Hattie Tinney	Grand Rapids Housing Commission	Families w/ Children Veterans	Dec-21

Name	Organization	Population Served	Term Ends
Scott Orr	DHHS	Families w/ Children, Unaccompanied Youth	Dec-21
Cathy LaPorte	The Salvation Army/HARA	HARA	N/A
Erin Banchoff	City of Grand Rapids	Government	N/A
Susan Cervantes	Kent County	Government	N/A
Rebecca Rynbrandt	City of Wyoming	Government	N/A
Brianna Lipscomb	Youth Action Board	Youth, Formerly Homeless	N/A
Shontaze Jones	Veteran Action Board	Veterans, Formerly Homeless	N/A

Nomination Process Overview:

- Nominations will be accepted through **December 2, 2019.**
- All nominations must be submitted to Emily Schichtel at eschichtel@hwmuw.org.
Please include **“Steering Council Nomination”** in the subject line of your email.
- Individuals are welcome (and encouraged) to nominate themselves for a seat.
- If you are nominating another person you will need to get prior approval from them before submitting their nomination.
- Persons whose term is ending are eligible for nomination. Term limits do not apply.
- Please share this with participants who receive services through our homelessness system to ensure they are included in this opportunity.
- The role and responsibilities of the Steering Council members can be found in the Governance Charter.
- All persons elected must be official members of the CoC upon taking office.
- It is the Nomination Committee’s responsibility to seek recommendations from the membership for qualified candidates for the Steering Committee, review the interest of currently serving and newly interested members, deliberate and present a list of candidates to the Continuum of Care members for election. There will be an open nomination period at the CoC meeting when we present the candidates for election in order to ensure we have well rounded coverage from as many categories as possible.
- Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the meeting for interested candidates who missed the opportunity to submit their nomination form by the deadline. Voting members will be instructed to write the names in on their ballots in the extra space provided.
- **Please submit the Nomination Form in Word format.**