



**MICHIGAN COALITION
AGAINST HOMELESSNESS**

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MCAH BOARD

*Expectations of Service for Anyone
Thinking About Getting Involved*

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EXPECTATIONS OF SERVICE FOR ANYONE THINKING ABOUT GETTING INVOLVED

Mission: We serve as an inclusive statewide voice to improve systems and support communities to prevent and end homelessness in a way that leaves no one behind.

Vision: We will advance housing justice and make ending homelessness a shared priority.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Primary Qualification

A commitment to decreasing the incidence of homelessness, improving the quality of services provided to people who are homeless, and affecting systemic change regarding the root causes of homelessness.

• *Helpful Attributes of MCAH Board Members*

- Commitment to work on issues relating to the organization's mission
- Can provide time for Board and other agency meetings and projects
- Critical thinking skills
- Interest in problem-solving
- Ability to interact and network with people of various backgrounds
- Representation reflective of Michigan's demographics

• *MCAH Board Tasks*

- Participate in New Board Member Orientation within first year of service
- Regular participation on at least one committee
- Learn about important developments in:
 - *Legislation*
 - *Data generated by HMIS*
 - *Service delivery trends*
 - *Local needs*
- Act as an ambassador for organization to the public at-large
- Network with others who may help to further the organization's mission
- Monitor MCAH programs and services
- Bring and share your perspective
- Provide leadership by identifying new developments in the realm of homelessness and their implications for MCAH policies, programs, and services
- Appoint and work with the Executive Director
- Engage in, and participate in the implementation of, the organization's strategic planning
- Fiscal oversight
- Attend at least one MCAH-sponsored event per year
- Attend related statewide or national conferences, as well as fundraisers or other special events
- Encourage and/or actively solicit additional membership in MCAH

WHAT TO EXPECT

- ***Committee Involvement
(at least one)***

- Communications
- Finance
- Fund Development
- Public Policy

- **Board Meetings**

- Six times per year (on average) - dates to be determined annually
- Approximately two hours in length
- Typically consisting of committee reports, programmatic updates, guidance to staff, and other governing actions.

- **Requirements & Eligibility**

- Formal, active individual membership with the organization
- Commitment to attend Board meetings, including physical/in-person attendance for at least one Board meeting per year, and/or the annual Board retreat
- Commitment to actively participate in at least one committee
- Attendance at at least one MCAH-sponsored event per year (in-person or virtual)
- Being prepared for Board and committee meetings
- Fully contribute/participate during and in-between Board and committee meetings
- Timely and responsive communication with staff and other Board and committee members