

OHS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, July 21, 2022, 9a-11a

Richard Sering Center or virtual via Zoom

Attendance

Board Members: Karen Anderson, Dr. Michael Seidman, Barb Karam, Liam Haggerty (representing Chris Knestrick), Dori Nolan, LeVine Ross (representing Yvonne Conwell), Paul Mosher, Clare Rosser, Natasha Wynn, Dr. Marcia Zashin, Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger, Linda Uveges, Peter Schindler, Fred Berry, Teresa Sanders, John Litten, LaTonya Murray (representing Angela Glassco), Elaine Gimmel, Mike Sering, Loh

Others: Liam Haggerty, Angela D’Orazio, Laurel Martinson, Anne Hutchison, Abigail Staudt, Howard Burchman, Beau Hill, Billie Gilliam, Christie Sozio, Cindy Rios, DD Tanks, Denise Caviness, Ebony Clayton, Jacqueline Salter, Jennifer Harrison, Joye Toombs, Kate Lodge, Kenny Kinder, Matt White, Mitch Wasserman, Sharon Parries, Sherri Brandon, John Anoliefo, Sarah Froimson, Rochelle Harris

OHS: Allison Gill, Erin Rearden, Melissa Sirak, Nicholas Butina

1. DECISION ISSUES

a. Approval of Advisory Board Minutes 5.19.22

- i. Motion – Teresa Sanders; 2nd – Loh
- ii. None abstained; none opposed; motion carries

b. OHS Advisory Board 3rd Chair Recommendation & Chair Term

- i. Fred Berry selected as 3rd chair; term through December 2024
- ii. Motion – Linda Uveges; 2nd – Barb Karam
- iii. Fred Berry abstained; none opposed; motion carries

c. 2022 NOFO Continuum Project Priorities (Howard Burchman & Melissa Sirak)

- i. Reviewed attached “Priorities for New Projects FY2022, Cleveland/Cuyahoga County” handout
- ii. Motion – Loh; 2nd – Fred Berry
- iii. None abstained; none opposed; motion carries

2. NOFO Update

a. 2022 Annual Application (Melissa Sirak)

- i. Reviewed priorities above

b. 2022 NOFO Coordinated Approaches to Address Unsheltered Homelessness (Howard Burchman)

- i. HUD released additional NOFO for unsheltered homelessness with 2 pots of money – rural CoCs and urban CoCs
- ii. Unsheltered NOFO is heavily targeted at CoCs that have large numbers of unsheltered homeless persons
 1. 100-point NOFO with 30 additional bonus points for those CoCs with large numbers of unsheltered homeless persons
 2. 10 bonus points for more than 1,000 unsheltered homeless persons and increases from there
- iii. Our CoC has done great work with unsheltered homeless persons already – getting roughly 50% of those persons housed during COVID – that obtaining this funding would be extremely competitive for our CoC
- iv. No official decision on whether our CoC will be applying at this point

3. Cuyahoga County CoC Strategic Plan (Matt White)

- a. 4 phase process
 - i. Identification of needs
 - ii. System modeling – OHS is providing data for this step
 - iii. Engaging community in workshops and discussion to review draft version of the strategic plan
 - iv. Implementation of the strategic plan

4. Cuyahoga County CoC Youth Strategy Sessions (Allison Gill)

- a. YHDP application completed through work by OHS, Sisters of Charity, FrontLine, and A Place 4 Me
- b. Consultant – Matthew Aronson; experience at HUD preparing this YHDP application
- c. Planning Grant dollars are set aside to work with Matt Aronson on development of coordinated community plan (CCP) regardless of the YHDP award
- d. If we are selected for YHDP, we have 4 months to come up with CCP
- e. 3 phases to this work
 - i. Governance, vision, goals, and needs
 - ii. Actions, objectives, and details
 - iii. Identify projects that align with all objectives

5. Initiative Reports (see attached handouts)

a. Ending Veteran Homelessness (EVH) (LaTonya Murray & Barb Karam)

- i. Veteran chronic homelessness is nearly ended
- ii. Veterans are obtaining housing within 90 days
 1. HUD VASH office in Cuyahoga County has received recognition for housing homeless veterans
- iii. Housing capacity is not at benchmark
- iv. FLS has opportunity to obtain additional funding for SSVF; connection with HUD VASH team will be stronger to obtain housing quicker

b. RRH (Anne Hutchison)

- i. Housing families and singles at much higher rate when compared to last year
- ii. # of referrals received are much higher than can be processed per week
- iii. Housing navigator for Project ACT has been hired – question about if there would be RRH dollars available for landlord incentives
 1. Project ACT can refer to RRH but funding through EDEN's RRH projects would not be available to Project ACT
 2. ESG and Levy dollar RFP has been revamped by the County – application for Project ACT could secure funding for the landlord incentives

c. Ending Youth Homelessness (EYH) (DD Tanks)

- i. 167 youth served in month of June – primarily black males
- ii. #s are higher than 2020 and 2021 but lower than 2019 for same period
- iii. RRH exit destinations are increasing

d. Unsheltered Report (Liam Haggerty)

- i. NEOCH Outreach Coordinator started about a month ago
- ii. Around 250 on unsheltered homeless BNL – may be undercount
- iii. HOPWA short term assistance provider through City of Cleveland Department of Public Health
- iv. 60 day goal to get people housed through short term rental assistance program

6. Cuyahoga County & City of Cleveland ARPA Update (Melissa Sirak)

- a. Various county departments participated in the review of all proposals
- b. \$20 million available and secured all \$20 million

- c. 35 applications for a total of \$65 million
- d. Prioritizations:
 - i. Capital improvements and shelter rehabilitations
 - ii. Homeless Prevention – landlord incentives, landlord repairs, double deposits, additional diversion efforts
 - iii. Housing
- e. Formal presentation to Council coming and ask for partner agencies to be present for support at that presentation

7. Housing First Dashboard Meeting (Melissa Sirak)

- a. Enterprise has worked closely with OHS and other partner agencies to review how permanent housing is functioning – looking at data and outcomes regularly
- b. Matt White and the HF group have developed a data dashboard
- c. HF Dashboard meetings are going to be more inclusive of more HF agencies – those who have HF units within their buildings – to improve quality of dashboard and paint clearer picture of housing in our community

8. Continuum COVID Recovery Space (Melissa Sirak)

- a. 2 spaces in use secured through 8/31/22
- b. Secured funding to carry out these services through the end of the year
- c. FLS will continue to coordinate services for these spaces