

OHS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, September 15, 2022, 9a-11a

Cuyahoga County Administration Building – 4th Floor Council Chambers

Attendance

Board Members: Natasha Wynn, Fred Barry, Chris Knestrick, Dori Nolan, Claire Rosser, Emma Petrie-Barcelona (for Elaine Gimmel), Billie Gilliam, Levine Ross (for Yvonne Conwell), Mike Sering, Angela Glassco, Ed Gernerchak, Linda Uveges, Loh, Jennifer Crossman (for Karen Anderson), Dr. Michael Seidman, Paul Mosher, Marcia Zashin, Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger

Others: Jennifer Harrison, Christie Sozio, Ebony Clayton, Eric Milkie, Howard Burchman, Angela D’Orazio, Matt White, Cindy Rios, Karen McHenry

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

1. DECISION ISSUES

a. Approval of Advisory Board Minutes 7.22.22

- i. Motion – Peter Schindler; 2nd – Mike Sering
- ii. None abstained; none opposed; motion carries

b. Approval to apply for FY2022 HUD Annual Application (Melissa Sirak)

- i. Motion – Ed Gernerchak; 2nd – Jennifer Crossman
- ii. None abstained; none opposed; motion carries

c. Approval of FY2022 HUD Project Listing and Ranking (Howard Burchman)

- i. FY2022 project listing handout available
- ii. Question regarding renewal DV Bonus which is straddling Tier 1 and 2 – DV Bonus Expansion would not be funded if renewal was not
- iii. Motion – Loh; 2nd – Ed Gernerchak
- iv. Angela Glassco, Emma Petrie-Barcelona, Billie Gilliam abstained; none opposed; motion carries

2. OHS Advisory Board Membership Openings (Fred Berry)

- a. 6 seats open for renewal – provider seats determined by HISPA; lived experience seats determined by Governance Committee and recommended to the OHS Advisory Board
- b. Deadline for application postponed to 9/28/22 at 5pm

3. Pay to Stay Legislation (Chris Knestrick)

- a. NEOCH and other agencies working within tenants’ rights excited to announce that Pay to Stay legislation has been passed by City of Cleveland
- b. This means that evictions will be postponed until the time of judgment in the eviction proceedings; tenure required – approval for rental assistance would meet tenure criteria

4. NOFO Update (Melissa Sirak)

a. 2022 Annual Application

- i. Due September 30th
- ii. Scoring note: survey return rate not scored because of quick turnaround; scores were graded on curve with those 10 points removed

b. 2022 Unsheltered Application

- i. OHS, in consultation with Housing Innovations, has decided not to apply for the unsheltered NOFO
- ii. Committed to the work and will complete a coordinated community plan with providers when capacity is available

5. Cuyahoga County CoC Strategic Plan (Matt White)

- a. Activities that have occurred to date:
 - i. Quantitative analysis – HMIS data utilized
 - ii. Qualitative analysis – key stakeholders interviewed
 - iii. Surveys – completed 40 with those with lived experience; describes experience in our CoC
 - iv. Funding analysis – federal, state, & local
 - b. Synthesized information will be shared in community engagement workshops scheduled for next month
 - i. Those who cannot attend will have materials available to them
 - c. Draft plan will be sent out for public comment
 - d. Goal to finalize plan by January 2023
 - e. Race Equity and Inclusion work is woven into all analyses
- 6. Cuyahoga County CoC Youth Strategy Sessions (Ebony Clayton)**
- a. Proactive in engaging a community plan planning committee
 - b. Establishing governance vision, working out a timeline, and continue work with consultant, Matt Aronson
- 7. Monkeypox Overview (Dr. Michael Seidman)**
- a. Presentation available upon request
 - b. If there are questions about Monkey Pox, Dr. Seidman is available for calls. Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger can also answer questions through the City Department of Health.
 - c. Agencies reporting that most are treating cases as they did with COVID – isolation where possible
 - d. Questions regarding current COVID Recovery Space use for Monkeypox patients – more discussion with partners will need to occur before decision can be made to use that space
- 8. Seasonal Shelter Plan (Mike Sering)**
- a. Seasonal Planning Partners have met – looking to open seasonal shelter as early as mid-October
 - b. LMM willing to facilitate MOU role with the seasonal shelter partner locations
 - c. Seasonal shelters are meant for singles primarily
 - d. City Mission has added overflow space
- 9. COVID Response Update (Melissa Sirak)**
- a. **Continuum COVID Recovery Space**
 - i. Funding continues until the end of the year
- 10. Initiative Reports**
- a. **RRH (Emma Petrie-Barcelona)**
 - i. Handout available upon request
 - b. **Ending Youth Homelessness (EYH) (Ebony Clayton)**
 - i. Handout available upon request
 - c. **Unsheltered Report (Chris Knestrick)**
 - i. Approx 250 unsheltered persons on BNL