

OHS ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 17, 2022, 9a-11a

Front Steps Housing and Services – 2554 West 25th Street

Attendance

Board Members: Elaine Gimmel, Natasha Wynn, Angela Glassco, Loh, Karen Anderson, Peter Schindler, Linda Uveges, Chris Knestrick, Michael Sering, Dr. Michael Seidman, Barb Karam, Levine Ross (for Yvonne Conwell), Star Sizemore (for Claire Rosser), Fred Berry, Billie Gilliam (for Teresa Sanders), Ed Gemerchek, Marcia Zashin,

Others: Mitch Wasserman, Sherri Brandon, Kate Lodge, Michaella DeAlexandro, Sharon Parries, Jennifer Harrison, Stefanie Stevens, LaTonya Murray, Cynthia Daley, Billie Gilliam, Michael Hahn, Anne Hutchison, Angela D’Orazio, Beth Graham, Cindy Rios,

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

1. DECISION ISSUES

a. Approval of Advisory Board Minutes 9.15.22

- i. Motion – Chris Knestrick; 2nd – Ed Gemerchek
- ii. Addition of Felicia Galey to the “others” attendance
- iii. Billie Gilliam abstained; none opposed; motion carries

b. Approval of 2023 OHS Advisory Board Members

- i. Addition of Karen McHenry, Beth Graham, Melissa Graves, Raymond Mills & Ania Lashay
- ii. Loh & Linda Uveges retained their seats
- iii. Motion – Angela Glassco; 2nd – Barb Karam
- iv. Loh & Linda Uveges abstained; none opposed; motion carries

c. Approval to remove Gloria Burt from OHS Advisory Board due to lack of attendance

- i. Motion – Barb Karam; 2nd – Karen Anderson
- ii. Billie Gilliam abstained; none opposed; motion carries

d. Approval of OHS Program Policy Committee Membership Update

- i. Motion – Angela Glassco; 2nd – Linda Uveges
- ii. Billie Gilliam & Natasha Wynn abstained; none opposed; motion carries

2. YHDP Update (Melissa Sirak)

- a. After 5 attempts to obtain YHDP funding, OHS has been awarded approximately \$4 million over 2 years.
- b. Community Coordinated Planning Committee has been created to start working on a youth-centric strategic plan for these dollars.
- c. Planning dollars will come from our CoC Planning Grant and not from the YHDP award for providers to have full award to utilize.

3. CHN/EDEN PSH Elderly Development Presentation (Elaine Gimmel)

- a. Presentation available upon request

4. Cuyahoga County CoC Strategic Plan (Matt White)

- a. System modeling completed – use of HMIS data, PIT count, HIC, etc.
- b. Reviewed organization of the report around 5 pillars:
 - i. Engagement & Access
 - ii. Crisis Housing
 - iii. Housing Stabilization
 - iv. System Capacity

- v. Income & Benefits
- c. REI work is incorporated and central to each of these pillars
- 5. Seasonal Shelter Plan (Chris Knestrick & Mike Sering)**
 - a. Launched a couple of weeks ago
 - b. LMM will be operating or subcontracting with 4 different sites – 3 are open now (Metanoia, Radical Hospitality, St. Paul’s), 1 opening in December
 - c. Attempting to serve those who are traditionally unsheltered
- 6. Workforce, Income, and Stability Work (Kelly Camlin)**
 - a. One of the goals of the committee was to complete cross-system trainings – they are underway and facilitated by Heartland Alliance
 - b. Heartland has completed a needs assessment as it pertains to this work – presenting to the committee tomorrow
 - c. Has also completed data analysis using HMIS and Ohio Means Jobs data.
- 7. COVID Response (Melissa Sirak)**
 - a. Almost 3 full years of COVID Recovery space – thanks to all partners who have committed services and funding for this response
- 8. Initiative Reports**
 - a. Ending Veteran Homelessness (LaTonya Murray & Barb Karam)**
 - i. Handout available upon request
 - ii. As of November, only 5 chronically homeless veterans out of 82 homeless veterans
 - iii. 83 days from homelessness to housing
 - iv. Looking ahead to application to USICH for functional zero in our CoC
 - b. RRH (Anne Hutchison)**
 - i. Handout available upon request
 - ii. Single adult (25 years old or more) RRH referrals are back to requiring income
 - iii. EDEN moving to limit clients to just 12 months of assistance
 - iv. Matt White from Housing Innovations will be working with CoC to review the RRH policies and funding sources
 - c. Ending Youth Homelessness (Kate Lodge)**
 - i. Handout available upon request
 - d. Unsheltered Report (Chris Knestrick)**
 - i. Handout available upon request