

ADVISORY BOARD Minutes – July 30, 2020

The OHS Advisory Board meetings continue to be facilitated using “Zoom”. There was a quorum.

Items distributed for the meeting or follow up included the following:

Agenda

OHS Advisory Board Agenda 7.30.20

OHS Advisory Board Minutes 5.21.20

Emerald Alliance XI Brooklyn – One Pager

Project Fact Sheet – Front Steps St. Joseph Commons

2020 PIT Count – 2019 & 2018 PIT numbers

CARES Act Funding Recommendations/Awards

OHFA Tanf Report

RRG Program Data

1. Welcome & Open Remarks

- Work Group
- Zoom Protocol

Participation in OHS Advisory Board subcommittees was encouraged for individuals that want to be more involved in the initiatives and discussion.

2. DECISION ISSUES

a) Approval of Advisory Board Minutes

Concerns were identified regarding the content of the 5.21.20 minutes not being fully inclusive of issues that were raised at the meeting. Discussion continued around notes including time of meeting, the alteration of meeting for 1.5 hours instead of 2, timeliness in distribution of meeting minutes, and the process for adding items to the OHS Advisory Board agenda for discussion.

Current process for the format of the meeting minutes as well as the process for distribution was reviewed. It was noted that the meeting minutes follow the outline of the agenda and prior to COVID, were distributed to CoC membership shortly after the OHS Advisory Board meeting. It was also noted that CoC members can contact OHS requesting an item be put on the agenda. Following the request, the Executive Committee would review the item when creating the agenda.

It was recommended to table the minutes and for the above concerns to be discussed. It will need to be verified if this is the work of the governance committee.

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3. COVID Response Update

- Hospital Hotel

Transitioning to a different location. Number of referrals has slightly increased from hospital discharges.

- Testing

Currently being done once a week at 2100 and NHWC for new residents as well as those that are symptomatic.

➤ Port-o-lets

11 units – All have hand washing stations. Units are placed at the previous locations, but strategically near trash cans.

➤ Hotel to Housing Initiative

Discussions continue to focus on expediting housing for individuals residing in the hotel.

➤ COVID Funding

It was noted that the COVID Relief Funding through Cuyahoga County is being used to provide access to the hotels. County Council and the Executive has approved use of the COVID Relief Funds for this purpose and as an emergency purchase.

- COVID ESG/CDBG 1st round awards
- TANF & OHFA
- COVID Relief Fund -
- COVID ESG/CDBG 2ND round status
- COHHIO Risk Mitigation Funds

4. Right to Counsel

Legal is providing free representation as of July 1st to any tenant that meets qualifications. Working with United Way closely and identified an evaluator of the project. Legal Aid has hired six attorneys. They spent the month of June training and are now in throws of representing folks. The process of eviction court has changed due to COVID. Much work is being done virtually as opposed to people congregating in hallways. The website freeevictionhelp.org was encouraged.

5. PSH Update

➤ St. Joseph Commons & Front Steps

6. 2020 PIT

The 2020 PIT process was reviewed:

- In preparation for unsheltered adult count:
 - OHS reviewed the 2019 PIT cards for updates offering the option of providing his/her name and DOB to prevent duplication
 - OHS partnered with NEOCH to convene community outreach workers to discuss the PIT count
 - Date was determined that worked for everyone
 - A comprehensive list of locations including encampments, day center, and meal sites where you would typically find unsheltered individuals was created
 - Outreach workers elected to go to identified locations
 - All PIT cards were submitted to OHS
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- In preparation for the youth count:
 - OHS met with A Place for Me
 - Identified a time to conduct the PIT count
 - A comprehensive list was determined based on recommendations from A Place for Me and youth

7. NOFA Update

➤ 2020 Consumer Survey Performance Measures

The 2020 Consumer Survey Performance Measures were reviewed by the Review and Ranking Committee with several community providers per last OHS Advisory Board meeting discussion. The 2020 Consumer Survey Performance Measures were voted and approved by the board via email. An update of the performance measures was provided at the meeting:

Based on this meeting, the NOFA review committee recommends the following modifications to the 2020 CoC renewal performance evaluation:

- Consumer survey response rate -- Agencies with at least a 5% response rate will receive 10 points. Agencies with a 1-4% response rate will receive 5 points. Agencies that do not submit any surveys, will receive 0 points. This benchmark is significantly lower than previous years when agencies had to achieve at least a 35% response rate to receive all 10 points. It was agreed that response rate is important to score given the varied size of the funded programs and the possibility of skewing survey results.
 - Consumer survey results – No change. Up to 10 points will be awarded based on the satisfaction score noted in the submitted consumer surveys.
- NOFA Renewal Data Compilation
Housing Innovations continues to work on comprehensively integrating program scores.

8. HMIS Update

Clarity is fully operational and reporting availability will continue to be reviewed as we enter the next phase.

9. Annual ESG Update

RFP has been released. Proposals are due 8.20.20.

10. Data Reports (See handouts)

- Final TANF Update
- OHFA
- RRH
- EVH
- EYH

PLEASE NOTE THE OHS ADVISORY BOARD 2020 MEETING DATES:

Calendar for 2020

January 16th; March 19th; May 21st; July 16th; September 17th; November 19th