

ADVISORY BOARD Meeting Minutes– May 20, 2021

Attendance: Abigail Staudt, Chloe Sudduth for Chris Knestrick, Clare Rosser, Dorivette Nolan Ed Gemerchak, Elaine Gimmel, Fred Berry, Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger, John Litten, Karen Anderson, LaTonya Murray for Angela Glassco, Loh, Mary McNamara, Michael Hahn for Linda Uveges, Michiel Wackers, Mike Sering, Natasha Wynn, Patricia Pearse, Paul Mosher, Peter Schindler, Shakenya Harris for Teresa Sanders

Community Attendance: Angela D'Orazio, Carrie Hetsler, Christie Sozio, Claire Gauntner, Councilman Dale Miller, Jacqueline Salter, Joye Toombs, Karen McHenry, Kate Carden, Kate Lodge, Kate Monter Durban, Kenny Kinder, Maria Sosa, Rosie Palfy, Sherri Brandon

Housing Innovations: Suzanne Wagner, Howard Burchman, Matt White

OHS Staff: Melissa Sirak, Erin Rearden, Allison Gill, Nick Butina

1. Welcome & Open Remarks

a. Zoom Protocol

A) Decision Issues

a. Approval of Advisory Board Minutes 3.18.21

Motion to approve - Ed Gemerchek; 2nd - LaTonya Murray

Unanimous approval – no opposed, no abstentions

b. RRH Policies & Procedures - Matt White – Housing Innovations

OHS will be monitored in June 2021 with HUD reviewing system level practices for RRH. This initiated a review of the current RRH manual with EDEN and resulted in a compliant manual.

- Updates include acknowledgement of multiple funding sources, establishment of uniform standards, updates to grievance policy, housing plan/case management clarification, case conferencing process, codification of the enrollment/termination processes
- Additional review and consideration will continue with the support of Housing Innovations after the HUD monitoring visit

Motion to approve – Michiel Wackers; 2nd Fred Berry

Unanimous approval – no opposed, no abstentions

c. By-laws and Charter Updates - Suzanne Wagner – Housing Innovations (attachment)

HUD requires By-Laws and Governance Charter to be reviewed every 5 years, last completed March 2016. In adherence to this, OHS and the Governance Committee worked with Housing Innovations to review and update both documents.

Summary of changes:

Board Composition, Proxies – process for community representatives TBD, vacancies, schedule for designation/nomination/election process for new

members, removal of members, term limits for co-chairs was removed, clarification of roles, conflict of interest policy revised

Addition of Committees

1. NOFA Strategy Committee
2. Program Policy Committee
3. Expansion of the Executive Committee to include representatives from each of the standing committees

Motion to approve – Loh; 2nd – Elaine Gimmel

Unanimous approval – no opposed, no abstentions

B) NOFA Update - Howard Burchman, Housing Innovations

No NOFA 2020 Competition with all grants automatically renewed. HUD is aware that COVID will impact numbers but hasn't indicated changes to scoring rubric. HUD requires ranking of projects related to renewal. This CoC did a complete evaluation and ranking of the grants. Ranking occurred based on Pre-COVID data.

Motion to approve use of 2020 Review and Ranking scores – Elaine Gimmel; 2nd – Karen Anderson

Unanimous approval – no opposed, no abstentions

This year there is a range of housing assistance resources (\$4 million approximately) and a need in the CoC to invest in infrastructure.

C) Planning Grant Update – Melissa Sirak, OHS

OHS will receive increase in CoC grant funding from HUD. OHS conducted assessment and provided overview of focus areas to use additional resources. (See attached)

D) PIT - Nick Butina, OHS

PIT was submitted to HUD. Overall decrease in persons served, especially veterans. Detailed report will be provided at next Advisory Board Meeting

E) CMHA Mobility Work and EHV – Dorivette Nolan, CMHA

CMHA received 74 mobility demonstration vouchers , 6 year program (families with children under age of 12 to areas of high opportunity) still evolving – CMHA submitted plan to HUD with a research component. Control group with some HH not receiving the supportive services. Kickoff on May 24th at 2 p.m.

EHV (339 vouchers) – Coordination with CoC, referrals must come from Coordinated Entry. Currently working to develop an MOU with CoC. Receive funding on July 1st, additional funds available through HUD based on how quickly CMHA is able to house persons. Information available <https://www.hud.gov/ehv>

F) COVID Response Update

- a. De-Concentration Efforts – Mike Sering, LMM

Currently at Ramada in Independence – phase out plan to include multiple, smaller hotels. Cleveland Hostel going to be closing soon

- b. Summer Vaccination Schedule – Melissa Sirak, OHS
Working with MetroHealth team to establish monthly vaccinations for 60 people.
Testing to continue at 3 largest sites
 - c. CDC Eviction Moratorium - Abigail Staudt, Legal Aid
 - 1. Moratorium is still in place and is challenged in DC
 - 2. Cuyahoga County is still upholding but is set to expire end of June
 - d. Right to Counsel - Abigail Staudt, Legal Aid
 - e. GCCRF Update - Angela D’Orazio, Sisters of Charity
- G) Emergency Rental Assistance Update - Kate Monter-Durban & Kate Carden, CHN
7500 households served; \$26 million spent, 32 processors hired to get applications processed more efficiently. Now able to cover up to 15 months of rent
Sending out email that will go over details
- H) American Rescue Plan Update - Melissa Sirak, OHS
ERA 2 funding – through 2025 for HP and RRH
 - Coordinate with the EHV’s through CMHA
 - ERA 2 does not require COVID distinction that ERA 1 funding didHOMES funding – guidelines to be released in Fall
 - Supporting PSH
 - County and City will receive pool of funding
- I) Race Equity
 - a. A Place 4 Me Race Equity Strategy Session - Christie Sozio, YWCA
 - Reminder: design lab going on since 2017
 - Focus on young, black people experiencing homelessness
 - Intentional about all intersectionality that exist
 - 3 subcommittees
 - 1. Internal leadership – pathways to promotions
 - 2. Policy Entry – homelessness prevention focus
 - 3. Policy Exiting homelessness – prevention of reentry into system (focus on increasing income)
- J) Initiative Reports (See handouts)
 - a. Ending Youth Homelessness (EYH) - Kate Lodge, YWCA
Data shared from Youth BNL. ODH grant – continued with less funding, LMM selected for RFQ (not sure what this was for...)
 - b. Ending Veteran Homelessness (EVH) - LaTonya Murray, FrontLine Service
Vet #s decreased due to concentrated effort to house vets, 70 currently on list
Meeting all Benchmarks

c. RRH - Elaine Gimmel, EDEN

Not as many units passing inspection/move ins

Referrals decreased, Need for landlords to accept vouchers, Need more units