**OHIO BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE**

**CoC Board Meeting**

**MEETING INFORMATION**

**Date:** Monday, June 5, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am

**Location:** Webinar and conference call

**Attendees:**

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| **Region 1** | absent | **Region 7** | absent | **Region 13** | Barb Holman |
| **Region 2** | Ragan Claypool | **Region 8** | Dawn Rauch | **Region 14** | absent |
| **Region 3** | absent | **Region 9** | Deb Tegtmeyer | **Region 15** | absent |
| **Region 4** | Debbie Kubena-Yatsko | **Region 10** | (seat is vacant) | **Region 16** | Bambi Baughn |
| **Region 5** | Tammy Weaver | **Region 11** | Chuck Bulick | **Region 17** | Heather Thabet |
| **Region 6** | Marti Grimm | **Region 12** | absent |  |  |
| **At – Large VA** | Kristi Fredritz (for Jim Kennelly) | **At-Large Youth Provider** | absent | **At-Large CSH** | absent |
| **At – Large DV** | Sarah Masek | **At-Large OHFA** | absent | **At – Large OCCH** | Beth Long |
| **At-Large Mental Health** | absent | **At-Large Housing Authority/PSH** | Nathan Blatchley | **At-Large PSH** | Fred Berry |
| **ODSA** | Scott Gary | | |  |  |
| **COHHIO** | Amanda Wilson | | | | |
| **Others in attendance (non-voting)** | Erica Mulryan/COHHIO, Barbara Miller/COHHIO, Chloe Greene/COHHIO, Cynthia Tindongan/COHHIO, Maura Klein/ODSA, Sandy Sechang/COHHIO | | | | |

**MEETING NOTES**

**RRH Ohio Transfer Update**

* + Background: earlier this year, the Salvation Army informed the CoC of its plan to relinquish the RRH Ohio project and asked the CoC to find another grantee. The Steering Committee issued an RFP to solicit a new grantee, and four organizations responded. Licking County Coalition for Housing was selected to move forward as the new grantee.
  + The CoC has submitted documentation to HUD to request the grant transfer- the plan is for the timing of the transfer to align with the CoC Competition.
  + Licking County is currently working with the Salvation Army on the transition.

**Update on Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program**

* + The planning workgroup meets weekly:
    - The governance structure has been created
    - The budget, which includes staffing and other costs, is almost final
    - The Coordinated Community Plan, which is due in mid-July, is being created
    - Members of the Youth Advisory Board (YAB) have been identified and trained
  + HUD has not yet provided the financial resources that were supposed to be available for the planning process

**Change to HMIS Lead Designation Update**

* + ODSA, COHHIO, and Sarah Masek (in her role as CoC Board President) have submitted letters to HUD requesting/supporting the change in BoSCoC HMIS Lead to COHHIO.
  + The transfer is planned to take place July 1, 2017 pending HUD approval.
  + Amanda Wilson is in the process of updating the BoSCoC HMIS Governance Charter to reflect the HMIS Lead change.

**Ohio BoSCoC Governance Charter**

* + The Governance Charter is usually re-approved every January at the annual Board planning meeting, but CoC staff decided to wait until July so that the HMIS Lead changes could be reflected in the document.
  + Erica pointed out revisions made to the charter, which include clarifications and updates:
    - A maximum of three voting members are allotted to each Homeless Planning Region for purposes of voting at membership meetings.
    - COHHIO is designated by the Board to be the Ohio BoSCoC HMIS Lead.
    - The number of votes allotted to COHHIO at Board meetings was clarified- COHHIO will have one vote.
    - The list of standing committees was expanded to include the Coordinated Entry Collaborative, the Chronic Homelessness Workgroup, and the Veterans Homelessness Workgroup.
  + Amanda Wilson asked whether the Board member list should include the Youth Advisory Board because of the requirements of the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program. Erica will find out and update the governance charter if necessary.

**Ohio Statewide Plan to End Homelessness**

* + ODSA has contracted with Barbara Poppe and Associates/CSH for the second phase of the statewide plan.
  + Barbara Poppe has planned a meeting with the BoSCoC Board to discuss their findings. The meeting will take place on July 6, 2017, 10:00 at the Riffe Center- Erica will send more information as soon as she receives it.

**Coordinated Entry- VI-SPDAT Update**

* + The Coordinated Entry staff selected the VI-SPDAT as the best tool currently available for client assessments but wanted to test it before making a final decision on implementing it across the CoC. Region 13 tested the VI-SPDAT and found it to be a useful tool for identifying and assessing client needs, so the CE staff would like the Board to approve it’s use in the BoSCoC Coordinated Entry process.
  + A few board members have heard that there may be Fair Housing issues with the VI-SPDAT but were not aware of the specific problems. Nathan Blatchley stated that it appears as though this was with Version 1 of the VI-SPDAT and that it has been adequately addressed in Version 2, which is the tool being recommended by CE staff. The CE staff made it clear that if any issues arise with the tool, they will address them immediately.
  + Erica requested that the Board approve the VI-SPDAT as the required initial assessment tool for use in the Ohio BoSCoC Coordinated Entry process:
    - Fred Berry made a motion to approve the VI-SPDAT, Marti Grimm seconded the motion.
      * Vote: 16 for, 0 opposed, 0 abstained

**Increased Burden on Homeless Providers**

* Debbie Kubena-Yatsko expressed that agencies in her region are struggling with the costs associated with the increasing amount of HUD-mandated activities, including the additional requirements of coordinated entry, when no additional funding is being provided to them. She said that smaller agencies are struggling the most because it’s difficult for them to find additional local funding to cover staff costs for the increased amount of work.
* Erica said that CoC staff will take this into consideration to see if there are some things the CoC can do to alleviate the burden, especially to emergency shelters (and agencies who act as emergency shelters) who often bear the brunt of the work because of being the entry points to the homeless system.
* Debbie suggested coming up with talking points that providers can use when communicating with their local funders, governments, city leaders, etc. so that they’ll understand the work of the CoC and the importance of community-wide involvement.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Date:** July 24, 2017

**Time:** 10:00am

**Location:** Webinar/conference call