Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care

Membership Meeting
June 2018

Meeting Information

• Meeting is muted
• Submit questions through the chat/questions feature in GoToWebinar control panel
  • Questions will be answered during the webinar or after
• Will record webinar
• PowerPoint and materials will be posted on the COHHIO website

Purpose of Meeting

• Together, COHHIO and COHHIO members meet to help achieve systemic change to assist Ohioans who are struggling to escape or avoid homelessness.
• Members will receive an update regarding the impact of their efforts and hear what changes COHHIO has made this past year.

Agenda

• FY2018 CoC Competition Update
• Ohio BoSCoC 2018 HIC/PIT Count Recap
• Coordinated Entry Update
• SOAR/SSI Ohio Overview
• HMIS BoSCoC HMIS Updates
• Ohio Bridges Update
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FY18 CoC Competition
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- HUD has not yet released the Notice of Funding Availability
  - No decisions have yet been made about new project applications
  - Once NOFA is released, CoC Team will publish updated guidance and host a webinar re: CoC process for completing applications, etc

Ohio BoSCoC 2018 HIC/PIT

Ohio BoSCoC HIC/PIT Requirements

- This year, the Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoSCoC) held its PIT Count on **January 23, 2018**.
- There was a greater emphasis on identifying youth for the 2018 count.

Ohio BoSCoC PIT Data Over Time
**Coordinated Entry**

- Ohio BoSCoC Diversion Implementation
- CE Accountability Date
- CE Toolkit
## Ohio BoSCoC Diversion Implementation

- **July 2, 2018:** Ohio BoSCoC Diversion Implementation Date
  - All Ohio BoSCoC CE access point providers must follow diversion policies and procedures and use the Diversion Screening Script and HMIS Diversion Form in their diversion screening process.
- **Diversion Launch Webinar:** June 21 at 1:00 pm
  - Webinar Registration: [https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2176765456035603011](https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2176765456035603011)

## CE Accountability Date

- **Ohio BoSCoC Coordinated Entry launched January 5, 2018.**
- **By January 1, 2019 all providers must be compliant with Coordinated Entry policies and procedures**
- **Upcoming Monitoring Tools and Information**
  - CE Dashboard and Evaluation Plan

## CE Toolkit

CE staff has developed a Coordinated Entry Toolkit that provides further clarity on Coordinated Entry policies. The CE Toolkit includes:

- **Coordinated Entry FAQ Sheet:** provides answers to providers most commonly asked Coordinated Entry questions
- **Coordinated Entry Graphics:** visual representations of various components of the Coordinated Entry System
- **Coordinated Entry Training Videos:** short CE training videos that provide step-by-step direction on common CE processes

The CE Training Videos are not ready for release, but the FAQ Sheet and Graphics can be accessed at [https://cohhio.org/member-services/21/building-a-boscoc-coordinated-entry](https://cohhio.org/member-services/21/building-a-boscoc-coordinated-entry).

## SSI/SOAR Ohio Project
**What is the SOAR Ohio Project and Why is it Important?**

- SOAR stands for SSI/SSD Outreach, Access and Recovery.
- For people who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.
- A model for existing individuals to apply for Social Security disability benefits.
- Sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) in collaboration with SSA since 2005.
- All 50 states currently participate.
- Access to housing and health care.
- Increased chance for stability.
- The SSA application process is often overwhelming and time consuming.
- People experiencing homelessness are often denied for reasons that have nothing to do with their disability or lack thereof.
- Decrease the chances of homelessness for those exiting institutions i.e., Nursing Homes, Prison, Jail, State and County level Mental Health Facilities etc.

**SFY 2018: July 1 to December 31, 2017**

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**SOAR Ohio Project**

ODM, HomeChoice

SFY 18 6 month reporting

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**Approval Percentage**

- SFY 2018: 55%
- SFY 2017: 48%
- SFY 2016: 55%
- Yearly Allotment: $1,045,512.00
  - Back Award Allotment: $940,258.00
  - Number of training sessions: 6
  - TA Calls, emails: 465

**Cumulative SOAR Ohio Project**

OBB 7/1/2008 to 6/30/2016

SOAR OAT 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2017

SOAR OAT 7/1/2017 to 12/31/2017

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**Days to Decision**

- SFY 2018: 90
- SFY 2017: 82
- SFY 2016: 82
- Yearly Allotment: 88

**HMIS**

**HMS**

**COHHIO's SOAR Ohio Project 10 Year Outcome Data**

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**HMIS Topics**

- License renewal
- We’re hiring
- Qlik update
- Coordinated Entry changes to workflow
- Diversion changes to workflow
- Housing Move In Date
- Anonymous workflow change

**License Renewal**

- All materials are due August 1. Instructions forthcoming.
- See [https://hmis.cohhio.org](https://hmis.cohhio.org) for more information
- Send questions to hmis@cohhio.org.

**We’re Hiring!**

We need someone skilled with creating and maintaining visually-compelling training material on complex processes. If that sounds like you or someone you know, watch for the job description which will be made available soon.

**Qlik Update**

Bowman is still working to bring us the new reporting tool we have been talking about for a couple of years now.
Coordinated Entry Changes to Workflow

- Current workflows are located at https://hmis.cohhio.org.
- 2018 is a year of watching, learning, and adjusting. Processes and CE data are being monitored for potential incorrect or inefficient setup, steps, and data issues.
- Please keep asking questions- we really appreciate it.

Diversion Changes to Workflow

- The Diversion changes to the workflow are minimal, will only affect Access Points.
- They will be rolled out July 2nd.

Housing Move-In Date

- PSH and RRH projects should be recording THREE dates in HMIS for every household actually housed in their project:
  - Project Start (aka the Entry Date)
  - Housing Move-In Date
  - Exit Date
- Households that are accepted into a PSH or RRH project that wind up not being housed in the project would only receive an Entry Date and an Exit Date.
- Run the RRH and PSH Move In Date report to be sure all your households are entered correctly.

Anonymous Workflow Change

- As announced last week, there has been a change to how we enter Anonymous clients.
- The “Anonymous” feature has been removed from ServicePoint, so please use the workflow provided on https://hmis.cohhio.org when you need to enter a client as Anonymous.
Bridges Ohio

Bridges: Federal Authorization

- Fostering connections to success and increasing adoptions since 2008
- The 88 counties in Ohio are divided into regions both for the Bridges program and Homelessness and Supportive Housing regions
- Offers states options

Eligibility

Clients may be eligible for Bridges if they are not yet 21 and left the Ohio foster care system at age 18, 19 or 20. In addition, clients must meet at least one of the following criteria:
- Completing secondary education or a program leading to an equivalent credential
- Enrolled in college or other post-secondary school
- Participating in a program or activity designed to promote, or remove barriers to, employment
- Employed at least 80 hours a month
- Incapable of doing any of the above activities due to a physical or mental health condition

Voluntary Participation Agreement (VPA)

- A contract between the young adult and ODJFS
- Includes each others’ responsibilities
- A new VPA must be signed if the young adult enters the program and re-enters
Eligible Activities

Bridges workers provide case management services and can help with the following, on a case by case basis:

- **Housing**
  - Search
  - Landlord Advocacy
  - Financial assistance
  - Utilities
  - Food
  - Household items
- **Education**
  - Planning a career path
  - Navigating systems, including GED testing, college entrance, applying for financial aid
- **Employment**
  - Job searching
  - Financial assistance for items such as clothing
- **Well-being**
  - Medicaid applications (former foster youth are eligible for Medicaid until age 26)
  - Navigating physical and mental health systems

Housing Options

- Host Homes
- Kinship
- Foster Home
- Independent Living
- Shared Housing
- College Dorms
- Apartment
- Congregate Care

Additional Information

Questions regarding HMIS data should be directed to the COHHIO HMIS staff at:

hmis@cohhio.org

Question regarding the HIC/PIT Process should be directed to COHHIO CoC staff at:

ohioboscoc@cohhio.org