**CoC Board Meeting**

**Ohio BoSCoC**

**Meeting Information**

**Date:** Monday, January 11, 2021

**Time:** 3:00pm

**Location:** Webinar and conference call

**Attendees:**

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| **Region 1** | Susan Cheeseman | **Region 7** | absent | **Region 13** | Barb Holman |
| **Region 2** | Ragan Claypool | **Region 8** | absent | **Region 14** | Linda Smith |
| **Region 3** |  | **Region 9** | Deb Tegtmeyer | **Region 15** | Elaina Bradley |
| **Region 4** | Krista Kidney | **Region 10** | Brittani Perdue | **Region 16** | absent |
| **Region 5** | Tammy Weaver | **Region 11** | Sue Lehman | **Region 17** | Heather Thabet |
| **Region 6** | Marti Grimm | **Region 12** | absent |  |  |
| **At – Large VA** | Jim Kennelly | **At-Large**  (Mindy Wright) | absent | **At-Large CSH** | Katie Kitchin |
| **At – Large** (Steve Sturgill) | Steve Sturgill | **At-Large OHFA** | absent | **At – Large ODJFS** | Laurie Valentine |
| **At-Large Mental Health** | Sue Tafrate | **At-Large PSH** | Fred Berry |  |  |
| **At-Large** (Randall Hunt) | Randall Hunt | **At-Large YAB** | absent |  |  |
| **ODSA** | Amy Bullard | | |  |  |
| **COHHIO/HMIS** | Amanda Wilson | | | | |
| **Others in attendance (non-voting)** | Erica Mulryan, Hannah Basting, Lisa Brooks, Matt Dicks, Cassandra Myers (TSA) | | | | |

**Meeting Agenda/Notes**

1. **HMIS Vendor/Product RFP**
   1. Consideration of Recommendations from Joint HMIS Advisory Committee
      1. The Joint HMIS Advisory Committee recommended that the Ohio BoSCoC select the HMIS Vendor of Bitfocus as the new HMIS vendor for the CoC.
      2. Erica reviewed the results of the user/technical surveys, the results from reference checking, and the meeting notes from the Joint HMIS Advisory Committee meeting where the HMIS Vendor recommendation was determined.
      3. Marti moved to accept the recommendations from the Joint HMIS Advisory Committee
      4. Linda Smith seconded
      5. The motion passed unanimously. Amanda Wilson abstained
      6. Next Steps
         1. Erica, on behalf of the CoC, will move forward with notifying vendors of the selection
         2. The HMIS Lead and CoC staff will then begin contract negotiations with the successful vendor
         3. CoC staff will keep CoC Board apprised on ongoing plans/work as we prepare for the HMIS transfer
         4. Timeline for transfer is most likely last 2021/early 2022
2. **Ohio BoSCoC Board and Performance and Outcomes Committee Membership**
   1. Consideration of Recommended Slate of Candidates
      1. Erica reviewed the recommended slate of candidates prepared by the Steering Committee
      2. Steve moved to approve/accept the recommended slate of candidates
      3. Amanda seconded
      4. The motion passed unanimously. The following CoC Board members abstained from voting: Fred Berry, Laurie Valentine, Sue Tafrate, Katie Kitchin, Steve Sturgill
      5. CoC Board agreed with Steering Cte recommendations to allow additional members to be added to the Performance Cte in the future, if people expressed interest.
   2. CoC Board Chair election
      1. Fred nominated himself; Steve moved to elect Fred as CoC Board Chair. Krista seconded.
      2. The motion passed unanimously. Fred Berry abstained from voting
      3. The CoC Board thanked Deb Tegtmeyer for serving as the CoC Board chair for the past 2 terms.
3. **COVID-19 Updates**
   1. FY2020 CoC Competition updates
      1. The FY2020 CoC Competition has formally been canceled, instead HUD will renew all current CoC grantees. HUD has indicated they will renew grants directly with grants, providing funding adjustments based on local FMR changes. Unfortunately, this means no new funding for new projects. HUD has indicated they plan to hold a traditional CoC Competition on FY2021.
   2. Vaccine Distribution
      1. Local movement to distribute vaccines to shelter residents and staff?
         1. Region 6 – local LHD offered vaccine to homeless services staff and health care center staff. Most staff declined the vaccine. Offered to shelter clients as well, although logistical challenges, and concerns related to tracking doses and ensuring full vaccination. Transportation is a barrier as well.
         2. Fred reported movement in Summit county re: outreach staff getting vaccinated very soon
         3. Jim shared that VA has vaccines available for Vets who are receiving care through the VA. VA messaging/strategy is to vaccinate as many Vets as they can, and staff. Encouraged folks to reach out to VA if needed to help ensure vaccines get to those in need.
         4. Most communities are still in planning.
         5. Scioto co is in communication with local LDH
      2. Any concerns about willingness to take the vaccine?
         1. Are agencies going to require staff to accept the vaccine? Or strongly encourage it? something else?
         2. Barb’s agency thinking about ways to incentivize it among staff (eg, certifications, etc)
         3. Jim K - My understanding is since the vaccines only have emergency use authorization it cannot be mandatory. Once it has FDA approval, this may be an option.
         4. NOCAC not requiring, but looking at other agency policies that can incentivize it and providing more educational materials
         5. Marti suggested ODSA consider permitting grant recipients to permit funds to provide financial incentives to staff to get the vaccine. Could this be considered hazard pay somehow? Or other grant sources? Erica agreed to look into this more.
      3. HMIS plans to help track vaccine distribution
         1. Testing demo now, hope to release and begin training soon.

**Next Meeting**

**Date:** March 22, 2021

**Location:** GoToMeeing