**CoC Board Meeting**

**Ohio BoSCoC**

**Meeting Information**

**Date:** Monday, May 24, 2021

**Time:** 3:00pm

**Location:** GoToMeeting

**Attendees:**

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| **Region 1** | Susan Cheeseman | **Region 7** | Mary Westfall | **Region 13** | Barb Holman |
| **Region 2** | Susan Wren | **Region 8** | Dawn Rauch | **Region 14** | Linda Smith |
| **Region 3** | Pam Crawford (proxy) | **Region 9** | Deb Tegtmeyer | **Region 15** | absent |
| **Region 4** | Krista Kidney | **Region 10** | absent | **Region 16** | Christina Blair |
| **Region 5** | Tammy Weaver | **Region 11** | Sue Lehman | **Region 17** | Heather Hall |
| **Region 6** | Marti Grimm | **Region 12** | Kim Bruns |  |  |
| **At – Large VA** | Jim Kennelly | **At-Large**  (Mindy Wright) | absent | **At-Large CSH** | Katie Kitchin |
| **At – Large** (Steve Sturgill) | absent | **At-Large OHFA** | Sam Makoski | **At – Large ODJFS** | absent |
| **At-Large Mental Health** | Sue Tafrate | **At-Large PSH** | Fred Berry | **At-Large**  (Rachael Cremeans) | Rachael Cremeans |
| **At-Large** (Randall Hunt) | Randall Hunt | **At-Large**  **ODVN** | Emily Kulow |  |  |
| **ODSA** | Patrick Hart, Shana Garrett | | |  |  |
| **COHHIO/HMIS** | Amanda Wilson | | | | |
| **Others in attendance (non-voting)** | Erica Mulryan, Hannah Basting, Carolyn Hoffman | | | | |

**Meeting Agenda/Notes**

* **FY2021 CoC Competition**
  1. Updates
     1. In the midst of the project evaluation process now
     2. No word yet on when the CoC Competition may open
* **HMIS Updates**
  1. HMIS Vendor Transition Update
     1. Go Live goal date is 8/1/21
     2. Working through migration
  2. HMIS Participation Fee Policy Revisions
     1. Review Revised Policy and Consider for Approval
        1. Erica emailed the draft revised policy in advance of the meeting. Erica reviewed key changes; no questions.
        2. Christina B. made a motion to approve the revised HMIS Participation Fee Policy. Deb T. seconded.
        3. Motion passed unanimously. Amanda Wilson abstained from voting
  3. HMIS docs for review and approval
     1. Annually, the CoC Board reviews and approves the HMIS Policies and Procedures, HMIS Governance Charter, and HMIS DQ Standards. The CoC Board will be asked to review and approve those ater in the summer, maybe in July. These documents are all currently being revised to account for the HMIS merge with the Mahoning County CoC and the HMIS vendor change.
* **RRH and CE Updates and Proposed Revisions**
  1. RRH Prioritization Revisions
     1. The CE Capacity Building Workgroup previously approved a temporary change to the RRH prioritization processes outlined in CE policies. In essence, the revisions permit an RRH agency/community to temporarily suspend RRH prioritization workgroup meetings if they can demonstrate sufficient RRH capacity that prioritization is no longer needed. The revisions outline exactly how it will be determined if there is sufficient capacity for the CoC to approve suspension of prioritization processes. These revisions will be rolled out any day now.
  2. RRH Standards Revisions
     1. CoC staff are starting to review the RRH Standards to identify any standards that can be simplified and streamlined in order to make it easier for RRH projects to enroll and house new clients. These steps are being taken given the scale of available RRH resources currently.
     2. Erica asked that if any CoC Board members have identified RRH standards that could benefit from revision for purposes of simplification and easing the enrollment process, let her know.
  3. Informing RRH/HP providers of availability of nearly unlimited HP and RRH funding via ESG-CV
     1. Funding or ES, RRH, HP available via request as needed. Very little ESG-CV funding expended at this point (like 10%). Patrick from ODSA emphasized that providers can request additional funding for these activities at any point and there are ample resources available.
     2. HCRP and SHP application window is forthcoming soon. Grantees will be notified directly, and will be announced in ODSA’s weekly digest. Just waiting on application platform.
     3. RRH Training Series
        1. Hope to roll out soon, just awaiting HUD TA approval.
     4. Homeless Providers FB group
        1. Christina B. created the group for providers to use to learn from each other, share lessons/experiences, troubleshoot and problem solve.
        2. FB group is called Ohio Homeless Services Professionals
        3. CoC team will share info about it more widely at some point soon
* **Training Needs and Opportunities** 
  1. Race Equity Work
     1. Prior to the pandemic the CoC Board had started discussing how to focus on race equity more in the BoSCoC. We need to come back to this now or very soon.
        1. Tabling until July meeting
  2. Shared Housing Learning Collaborative
     1. Any interest or capacity to participate in this Learning Collaborative? Erica shared more detailed information about this TA opportunity prior to the meeting.
     2. Heather H. – part of the struggle with YHDP in the past was that not very many clients were interested in shared housing. If we participate in any way, we want to make sure it is a good use of our time. Any ability to try to survey clients entering homeless system to see what kind of interest there might be?
     3. No other CoC Board expressed interest at this time in participating in the Learning Collaborative. Erica offered to follow up with the TA provider to see about options for CoC Team to receive more in-depth training on Shared Housing, which would them position us to provide more TA to providers interested, even if it’s further down the road.
* **COVID-19 Pandemic Issues/Updates**
  1. Vaccine education and acceptance
     1. Continuing challenges related to vaccine acceptance/follow-through
     2. No Board members identified anything specific related to vaccine hesitancy that the CoC could help with at this point.
  2. Stimulus payments
  3. Child tax credit payments
     1. CoC will make guidance available re: how providers can support clients to access all payments/resources they are eligible for
* **YHDP NOFA**
  + YHDP NOFA released today. Funding of $145 million (covers 2 years of appropriations) to support at least 50 YHDP sites. Ohio BoSCoC would be able to apply for an additional YHDP site for any part of the CoC’s geography not already covered by a YHDP award. Region 9 indicated they may be interested, but it is very hard to find the capacity to do it right now.
  + Need to see if there will be more YHDP opportunities in future years.
    - Erica confirmed that the FY2021 budget included $82 million for another YHDP round
* **EHVs**
  + 8 PHAs in BoS awarded and all but one (Adams MHA) accepting vouchers
  + CoC team working with those PHAs and local providers to establish the detailed MOU, help talk through any local prioritization/preferences, etc.
* **Other Discussion**
  + General discussion about the need for the CoC team to compile a list and details of all CARES Act and Recovery Act funding available and related to the homeless system.
    - Erica agreed to start compiling and share a doc with others to add to

**Next Meeting**

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