**HBAH 2.0 Advocacy Team**

January 23, 2023, at 11:30 AM to 12 PM, EDT

**Members**

Akron: Denise (unable to attend), Shaleeta

BPA: Barb

Cincy: Lauren (unable to attend)

COHHIO: Amy, Gina, Douglas, Shayna, Stuart (Intern)

Columbus: Maureen, Rachael (unable to attend)

CareSource: Maura

Dayton: Sarah

**Agenda:**

1. Welcome & agenda review
2. Update from COHHIO advocacy team on progress securing $9M ARPA
	1. Amy: COHHIO advocacy continues
		1. January is planning month within state legislature, determining priorities moving forward.
		2. Rep. White from Montgomery County is actively engaged to find funding. She is very helpful to create some noise. Meeting with her later this week.
		3. COHHIO is hosting a welcome event; will include HBAH
		4. February, they expect to pass a bill to tie up loose ends (corrections) from last year (problems created in Lame Duck); could be HBAH opportunity
		5. March will be appropriations bill to fix ERA could be HBAH opportunity
		6. Pressing on Governor for controlling board – They are not owning the need to move forward – they want legislature to act
		7. Reminding about urgency and that it wasn’t created by HBAH – noting that last budget $ must be spent per their timeline
		8. Governor is putting together comprehensive housing bill – could include HBAH
		9. Governor is making statements about Bold Beginnings – press for action on HBAH
		10. $400M+ remains in unspent ARPA
	2. Amy: What’s needed? Stronger legislative champions
		1. Kunze – may be doing ARPA in her transportation budget bill so she could include HBAH; it goes through earlier process than regular budget [usually some random items end up in the transportation budget]
			1. Only heard from Maureen in past
			2. Maureen to consider how to mobilize others to contact Kunze
		2. Blessing
			1. Only got one outreach from Cradle
			2. COHHIO to follow up with Cincy
		3. Bill Seitz
			1. Good position to help
			2. COHHIO to follow up with Cincy
		4. White
			1. Now part of the 22 who are with the new speaker
			2. Sarah can engage others to meet with her; will add to her local legislative
		5. Others?
	3. Discussion
		1. Tie to client needs
		2. Tie to expansion plans
3. Planning for Medicaid expansion - deferred
4. Update on national expansion and advocacy – see updates below
	1. Senator Brown – sent update 1/20/23
	2. HRSA – sent reminder 1/20/23
	3. CareSource – Indy underway, exploring GA
5. Confirm upcoming meeting schedule – see below

**Upcoming meetings**

* 2/6 @11:30AM – COHHIO to facilitate and issue new calendar invitation (Barb on vacation)
* 2/20 @11:30AM– cancel due to holiday; COHHIO may call for special meet that week if needed (Barb on vacation)
* 3/6 @11:30AM