

## HBAH 2.0 Advocacy Team

January 9, 2023, at 11:30 AM to 12 PM, EDT

### Members

Akron: ~~Denise~~, Shaleeta

BPA: Barb

Cincy: ~~Lauren~~

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

Columbus: Maureen, Rachael

CareSource: Maura

Dayton: ~~Sarah~~

### Agenda:

- Welcome & agenda review
- Update from COHHIO advocacy team with discussion by all
  - Update on lame duck
    - Weren't discussed which may be benefit since those that were discussed had bad outcomes
    - Bad outcome on ERA – working to fix changes in eligibility that impact CAA's
    - Bad outcome on other housing – potential impact on rural areas is worse than metro areas
    - Lots of children's issues not addressed
    - Matt Huffman doesn't like affordable housing
    - Bill Seitz helped – heard from Cradle Cincinnati
    - Kunze – surprised that we weren't in; she thought we were in
    - Members (other than leadership) weren't able to be in the room when decisions were made; even finance committee members weren't consulted
    - Discussions with Governor's office on alternative funding for HBAH
      - Governor suggested HOME-ARP – lots of problems with that source due to timing and process steps plus likely to not be approved by HUD. Many other problems so COHHIO asked them to stop exploring.
      - Discussion on getting \$ through MCP's. Longer path connected to new plans.
      - Governor's budget as introduced will include HBAH but it would be very late compared to need.

- Current assessment
  - \$416M remains in ARPA – not sure if there will be a bill
  - Scott Partika is our advocate – he was just promoted within governor’s office
  - Budget forecast is very good – no reason to hold on to ARPA \$\$
- Debrief on lame duck – What worked? What didn’t?
  - Governor heard about needs for housing
  - Legislature is a mess
    - Controversial speaker
    - Senate president opposes housing
- What are next steps securing \$9M for HBAH 2.2 during early January?
  - How does new legislature impact our advocacy?
    - New Speaker – Jason Stephens
    - Senate President - Matt Huffman
      - He doesn’t oppose HBAH even though he’s against affordable housing
  - What additional tactics should we use?
    - Pressure governor’s office – Erin, Scott, Lianne
      - Can act through the agencies to get ARPA or that have unspent GRF (ODM, ODOD, ODH)
        - Would have to go through Controlling Board
        - Not clear whether they want ODH to have \$ for HBAH
    - Keep HBAH as single distinct ask – not connected to other asks
      - **COHHIO will send contacts and TPS**
        - **All HBAH supporters are to make contacts**
  - Do we need to broaden our base to push legislature for early January decision?
    - **No legislative strategy is recommended**
- Any update on planning for Medicaid waiver?
  - Deferred
- Update on national expansion and advocacy - deferred
  - Senator Brown

- HRSA
- CareSource

### Upcoming meetings

- 1/23 @11:30AM