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.
o 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 $$

o 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

o 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
      o 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
      o 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**
        o **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
          o Senator Brown
Upcoming meetings

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