

HBAH 2.0 Advocacy Team

February 6, 2023, at 11:30 AM to 12 PM, EDT

Members Present

Akron: Denise

BPA: Barb (Vacation)

Cincy: Not Present

COHHIO: Amy, Gina, Douglas, Shayna

Columbus: Maureen, Rachael

CareSource: Maura

Dayton: Not in attendance

Agenda:

1) Welcome & agenda review- Shayna opened the meeting. Barb out for vacation.

2) Update from COHHIO advocacy team on progress securing \$9M ARPA

Amy: Good news, HBAH was included in the Governor's budget. The Governor spoke about HBAH during his State of the State address. If anyone wants to see the details, it is located in the blue book. The Governor's office has also created a new unit, believed to be called "The children and family department", to be run by Kara Wentz. The disbursement should be FY 2024-16 million, FY 2025-1 million, 17mill in total. Substantially more than our ask.

Amy sited the ask was pushed through due to a Columbus only HBAH request. Maureen S- Asked who, from Columbus, made the request. That detail remains unknown. All monies will be allocated to COHHIO, as the lead agency, and will be disbursed to partners accordingly. Rent is increasing so the extra funds are a positive, HBAH can also add additional women within the current communities.

First year Cleveland is now on board with exploring a possible partnership with HBAH. Prior leadership did not feel the timing was right, however, under new leadership, FYC believes HBAH supports their goal of assisting women in Cleveland.

Amy R reports the 1st step is protecting the monies in the budget and getting it through. The Governor is aware of the need to have the funds sooner. At the Governor's request, COHHIO sent a gap budget proposal, no response at this time. Either way HBAH is in the budget, and for more than what we asked for. The Governor is very passionate about HBAH and the new budget.

Gina W- The prospects of bringing on Cleveland will be very helpful, politically, for the advocacy piece.

Amy R- Angela White with FYC had very good questions, such as: How is the state really saving money in correlation with HBAH? Questions on infant mortality rates.

Angela White believes in the project and will be extremely helpful with advocating for the gap funding. She is close to DeWine's administration. She is also one of the great champions that HBAH needs.

- 3) Planning for Medicaid expansion - deferred
- 4) Update on national expansion and advocacy – deferred until March
- 5) Confirm upcoming meeting schedule – see below

Upcoming meetings

- 2/20 @11:30AM– **Holiday-Canceled**
- 3/6 @11:30AM