

HBAH 2.0 Advocacy Team Notes

May 15, 2023 at 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM, EDT

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Members

Akron: Denise(Unavailable), Shaleeta

BPA: Barb (Unavailable)

Cincy: Lauren (Unavailable)

COHHIO: Amy, Gina, Douglas(Unavailable), Shayna, Kyla

Columbus: Rachael

CareSource: Maura

Dayton: Sarah

Additional Attendees:

Mona Duffy

Agenda:

1) Welcome & agenda review- Kyla opened the meeting at 11:33am.

2) Update from COHHIO advocacy team & discuss next steps

Gina: We are in the Senate process, HBAH is still in the budget. We must become cheerleaders for HBAH, reach out to senators, we must keep-maintain-save HBAH budget. We cannot take for granted that this is still in the budget. Amendments are being drafted for first Sub-bill, we should see that a week from Wednesday. Hopefully we will be a part of the sub-bill. Key Senators to reach out to are Senator Blessing (Cincinnati), Senator Ingram (Cincinnati), Senator Sykes (Akron), Senator Kunzie (Columbus), Senator Craig (Columbus), and Senator Damora (Columbus) . A week from the Wednesday will be an Omnibus, if for some reason we are removed, we have 6 or so days to work to get back in the budget.

Mona- Asked if we stay in Omnibus, what happens after.

Gina- If we remain in, we are good. Save and maintain. If we are in the sub and Omnibus, we should not have to worry about conference committee.

Mona- What is conference committee?

Gina- When the items are different, the Senate will pick 2 members each to come together to sort of fight out the very last battle, usually this is for bigger ticket items. HBAH is not at that level and will not likely be a part of this phase.

Before this meeting we were on a good call with Senator Manning, from Northeast Ohio. His mother is a State Rep. who cochairs the infant mortality caucus. Positive meeting. Also discussed the state tax credit, the Senate President is not a fan.

Amy R- State housing tax credit is not popular, but I think we can stand alone and not get wrapped in the tax credit. Very important for us to reach out to our Senators and advocate for that save-maintain list. We have strong supporters in the Senate. Rep White really stepped up as a champion, checking in making sure we were there. They want to hear from you, please reach out, this is the time to make sure the Senators are hearing from us.

Mona- Any kind of check list that we can use to reach out?

Gina- Will send the key language she has been using, but add your own personal touch. Will send to Kyla and Shayna to distribute to the groups.

Rachael- Asked Gina for clarification on Omnibus.

Gina- Hopefully we stay in the sub bill, and they do not touch it. Next week there will be testimony in front of full finance for Health issues. There will be an opportunity to testify.

Amy- If you're interested in testifying, if in your comfort zone, please reach out and let us know. We need it soon to get on the list. You do have to write out your testimony which has to be submitted 24hrs in advance, we can submit written testimony as well, but we would prefer in person.

Shayna- Confirmed that she reached out to a community advisor today with hopes that she will respond today, regarding testifying next week.

3) Confirm upcoming meeting schedule – Kyla confirmed next meeting date/time.

Upcoming meetings

- 6/12 @11:30AM
- 6/26 @11:30AM
- 7/10 @11:30AM

Additional Information from COHHIO's Advocacy Team

Healthy Beginnings at Home – As discussed, this one-time investment which will *save babies' lives and reduce Medicaid expenditures*. The initial HABH pilot demonstrated a \$300 per member per month savings to Medicaid while improving health outcomes and increasing access to care.

The As-Introduced budget includes a \$16 million appropriation in FY24 and \$1 million in FY25 for HBAH as a part of the proposed Department of Children and Youth. This item can be found under agency **KIDCD2, HBAH, Section: 423.20, GRF 830402**. As Amy mentioned in our meeting, this is a collaborative effort that engages all of the MCOs, the infant mortality collaboratives, local governments, hospitals and many others to reduce Ohio's infant mortality rate and abhorrent maternal mortality rate. Ohio is one of the worst states in the nation on infant mortality and maternal health. We have to do something different, and we believe this housing stability intervention with wrap around services for mom and baby is the critical game changer that we need in Ohio.

Ask: is simply to support this measure which is a priority for the Governor and the Ohio House. It's a **KEEP/MAINTAIN** ask. Share your support (to Leadership) for preserving these critical dollars in the substitute bill. We need your help to get it over the finish line!

We can talk more, too, if you want a better template:

Here are the sample intro:

Dear Senator Blessing,

Also, e-mails are lastname@ohiosenate.gov, example ingram@ohiosenate.gov, blessing@ohiosenate.gov; reynolds@ohiosenate.gov