

## HBAH 2.0 Advocacy Team

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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### Present

Akron: Shaleeta

COHHIO: Gina, Shayna, Kyla

Columbus: Rachael

CareSource: Maura

Dayton: Sarah

### Agenda:

- 1) Welcome & agenda review.
- 2) Update from COHHIO advocacy team & discuss next steps.
  - a) Budget update
    - i) We have received the sub bill and HBAH was cut by 81%
    - ii) At this time amendments have been sent in from Sykes, Craig, Blessing (on finance committee which is very helpful), Kunze, and Reynolds
      - (1) We were told by Cirino that if we got Reynolds to submit, he would also support, so follow ups are being made to ensure that is still happening.
        - (a) As you send out correspondence it is a good idea to Push Dolan and Cirino
    - iii) Gina spoke with Rozzi, he was not totally negative, he does not like doing research with State dollars, he did remember that we were trying to get ARPA dollars. They cut out HBAH because it looked like a new program and they are not funding programs, Gina clarified it was not a new program, hopefully with this clarity the funds will be restored. Gina also followed up on Medicaid spending savings.
    - iv) Omni should be coming out on Wednesday, there is still time to follow up with Senators. Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm is the cut off for submitting amendments/advocating.

- (1) Thursday is the floor vote then back to the house, then to conference committee.
  - v) We have received commitments from multiple people from the Governor's office as well as the lieutenant governor's office with support for HBAH.
  - vi) We will be having a virtual press conference Wednesday at 12p, Amy Riegel will be the point person on HBAH.
  - vii) Members shared their updates from calling and emailing senators.
    - (1) Ms. Duffy- Does not have a lot to share. Trying to do her part to support the effort, she sent an email to lead entity committee within Celebrate One. Also have a policy committee who she reached out to. Has not received any response. Sent personal letter to Senator Craig.
    - (2) Shaleeta- Testified. Sent an email to Senator Sykes, have not heard back yet, spoke to Denise with UW(putting in a lot of work) worked with lobbyist to submit a letter. Sykes is totally on board.
    - (3) Rachael asked do we know what changed with Kunze, Gina said she was not sure, Kunze is usually quiet but was extremely quiet during this meeting. She was the first one to jump to make sure we had an amendment in. Her aid has followed up with Gina. Gina has a call with Senator Wilson with Hamilton Co.
  - b) Conversations with Hackett, Brenner, and Laurel
    - i) Laurel Dawson - Gina had a great meeting with her before the budget dropped. Dawson surprised HBAH was cut and says it is one of her top priorities to restore. She said she would talk to the Governor's office about this. Strong supporter.
  - c) Next steps
    - i) Continue Sending emails and making phone calls, we still have time to make noise.
- 3) Confirm upcoming meeting schedule – see below.

### Upcoming meetings

- 6/26 @11:30am
- 7/10 @11:30am
- 7/24 @11:30am