

HBAH 2.0 Advocacy Team meeting notes

July 12, 2023 at 3:30 PM to 4:00 PM, EDT

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Attendees

Akron: Denise T

BPA: Barb P

COHHIO: Amy R, Shayna B, Kyla H

CareSource: Maura K

Dayton: Sarah T

Dayton: Quin K

Agenda:

- 1) Welcome & agenda review- No changes
- 2) Update from COHHIO advocacy team & discuss next steps

Budget wrap-up- Advocacy team provided an emailed update week and a half ago, state budget project completed HBAH was one that was not fully funded. We were awarded 3.5 million, however the line item still included an ear mark for another program, therefor HBAH will receive 2.5million coming out of Youth and Kids Department. Strong support from Govenors office as well as the House. However Senate was not very interested on funding research. We are still in conversations about other funds that may be available to pressure for HBAH. Many Bold Beginnings items were not fully funded or not funded at all. We do still have support in the House with Andrea White and House Bill 7- does not have funding attached to it, if passed may help to move pressure with the House to fund HBAH but we would have to secure funding for HB-7.

(Exec order, OHFA, PHAs, unspent ARPA)- Comes down to what funding is there, based on projections, Amy will have to pull budget numbers after everything is smoothed out, however Amy believes there may be funds left over. Unspent ARPA may be another possibility, looks like 30 million left in ARPA- funds becoming very scarce very quickly.

One of the issues was an abolishment of the OHFA with no independence from the political system, this was removed at the last minute, so OHFA maintains

their independence. OHFA was willing to entertain partial funding to HBAH, ODH is willing to hear how they may be able to assist in closing the gap.

Barb- What might the path to unspent ARPA might look like?

Amy- Governors office for a long time unwilling to touch ARPA with out strong support, did not want to rock the boat as they were going into this new term. Only 10 million was delegated to housing (Habitat for Humanity). ARPA may not be as helpful as the general dollars would have been, when they did the 2024 projections.

Barb- Housing vouchers may be another route and easier for others to accept. Next week BPA and other Community Service Providers, are in DC with Beth Cooper, who has been an HBAH ally, this may be a good opportunity to speak to her. Not sure if any ear marks.

Amy- Ear marks had to be submitted in March. Going into next year, it is unclear if they will have room for ear marks due to the Debt ceiling and other factors. Funding could be a late cascade to fill the gap versus a large block. Securing some of the vouchers will be a nice option. 7.5 million in once swoop is not very likely.

- 3) Next steps- We will have to have discussions with other entities for additional funding.

Barb- Any idea why we were settled to Move to Prosper? Amy- no she is not ware of why this occurred, may have been a request but we have to do further inquiries.

Move to prosper was presented as a research project.

Amy- The logic is not the strength in the arguments of HBAH being research as the reasoning of not funding.

Denise Thomas- Clarification on the amount needed as 7.5 million.

Amy- COHHIO does not have a price quote from potential new researcher partner replacing HPIO, other component is the rising rent that has an impact on locating and securing units. To get to statistical significance and really feel confident the 7.5 is the goal, however each community would have to bring in their share of the match.

- 4) Confirm upcoming meeting schedule – see below.

Upcoming meetings

- 7/24 @11:30am
- 8/7 @11:30am
- 8/21 @11:30am