

HBAH 2.0 Advocacy Team

October 2, 2023 at 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM, EDT

Members

Akron: Denise

BPA: Barb

Cincy: Not Present

COHHIO: Amy, Gina, Shayna, Kyla

Columbus: Rachael

CareSource: Maura

Dayton: Sarah

GDAHA: Sarah

Cleveland: Not Present

Agenda:

1) Welcome & agenda review.

2) Update from COHHIO advocacy team & discuss next steps;

Amy

a) Representative Liston wanted to create a stand-alone for HBAH, however when she realized HBAH was included in HB7, she retracted the stand-alone. She realizes there are other areas, policy that HBAH can use assistance aside from funding. She is interested in other policy help she can offer.

a) A long term idea for HBAH is having its own waver. There is a long list of wavers that need to be allocated, but that doesn't include HBAH at this time. Looking to explore how to achieve this goal through these wavers. Liston is supportive of waivers for HBAH.

i) Maura – would this waver be specific to HBAH?

- Amy - Unclear at this time.

3) HB 7 had its first hearing. – [See Testimony Here](#)

Amy

b) HB7 had testimony last week, Rep White provided the testimony, large bill, covers a large number of important items for communities to help babies and children. Part of the bill includes HBAH, they did reach out and inquired what funding was received previously, what is needed to get HBAH to the next phase, the result is 8 million and is included in the bill. On Wednesday there is more proponent testimony, which must be submitted by Tuesday, have been receiving little notice, however, may be other opportunities for Proponent testimony in the future.

c) This will go for a vote and if it passes will need to go to the senate.

i) Rachael - Where is Kunze at this time?

- Amy - Still supportive and on our side. Willing to be a positive voice. She was not in a favorable redistricting position in the redraws and has a fight ahead of her in the next election which is a weighing concern.
- Gina- not as vocal as say Andrea White and we need vocal support. On the waver side that could be something we lean more on Kunze.

Gina

- a) Finance committee was very receptive of HBAH.
 - b) Will keep updated on testimony – could be written only testimony. Would like to see support in all the regions. One-page written testimony. Would probably need to be submitted 24 hours in advanced of the Wednesday meeting.
- 4) Confirm upcoming meeting schedule – see below.

Upcoming meetings

- 10/16 @11:30am
- 10/30 @11:30am
- 11/13 @11:30am