

HBAH 2.0 Advocacy Team

November 13, 2023 at 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM, EDT

Present;

Akron: Denise, Shaleeta

BPA: Barb

COHHIO: Amy, Gina, Kyla

Columbus: Rachael, Mona

CareSource: Maura

Dayton: Sarah

Cleveland: Al

Agenda:

1) Welcome & agenda review.

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

Gina -

- a) The legislator hasn't been doing too much since our last update as the election took front and center stage.
- b) Had a meeting last week with the finance chair. Continues to be supportive and a big fan of HB7 and addressing maternal health issues. He was upset it came out of the senate budget.
- c) Counted votes and they have them if it leaves committee, they are concerned now with what happens when it moves to the senate.
- d) We are looking towards upcoming capital budget which includes the community investment budget. Guidance was put out for the budget projects by both the house and senate on how it would work, and both are different. Timelines are even different. There are lots of differences between house and senate and these will affect us. HB7 looks like a better bet for us at this time.

Amy -

- e) Spoke with Rep. White and the project is hard for them to conceptualize and figure out how it will work. She remarked that we haven't spent all our money yet and Amy had to explain we cannot because we must pay rents for 2 years. Really struggling wrapping their heads around that and wants to have more conversation around timing. Additional conversations to have in helping them understand.
- f) Barb – What is the spending deadline for HB7?
 - i) Amy - All would have to be expended by June 2025. The more they delay us the less we can deliver on this deadline.
 - ii) Barb – This does give you the opportunity to divide your budget up. Opportunities to push for a renewing program as well. If we were to treat the HB 7 funds as funding the HBAH expansion costs that will be incurred

within the HB 7 spending deadline, HBAH could expand to meet our enrollment goals within the awarded funding amount and plan for biennial ongoing funding to maintain the expansion program. This would mean that COHHIO and sites would need to advocate to cover any costs incurred related to the program on ongoing basis. Effectively, make the shift from funding a research cohort to funding all sites to be able to continuously enroll. We could still do strong evaluation with GCRC research component that tracks Medicaid spending. The risk to COHHIO and the sites would be that if the legislature doesn't approve funding in the future, some HBAH participants may not be able to receive the full 24 months of housing assistance.

3) Reach out to elected officials.

- a) Gina has sent materials out previously on how is most crucial to reach out to regarding HB7. Has anyone made outreach?
- b) Al – talked about HB7 at an advocacy day with elected officials.
- c) Shaleeta – UW did a reach out and the city as well. Shaleeta will confirm as well as will reach out again.
- d) Sarah – Sarah H does out outreach and is in contact.
 - i) Gina - That is Rep White so we are good there.

4) Confirm upcoming meeting schedule – see below.

Upcoming meetings

- 11/27 @11:30am
- 12/11 @11:30am
- 1/8 @11:30am