

OHS Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

May 21, 2026

9am

Front Steps

Members in Attendance: Beverly Torres, Chris Knestrick, Jane Nichols for Dorivette Nolan, David Steinmuller for Arin Miller-Tait, Allison Schaefer, Shajuana Gaston, Chamomile Hendricks, Marcus Harris, Officer #6583 for Ian Mussell, Dennis Morton, Eric Milkie, Riesha Carlisle, Sherri Clancy, Mike Bernot, Dr Adrienne Hatten, Jacquie Salter, Beau Hill, Elaine Gimmel, Mike Sering, Leah Wallace, Morgan Bloodsmith, Christian Anderson, Chief Dierdre Jones.

Members Absent: Dr Kate Nagel, Denise Casino, Liam Haggerty, Kris Harsh, Yvonne Conwell, Ed Abshire, Angie Sulak, Kellie Glenn, Rep Sean Brennan, Valeria Strange, Jeanna Davis, & Stephanie Thomas

Others Present: Prentis Jackson Jr, Freda Houchins, Nick Butina, Erin Rearden, LeVine Ross, Corrie Taylor, Nikki Eggert, Akiya James, Chris Krueger, Kate Lodge, Danielle Cosgrove, Rebecca Prather, Jennifer Eppich, Anne Face, Chelsea Black, Angela D'Orazio, Denise M Caviness, Jennifer Harrison, David Blunt, Mark Christie, Stephanie Manning, Natalya Coher, Angela Glassco, Shauna Gurley, Ed Gernerchak, Fred Berry, Katherine Ungar, Candace Robinson, Jeanne Helene Roy .

- I. Welcome & Opening Remarks
 - a. Chris called the meeting to order at 9:07am and Elaine conducted a roll call to establish quorum. Quorum was reached.
- II. Decision Issues (Chris Knestrick/Shajuana Gaston/Elaine Gimmel)
 - a. Approval of Advisory Board Minutes 3/19/2026
 - i. Jacquie Salter motioned to approve, Chamomile Hendricks seconded. All were in favor with no opposition or abstentions. Motion carries.
 - b. Approval of Board Members
 - i. Chris presented the board members for approval – Designated Seats
 1. City of Cleveland Administration- Arin Miller Tait
 2. CMSD -Angie Sulak
 3. Law Enforcement – RTA - Chief Diedre Jones
 4. Elected Official - State Rep Sean Brennan
 - ii. Mike Bernot motioned to approve, Chamomile Hendricks seconded. All were in favor with no opposition or abstentions. Motion carries.
 - c. Approval of Emergency Shelter Performance Standards
 - i. Matt White from Housing Innovations presented the information that came before PPC. He discussed that shelters are changing nationally. We need to be monitoring project utilization rates, length of stay, exits to successful housing options, returns to shelter and the need to review data annually and make adjustments as needed.
 - ii. Elaine Gimmel motioned to approve, Jacquie Salter seconded. All were in favor with no opposition or abstentions. Motion carries. Beau Hill went on

record to say that things can occur beyond providers' control and that adjustments may need to be made to the standards in the future.

d. Approval of PPC Charter

- i. Matt White discussed the changes to the charter. The changes reflect the higher level of changes to the CoC. The changes are regarding membership election and the annual application process where the Executive Committee and OHS staff approve members.
- ii. Christian Anderson motioned to approve, Mike Bernot seconded. All were in favor with no opposition or abstentions. Motion carries.

e. Approval of Supportive Service Requirements

- i. Matt White facilitated a lengthy discussion about supportive service requirements for our CoC. With the FY26 NOFO due to be released our CoC is recommending required customized services for our participants. Specific items were brought up including minimum hrs required, exceptions to the rule, types of services that are allowable, reporting requirements, volunteer hours, employment, and consequences to the participants who don't meet the minimum standard.
- ii. Christian Anderson motioned to approve, Chamomile Hendricks seconded. All were in favor with no opposition or abstentions. Motion carries.

f. CoC Practice Standards

- i. Matt White presented the updated practice standards for our CoC. There are no new standards but some of the existing standards can apply to transitional housing. Transitional Housing was defined, the definition of shelter was expanded, and supportive service requirements was added.
- ii. Chamomile Hendricks motioned to approve, Beverly Torres seconded. All were in favor with no opposition or abstentions. Motion carries.

III. Cuyahoga County Office of Emergency Management did a presentation on Emergency Action Planning and Continuity of Operations Planning. OHS shared the Power Point slides after the meeting.

IV. NOFO Update (Howard Burchman)

- a. There are 3 NOFOs coming out:
 - i. YHDP for new communities by 5/15
 - ii. NOFO Builds – reissue 4th RFP around mid-June.
 - iii. CoC FY26 NOFO – by 6/1/26
- b. HUD did announce 1st and 2nd quarter FY25 awards.
- c. Communities have not received their Grant Inventory Worksheets (GIW), so we don't know Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) amount.
- d. Expected items in NOFO:
 - i. 30% cap on PSH
 - ii. Tier I will be 60% of ARD
 - iii. More funds for TH and SSO grants
 - iv. Service requirements

v. Changes in CoC Board membership requirements

V. OHS Updates (LeVine Ross)

- a. Levine welcomed new board members
- b. Shelter RFQ was issued in March and responses were reviewed week of May 11th. Next step is letter of intent to award contracts should go out mid-June. Contract negotiations will then begin and should wrap up in July/August.
- c. There were 22 submissions for Expression of Interest for new CoC applications. There were new and existing agencies that submitted proposals.
- d. Levine thanked Shajuana Gaston for her service on the OHS Board.

VI. Data Presentation (Nick Butina)

- a. Homeless numbers have increased since 2020 to pre-pandemic levels.
- b. There was a decrease in the number of days a family experiences homelessness.
- c. There has been an increase in the number of people with disabilities in the homeless system – this is due to doing a better job reporting.
- d. There is a new ticketing system for requests for info/data from OHS staff.
- e. Data shows people are staying longer in shelter
- f. People from out of county constitute 15% of our homeless numbers.
- g. There was an increase in the number of people that meet the definition of chronically homeless.

VII. Initiative Reports

- a. Ending Veteran Homelessness (EVH) (Shawna Gurley) Report handed out
 - i. There were 10 long term Veterans not in PSH in May.
 - ii. 48 Veterans moved into permanent housing between 1/31/26-5/1/26 and 67 Veterans were newly identified as homeless
- b. Rapid Rehousing (RRH) (Elaine Gimmel) Report handed out
 - i. ADAMHS Bd has received several complaints about case mgmt. for RRH
 - 1. Staff turnover at agencies
 - 2. Goals not aligning with self-sufficiency
 - 3. EDEN is updating case mgmt. form for 0-6 months and 7-12 months
 - ii. We currently are providing rental assistance for 190 HHs in RRH & 147 in DV-RRH
- c. Unsheltered Homelessness (Chris Knestrick) Report handed out
 - i. As of end of April, 103 active on unsheltered list.
 - ii. March cleanup of list found less than 80 unsheltered individuals.
 - iii. 3 April PH exits, 4 enrolled in shelter and 19 were MIA
 - iv. Total added to active list – 23 in April

Meeting adjourned at 11:10am.

Minutes submitted by Elaine Gimmel 5/21/2026