

ADVISORY BOARD AGENDA – March 18, 2021

Attendance: Board Members – Abigail Staudt, Angela Glassco, Angeline Sulak for Marcia Zashin, Barb Karam, Chris Knestrick, Clare Rosser, Councilman Kerry McCormack, Councilwoman Yvonne Conwell, Dorivette Nolan, Ed Gemerchak, Fred Berry, Jeannie Citerman-Kraeger, Jen Griffin for Elaine Gimmel, John Litten, Loh, Maria Sosa for Michiel Wackers, Mike Sering, Natasha Wynn, Patricia Pearse (18/28 Members in attendance to meet the Quorum requirement).

Community Members: Andrew Katusin, Angela D’Orazio, Beau Hill, Christie Sozio, Claire Gauntner, Frederick Knuckles, Heidi Goblirsch, Jacqueline Salter-Diaz, Jenny Epich, John Anoliefo, Kerri Kinder, Latonya Murray, Megan Scheck, Natasha Pietrocola, Sarah Froimson, Sharon Parries, Sherri Brandon

Office of Homeless Services Staff: Melissa Sirak, Allison Gill, Erin Rearden, Nick Butina, Brandon Wafford

1. Welcome & Open Remarks

a) Zoom Protocol

A) DECISION ISSUES

a) Approval of Advisory Board Minutes 1.21.21

Motion – Dorivette Nolan 2nd – Barb Karam
Unanimous approval – No opposed, No abstentions

b) Approval of Advisory Board Minutes 2.18.21

OHS Board voted to approve “Special’ Meeting the minutes with Governance Committee recommendations for Advisory Board Membership – seats/terms

Motion – Fred Berry 2nd – Angela Glassco
Unanimous approval – No opposed, No abstentions

B) NOFA

HUD announced the cancellation of the FY2020 CoC Competition. All grants included on the Cuyahoga CoC’s 2020 Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) and expiring in 2021 will be automatically renewed for one 12-month period, with Fair Market Rent (FMR) adjustments as applicable.

- The Office of Homeless Services will receive full planning grant allotment based on Annual Renewal Demand. OHS is assessing use of additional funds and will provide updates
- 1/29/21 OHS requested CoC agencies review/confirm projects listed in the Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) for the HUD Field Office
- Announcement – OHS has received notification from the HUD Field Office that remote monitoring will be conducted the week of June 7-11th. No other details were provided.
- Review and Ranking
No FY2020 Competition therefore no requirement for the CoC to rank grants. A ‘normal’ competition is expected for 2021 (HUD may release in May or June). The NOFA Review Committee will determine the ranking process for the FY2021 Competition decide if renewal evaluation scores from 2020 (data) will be used or new scores needed

Provider feedback received regarding the most recent scoring process. Areas of improvement are being identified and considered. Updates on the process will be provided to the Advisory Board in May

C) COVID Response Update

a) Seasonal/COVID Overnight Shelter

Seasonal shelter remains in operation at The Cleveland Hostel. The location has capacity for 60 individuals and at times, has been full. Successfully housed several individuals through PSH. (attachment)

b) De-Concentration & Housing Surge Plan

Seeking new location as several of the sites will not be available due to the NFL Draft and the intent of business/hotel owner to resume normal operations. Convening a workgroup of providers to discuss expediting housing placements for persons served in hotels.

c) Vaccinations

Continuing in our effort with partners to provide vaccinations to persons served in shelter and hotel sites. Currently, 88% of persons receiving 1st dose have received the recommended 2nd dose.

d) COVID Funding

o Emergency Rental Assistance Funding (ERA)

No update - The community will be receiving an additional \$25M in Treasury funds to assist with Emergency Rental Assistance, Utility Assistance, and undefined "other" costs. Cuyahoga County is working with the City of Cleveland to determine funding requirements and with CoC providers to determine service gaps.

o Greater Cleveland COVID Response Fund (GCCRF)

Administered by Cleveland Foundation in partnership with a coalition of philanthropic and public funders. Apply through portal on Cleveland Foundation site and will be reviewed by the GCCRF Workgroup. Workgroup is seeking proposals that address the following strategies: Proposals that continue to transition persons into Permanent Housing (hotels, to shelter, to housing), Proposals that expand capacity to provide non-congregate shelter.

e) CDC Eviction Moratorium

Moratorium has been extended to March 31st with potential to extend beyond that date.

f) Right to Counsel

United Way released 6-month reports demonstrating that needs are being met. 2-1-1 is a direct referral aide. City of Cleveland distributes newsletter to residents and content could be updated to include this information.

D) CMHA Update

CMHA system affected by ransomware attack. Slowly getting back on track and IT Team is working to restore full access to the system of record by next week. IT Team also working to develop security system for future protection for the system. CMHA is and has been up and running with limited access.

E) Race Equity

a) A Place 4 Me Race Equity Strategy Session

A Place 4 Me – Race Equity Design Lab through Jim Casey Foundation. Eden, FLS, and YWCA are key partners. Last month the strategy sessions workgroups reconvened with solid representation from the CoC to identify disparities and actions. Subcommittees include Internal Leadership, Reducing Entering Homelessness Policy, Policy for Exiting Homelessness. Subcommittees will develop statements to identify focus of each group. Please reach out to Christie or DD Tanks if interested in participating.

b) OHS Advisory Board Supporting Document Review

During application process discussion around diversity and the need to update supporting documents that better reflect the CoC. OHS has met with Housing Innovations to look at composition, the application, the onboarding process and that documents align with CoC priorities. Next Steps will be to meet with Governance Committee and Housing Innovations to begin this review process.

Introductions of OHS new staff – Nick Butina HMIS System Administrator, and Brandon Wafford (Cleveland Foundation, Fellow)

F) A Place 4 Me Drop-In Center RFP

Designed by and for young people to meet most immediate and basic needs including legal, housing, employment, etc. Levy dollars used to support project through alternative procurement process. Steering Committee convened to release RFP to select the Operating Partner and five responses have been received. SOC will announce the selection on March 19th through the foundation's system/website. Also, the announcement link will be provided to OHS for distribution.

G) Initiative Reports (See handouts)

- a) Ending Youth Homelessness (EYH) - No update
- b) Ending Veteran Homelessness (EVH)
- c) Unsheltered Report
- d) RRH

Calendar for 2021

OHS Advisory Board Meetings: January 21st; Special Meeting February 18, 2021; March 18th; May 20th; July 29th; September 16th; November 18th

Executive Committee Meetings: January 19th; Special February Board Meeting TBD, March 9th; May 11th; July 20th; September 14th; November 9th