1. Members in Attendance: Lauren Green-Hull, Latoya Harris, Diane Waite, Rebecca Cool, Anja Aniere, Megan Scheck, Chris Savage, Mar-quetta Boddie, Asli Buldum, Christina Hodgkinson, Rebecca Callahan, Melissa Massey-Flinn, Helen Tomic, Peggy Szalay, Stephanie Zelasko, Holly Cundiff, Tim Edgar, Bridget Lacy, Brian Gage, Keith Esparaza, John Flowers, Nathan Chambers, Rebecca Perolis, Karl Driggs, Jackie Hemsworth, Joe Scalise, Darrita Davis, Joe Rizzo, Sonia Emerson, Keith Stahl, Candy Petticord, Michelle Wells, Tabitha Dills, Matthew Slater, Allison Ball
2. Members Absent: Janice Stahl, Jim Cole, Darnella Cummings, Dennis Shawhan, Melissa McFadden, Michele Mckeever, Rachel Valentine, Amy Marsteller, Terri Heckman, Amanda Lukens, Pat Grant, Mike Harhager, Gary Neffenger Jr., Karla McDay, Lasalle Harris, Patrice Henderson, Sara Woolridge, Dan Tousley, Igor Petrovich, Fred Berry, Amanda Baker, Dan Dubravetz, Joanna Brown Others Present: Karen Jones
3. Welcome
   * + Megan Scheck, Chair, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:34 pm
4. Approval of Minutes
   * + Megan presented the minutes from the May meeting

* Peggy Szalay motioned to approve and Melissa Massey-Flinn seconded
* All were in favors and the minutes were approved

1. System Status Update
   * + Joe Scalise didn’t have an official report, but gave an update on United Way
     + Using COVID Relief Funds to help with rental assistance

* 109 clients with rental assistance
* 71 clients in process
* Haven of Rest is getting added to HMIS and can now be uploaded weekly
* Starting July 1, 2020 all homeless hotline calls will be answered by 211 and the process has been sped up and streamlined in order to help clients even if it’s after hours or on a weekend
* There are several job openings at United Way and as of today, there have been 85 people that have applied

1. SCDJFS
   * + Latoya Harris gave her quarterly report from Job and Family Services

* Market Day Camp on Saturday June 27, 2020
* Fun Packs through Akron Children’s Museum and Summit County Metro Parks will be coming soon
* SCDJFS in partnership with United Way and Akron City have 6 million dollars for a new housing program called Summit Cares is going into effect
* Helps with rental assistance and mortgage assistance
* Eligible for all Summit County residents
* Many other services are offered through this program
* An email with the link to the new website for this program will be coming soon from Latoya through Karen Jones

1. CoC Business

* Mar-quetta Boddie
* Douglas Aruge from COHHIO wanted to make sure that we are aware that COHHIO still has pandemic funds available for PPE and other supplies if any agency is in need. There is an application to fill out that Mar-quetta or Karen will send out after this meeting. If anyone has any questions they can contact Mar-quetta.
* Quarantine center closed, and the CoC moved to using hotel vouchers for homeless individuals and families who were COVID-19 positive. Only two households used these, and both were exited from quarantine in the hotel 2 weeks ago
* We have had no calls since those households, but will continue to use the hotel if there is a need.
* Still waiting on NOFA to come out.
* NOFA debriefing from last year’s application was sent out to everyone.
* Mar-quetta is hoping to complete remote monitoring of last 4 agencies by the end of July.
* Monitoring results will be used for Review & Ranking this year.
* Mar-quetta will be sending out new forms that all CoC funded agencies will use as applicable.

1. CoC Board Update

* Lauren Green-Hull
* Working on finalizing personnel policies and financial policies since the CoC was just established as its own 501(c)(3)
* Ranking and Review is working on updates to the tool which will be presented to the board for approval when completed.
* All agencies applying for CoC funds will present to Ranking and Review this year.

1. Committee/Workgroup Updates
   * + Chronically Homeless BNL

* Tim Edgar
* Moving through the list, many have vouchers and are looking for housing.
* Workgroup invites will be sent out via Karen to make sure everyone who needs invited gets invited.
* HMIS
* Mar-quetta or Asli Buldum
* Meeting in May did not occur due to nothing new to report.
* Assessing data and
* Racial equity taskforce established in Akron, we will be working with them to offer HMIS data that might be useful for them.
* HMIS team has been receiving a lot of requests for assistance, they are answering those as they come.
* Working on PIT and HIC submissions, Asli will be sending out forms to each agency to check their numbers.
* Please send this data back as quickly as possible.
* Ranking & Review
* Lauren
* Lauren reported on R&R during her Board report.
* Rapid Re-Housing
* Joe
* There was no meeting in June, nothing new to report.
* The next RRH meeting is July 17th.
* Veteran’s BNL
* Diane Waite
* They continue to meet regularly.
* Youth Summit-Up
* Sonia Emerson
* Shaleeta Smith is helping the workgroup with strategic planning.
* Starting right now with just outreaching to “hot spots” where youth hang out to hand out backpacks and street cards, asking what their needs are, and start to build rapport with the youth.
* They are doing this outreach twice each month.
* “Chalk it up” summer series, where the team will chalk on the sidewalks some facts about homelessness and youth that will draw attention and get conversations moving forward.
* Considering using a “code word” for young people to use when they call 211 so they will be recognized as a young adult by the 211 staff.
* Some of young people have reported not having anywhere to go because they fear going to the shelter due to COVID-19.
* CANAPI has funding available for young people with HIV/AIDS who have been infected with COVID-19.
* Potentially adding a “by name list” or a “vacancies” section to the meetings that would have a focus on available youth beds/units and filling those in real time.
* Workgroup has also discussed turning the youth street card into an app and other marketing strategies.
* They are hoping to get some young people on the monthly call; if anyone knows any young people who would be willing to be on the monthly call, please contact Sonia.

1. Open Floor
   * + HMHI is looking for a LSW Case Manager in Akron.
     + Keith Esparza continues to offer services in mental health case management and therapy for homeless individuals.
     + AMHA has vouchers in the mainstream voucher program, and still has Shelter + Care vouchers available.
     + HUD VASH voucher applications are also accepted for veterans.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Approved by The SCCoC Steering Committee, 7/22/2020

Karen Jones

SCCoC Administrative Assistant