Members in Attendance: Mike Bullock, Karl Driggs, Diane Waite, Megan Scheck, Rebecca Callahan, Amanda Baker, Tim Edgar, Rachel Valentine, Latoya Harris, Melissa Massey-Flinn, Holly Cundiff, Joe Scalise, Dan Tousley, Brian Gage, Michael Harhager, Nathan Chambers, Bridget Lacy, Teri Timura, Lauren Green-Hull, Nicole Taylor, Asli Buldum, Keith Esparza, Christina Hodgkinson, Mar-quetta Boddie, Dan Dubravetz, Lasalle Harris, Keith Snodgrass.

Members Absent: Amy Marstellar, Fred Berry, Candy Petticord, Rebecca Perolis, Helen Tomic, Janice Stahl, Jim Cole, Michelle Wells, Allison Ball, Dennis Shawhan, Michele Mckeever, Keith Stahl, Terri Heckman, Pat Grant, Patrice Henderson, Sara Woolridge, Joanna Brown, Denise Smith, Briana Gamble, Lisa Bruback, Melissa McFadden, John Flowers, Chris Savage, Chris West, Daniel Stimmel, Rebecca Cool, Darnella Cummings, Jackie Hemsworth, Jeff Wilhite, Anja Aniere, Matthew Slater, Brandon Stephens, Peggy Szalay.

Others Present: Rob Lehr, Karen Jones, Elizabeth McCullough

1. Welcome

Megan Scheck, Chair, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:03 pm

1. Approval of Minutes
   * + Megan presented the minutes from the February meeting

* Rebecca Callahan motioned to approve and Brian Gage seconded
* All were in favor and the minutes were approved

1. System Status Report

Joe Scalise

* Joe shared a report which included information on referrals made through coordinated entry and the success of those referrals over the past month.
  + 4 cases were solved using diversion methods
  + 21 referrals to shelter beds, 12 of which clients did not follow through
  + Most calls (57) were prevention referrals for rental assistance
  + 29 RRH and 6 PSH referrals
  + 2 referrals to TH
  + 135 calls included a crisis needs assessment, and 59 included a CE housing needs assessment, 57 of which resulted in prevention referrals for rental assistance.

1. CARES Act Update

Joe Scalise

* 5,000 applications have already been submitted for CARES act assistance for individuals, and some have already been approved. These are being referred to teams to assist with getting these reviewed and approved. They are working through prioritizing based on income and need.
* Eviction moratorium is set to end on 3/31. They are working on trying to encourage landlords to not file evictions as soon as they can since rental assistance for tenants is on the way.
* If anyone wants to know the status of their application please send an email to summit county CARES.
* This application isn’t closing down like it did last time, and will be ongoing throughout the year in terms of available assistance.
* There is likely going to be more rental assistance coming.

1. SCDJFS update

Latoya Harris

* State ODJFS will be upgrading all systems in April on 4/23 and 4/26 and will be functioning with limited staff those two dates. Locations will still be open, but staff will be smaller.
* Rent assistance – JFS is still working with 211 and BWS and homeless prevention providers with individuals who are homeless TANF eligible and still needing assistance.
* Work activities program has been remodeled and they are looking at starting a new process with that April 1st – more to come on this later.
* APS received a COVD grant, and are looking for 12 part-time family liaisons within the Akron Public Schools.
* Ohio Means Jobs website has been redesigned, there is a Youtube video about this.
* Re-entry program is again taking referrals.
* SCDJFS is still recruiting for full scholarships for police academy to become a Summit County Sheriff.

1. CoC Business

Mar-quetta Boddie

* HUD released the non-competitive funding notice and all CoC programs with the exception of transitional housing were given rent increases and all were funded at the full amount.
* Elizabeth shared that she will be meeting with emergency shelter staff about a potential vaccine clinic.
* Elizabeth also offered her help in getting the word out about vaccine education and encouraged attendees to attend vaccine education meetings. The first meeting will be 3/31 at 2pm regarding vaccine education.
* No clients currently in the quarantine hotel.

1. Board update

Lauren Green-Hull

* + Board is continuing to work on developing the CoC as a 501(c)(3), no updates since February Steering Committee meeting.

1. Committee/workgroup updates:

Chronically Homeless BNL

* Tim Edgar
* 30 people on the list, 4 people were housed this month
* Next meeting 4/12 at 10am
* HMIS
* Michael Harhager asked Asli Buldum to share HMIS updates.
* First HMIS administrators meeting was held
* There is a new DQR from Wellsky, administrators will be taking a bigger role in their respective agencies with regards to their DQRs.
* It will be much easier to find which client has the errors now in the new DQR.
* HMIS released a questionnaire regarding the COVID-19 vaccine, which can be filled out in HMIS. The CoC would like all providers to administer this questionnaire to all clients, with the hopes that we will get some useful information from it about what populations want to receive the vaccine, their success at being able to get the vaccine, and any other trends to better assist those who want the vaccine.
* Live uploads of Haven of Rest data are happening right now, so this is moving forward with getting this data into HMIS. Data fixes are happening as they are recognized.
* Ranking & Review
* Lauren
* Nothing new to report, still meeting monthly
* One member asked about scoring on the R&R tool and what exceptions can be made on the tool in response to the pandemic, particularly with regards to longer stays in RRH programs due to COVID and increased dollars for rental assistance.
* It was advised that we will have to wait until the NOFA is released from HUD and they give guidance on if there can be any exceptions made on this concern.
* Rapid Re-Housing
* Joe Scalise
* Discussed funding and referral flow. There is a lot of funding available because it is very difficult to find landlords that will accept the RRH program model; this is the biggest challenge for RRH programs.
* The workgroup is trying to work on incentivizing landlords as much as possible to get landlords to accept the tenants from RRH programs.
* Lauren added that FHCS is advocating to legally add income source as a protected class, which would prohibit landlords from barring applicants because they have a HCV, which would then be considered discriminatory.
* Veteran’s BNL
* Diane Waite
* There are 44 names on the list
* 4 people are still in hotels with agency funds, a number which has decreased greatly.
* Anyone eligible for VA healthcare can get the vaccine through the VA, there is no disabling condition or age requirement, and transportation is provided.
* Youth Summit-Up
* Mar-quetta
* Meeting on 4/13 from 9am-11am which will include all front line staff who work with youth. The CoC has partnered with SCPH to contract with someone from Cincinnati to help with a youth needs assessment.

1. Steering Committee Survey

Megan shared the results of the Steering Committee survey. Results showed most people are not in favor of adding more subcomittees to the Steering Committee. Respondents find the most value in learning about resources and sharing information in the steering committee meetings, and there were a few respondents who wished there was more time to share resources. Megan added sharing resources to the agenda. Megan asked for feedback on the results, and one member stated it seems like the results show that the steering committee is accomplishing what it is intended to, and that at times it is more focused on tasks and is a working group and at other times it is more of a reporting out meeting, but that people seem to find value in both. No other comments were made. Megan offered to the group to reach out directly via email to Megan or Mar-quetta if anyone wants to discuss this outside of the Steering Committee meeting.

1. Resource sharing

* Lauren Green-Hull shared about two Fair Housing Contact Service virtual trainings, one for tenants on 4/20 and 4/27, and one for service providers on 4/14.
* Megan shared about Open M’s Mountain of Food on 3/30.

1. Open Floor

There was no business shared during open floor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:56 pm.

Approved by The SCCoC Steering Committee, 4/28/2021

Megan Scheck SCCoC Steering Committee Chair