Members in Attendance:

Tim Edgar, Karl Driggs, Keith Esparza, Christina Hodgkinson, Teri Timura, Diane Waite, Joe Scalise, Dan Dubravetz, Chanda Bitecofer, Erica Ward Cherry, Michael Harhager, Mike Bullock, Nathan Chambers, Igor Petrovich, Joe Rizzo, Lauren Green-Hull, Holly Cundiff, Rachel Valentine, Brian Gage, Nathan Chambers, Asli Buldum, Elizabeth McCullough, Peggy Szalay, Nicole Taylor, Michelle Wells, Melissa Massey-Flinn, Brandon Stephens, Megan Scheck, Amanda Baker, Mar-quetta Boddie,

Members Absent: Rebecca Callahan, Latoya Harris, Dan Tousley, Lasalle Harris, Keith Snodgrass, 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, John Flowers, Chris West, Daniel Stimmel, Rebecca Cool, Darnella Cummings, Jackie Hemsworth, Jeff Wilhite, Matthew Slater.

Others Present: Rob Lehr, Karen Jones, Elizabeth McCullough

1. Welcome

Megan Scheck, Chair, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:04 pm

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

* Melissa Mssey-Flinn motioned to approve and Peggy Szalay 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.

1. CoC Business

Mar-quetta Boddie

* United way has finalized the 2019-2020 homelessness report which will hopefully be released today.
* Mar-quetta thanked Amy at AMHA for chairing the Moving On committee for the moving on strategy partnership with CoC PSH projects and AMHA. This will open up PSH slots for those who are in need by giving them preference points with AMHA section 8 vouchers and Low Income Public Housing.
* Mark Protch from HUD notified Mar-quetta that the grant processing has begun today. All grantees needing in-kind match will have to sign the MOU.
* Elizabeth shared one person is in the hotel quarantine. Vaccine champions meeting is tomorrow at 2pm. Please let Elizabeth know if any agencies are in need of PPE. Elizabeth can also come out to agencies to talk with clients about the vaccine, so let her know if you are interested in that.
* Karen shared that the homeless report will be released along with a press release and encouraged agencies to share on Facebook. Scoring for R&R is beginning. If you are a committee chair, please get the attendance sheets to Karen. Almost everyone has turned in their APRs.
* Mar-quetta shared the R&R committee is working on modifying the R&R tool and will send to Steering Committee to give the opportunity to express concerns and ask questions. They are looking to other CoCs to see what they do for R&R and will look to the NOFA for guidance as well. All comments made in Steering will be presented and discussed at R&R and if the SC and R&R committee are in disagreement, it will go to the Board to make a decision.

1. Board update

Lauren Green-Hull

* Met last week and moved forward with continuing discussion about the community report, HMIS and the MOU between HMIS and the CoC, and continues to monitor the committees of the Board.
* The Board is beginning to discuss strategies to assist those in encampments and how the CoC can better be involved in addressing the issues at encampments. More will be shared on this in future Steering Committee meetings.

1. Committee/workgroup updates:

Chronically Homeless BNL

* Tim Edgar
* 34 people on the list
* 5 people housed last month
* 3 openings at Northcoast, 1 emergency and 2 RRH openings at Harmony House, 3 singles and 2 family openings at Access
* 0 openings at HM Life, Legacy III, and OMCDC
* Next meeting 5/10 at 10am
* HMIS
* Michael Harhager
  + The MOU was approved and signed between the CoC and HMIS.
  + Working through issues with collaterals and figuring out any system issues with regards to HUD ESG COVID reports as well as RHY Repository uploads, both due 4/30.
  + HIC and PIT reports are due 5/14, quick responses will be requested.
  + HMIS staff appreciate communication on any issues agencies are having.
  + Working on cleaning data to include recent upload from Haven of Rest.
  + Working through finalizing DV assessments, rules and regulations through work with Ohio DV workgroup.
  + Finishing up Community Report
  + New HMIS Data standards will be released in May. HMIS staff will communicate these changes via email, and set up trainings as necessary. These required changes come from HUD, not HMIS staff.
  + Working with Ohio Data Warehouse Project, getting updated two-year data uploads.
* Ranking & Review
* Mar-quetta shared about R&R during CoC business
* Rapid Re-Housing
* Joe Scalise
* There was no April meeting but there will be a meeting in May
* Veteran’s BNL
* Diane Waite
* There are 43 names on the list
* 1 person is in the hotel
* Youth Summit-Up
* Mar-quetta
  + Consultant from Cinicnnati started the needs assessment for youth and spoke with agencies that serve youth as well as some of the youth and is working through a data review. Mar-quetta is hopeful that this will help us in getting the Youth Development Grant.
  + The CoC is currently interviewing for the Youth Coordinator position and hopes to fill that within the next few weeks.
  + The health dept has a grant available to fund a part-time youth data staff that would work at United Way and streamline the process for youth data.

1. Resource sharing

* There were no items to be shared

1. Open Floor

A member shared about new legislation coming before Akron City Council on Monday. The Council is accepting comments via a voicemail that will be played live during the Zoom City Council meeting prior to the decision on Monday. The proposed legislation would protect income source from being used as a disqualifier for housing and would add “pay to stay” legislation which would prevent landlords from continuing with eviction for people who can pay their entire back rent at the eviction hearing. Landlords have voiced opposition about this legislation.

If anyone would like to leave a voicemail comment to be played at the City Council meeting on Monday regarding this legislation, they may do so by calling 330-375-2566.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:42 pm.

Approved by The SCCoC Steering Committee, 5/26/2021

Megan Scheck SCCoC Steering Committee Chair