Members in Attendance:

Rebecca Callahan, Joanna Brown, Karl Driggs, Melissa Massey-Flinn, Mike Bullock, Megan Scheck, Christina Hodgkinson, Keith Esparza, Latoya Harris, Lauren Green-Hull, Rebecca Cool, Igor Petrovich, Fred Berry, Tim Edgar, Joe Scalise, Dan Tousley, Teri Timura, Asli Buldum, Karla McDay, Paggy Szalay, Michael Harhager, Bridget Lacy, Dan Dubravetz, Amanda Baker, Matthew Slater, Rachel Valentine, Marquetta Boddie

Members Absent: Amy Marstellar, Holly Cundiff, Brian Gage, Diane Waite, Nathan Chambers, Chanda Bitecofer, Erica Ward Cherry, Michelle Wells, Lasalle Harris, Keith Snodgrass, Helen Tomic, Janice Stahl, Jim Cole, Dennis Shawhan, Denise Smith, John Flowers, Darnella Cummings, Jackie Hemsworth, Jeff Wilhite,

Others Present: Rob Lehr, Karen Jones, Elizabeth McCullough, Tyechia Young, Rachel Bridenstine

1. Welcome

Megan Scheck, Chair, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:02 pm

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

* Rebecca Callahan motioned to approve and Melissa Massey-Flinn 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.
* 48 referrals for shelter, 13 were rejected by client (client changed their mind or no showed)
* 1 prevention ESG referral
* 12 referrals for PSH
* 45 referrals for RRH intakes compl
* 8 crisis needs assessments completed
* 18 housing needs assessment completed
* Discussed doing a several month comparison snapshot to see if these numbers are changing across quarters

1. CoC Business

Mar-quetta Boddie

* The City of Akron has started to do sweeps on encampments. City of Akron, CSS, and CoC are working on preventing displacement. Hotels are being provided until housing is identified
* Foresee that there will be more encampment sweeps
* Considering re-opening the EOS for the clients who are displaced from the sweeps. This will increase accessibility to services and provide temporary shelter until housing can be identified
* Emergency housing vouchers will be used for prioritizing people from encampments, which will be effective July 1. Additionally, families and other groups will be prioritized for emergency housing vouchers
* Working on landlord engagement, and are working with the City on incentivizing landlords who work with the CoC.
* Working on a mitigation fund for landlords when clients cause extensive damage to units
* COVID Coordinator has been providing assistance through the CoC for:
  + 2 clients currently in hotel
  + 1 RA stay at hotel while waiting for RRH
  + 4 families being assisted with displacement after fire
  + 5 clients have recently checked out of the hotel
* COVID Coordinator is working with AGMC discharge team to work on pathways for engagement to get homeless patients placed in housing upon release from hospital
* Elizabeth has COVID tests and kits available if needed, please reach out if needed

1. Board update

Lauren Green-Hull

* No new updates, Board meeting tomorrow
* Discussed only including this as an agenda meeting in the months following a Board meeting

1. Grant opportunity

Rachel Bridenstine shared about an opportunity for funding through the Western Reserve Community Fund.

* Funding is focused on Summit County
* Affordable Housing Trust Fund
* Two grants – one up to $50,000 for pre-development and one for programmatic activities up to $5,000
* Rachel sent her powerpoint presentation to Karen, who emailed it to the CoC to refer to for more information.

1. Committee/workgroup updates:

Chronically Homeless BNL

* Tim Edgar
* No meeting in June, will be meeting on 7/12 at 10am.
* With encampments closing, there will be discussion around housing those individuals.
* HMIS
* Michael Harhager
* No update regarding HMIS
* Still working on data
* Ranking & Review

Karen Jones shared:

* + No meetings have been held recently due to schedules
  + NOFA will be released soon
  + Last week there was a training on the Budget form for funded agencies.
  + For funded agencies, Karen will be sending emails regarding financial information, these will be sent directly to the financial contacts at each funded agency
  + Budget form is now called “Actual Expenditures Form” and is for the most recently ended grant period with grant number ending in 18XX.
  + Will share more about the tool at next meeting
  + Mar-quetta shared they are waiting on the NOFA to determine how things will be scored.
  + They have started preliminary scoring for R&R
* Rapid Re-Housing
* Joe Scalise
* No June meeting, next meeting is 7/16 at 10am
* Veteran’s BNL
* Diane Waite was not present so no update was given
* Joe shared that Diane has been working very hard on making the workflow for housing veterans as efficient as possible, and has invested a great deal of work in creating a collaboration to move this work forward
* Youth Summit-Up
* Mar-quetta
  + Working on Youth Demonstration Grant, had a YAB meeting yesterday that went very well.
  + Hopeful to have a very successful grant application this year
  + Youth data collection and analysis has been going very well.

1. Resource sharing

Tye from NISRE (Nothing Into Something Real Estate Program) shared about her agency. They provide TH for homeless ex-offenders. They provide supportive services to include assistance with basic needs referrals, employment assistance, and mental health case management along with temporary housing. They have “high risk” and “low risk” programs, both of which have openings currently.

1. Open Floor

Nothing was shared during open floor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Approved by The SCCoC Steering Committee, 7/28/2021

Megan Scheck SCCoC Steering Committee Chair