Members in Attendance:

Amy Marsteller, Diane Waite, Nathan Chambers, Chanda Steffey, Lasalle Harris, Rebecca Callahan, Karl Driggs, Melissa Massey-Flinn, Mike Bullock, Megan Scheck, Keith Esparza, Igor Petrovich, Tim Edgar, Joe Scalise, Teri Timura, Joe Rizzo, Asli Buldum, Karla McDay, Michael Harhager, Bridget Lacy, Dan Dubravetz, Amanda Baker, Matthew Slater, Rachel Valentine, Justin Halter, Nicole Taylor, Marquetta Boddie

Members Absent: Holly Cundiff, Erica Ward Cherry, Michelle Wells, Keith Snodgrass, Helen Tomic, Janice Stahl, Jim Cole, Dennis Shawhan, Denise Smith, John Flowers, Darnella Cummings, Jackie Hemsworth, Jeff Wilhite, Joanna Brown, Christina Hodgkinson, Latoya Harris, Lauren Green-Hull, Rebecca Cool, Fred Berry, Dan Tousley, Peggy Szalay,

Others Present: Rob Lehr, Corey Raleigh, Karen Jones, Elizabeth McCullough, Shana Miller

1. Welcome

* Megan Scheck, Chair, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:03 pm
* Megan introduced new staff member at the City of Barberton, Justin Halter, who replaced Melissa McFadden as the City of Barberton seat on the SCCoC Board.
* Megan asked that anyone new to Steering Committee or new to their agency please give her their email address so she can add them to the email list for Steering Committee meeting reminders.

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

* Rebecca Callahan motioned to approve and Tim Edgar seconded
* All were in favor and the minutes were approved

1. System Status Report

Joe Scalise

* Joe shared a new bar chart showing the difference from quarter to quarter in various referral types – TH, RRH, PSH, homeless prevention, housing needs assessment, crisis needs assessment, non-CoC referral, emergency shelter, and diversion.
* One member asked if veterans were included in these numbers, Joe confirmed they are included.
* One member suggested showing the results of the referrals.

1. CoC Business

Mar-quetta Boddie

* Many providers have received a Strategic Plan survey from the CoC, this will help the consultant working on the strategic plan. Please be sure to respond if the consultant reached out to you, as some people will be interviewed to help with strategic planning process.
* CoC is currently still paying for hotel stay for 4 people from encampments, none due to COVID
* COVID event with CSS got 14 people vaccinated
* Elizabeth wants to schedule more COVID vaccine clinics, email if interested
* CDC recommends wearing masks now, and cases are increasing with a new variant
* CoC has made strides in talking with hospitals, have gotten the CoC directly involved with the Cleveland Clinic to triage people into housing before they are released from the hospital.
* LL mitigation fund application is complete, waiting on city to approve
* Working on hiring a housing locator to engage with LL
* CSS and CoC are hosting a meeting tomorrow for encampment outreach with other grassroots providers to coordinate efforts to get them housed, working on establishing a unified message.
* Mar-quetta asked Joe to share about the Emergency Housing Vouchers.
  + Joe shared these have to come through centralized intake, as all housing referrals do.
  + The process is the same, clients should call centralized intake and then they will determine the best fit for them within the available housing options, to include a potential EHV.
  + Clients are strongly encouraged to apply for AMHA because this will speed up the process if they are selected for the EHV.
  + Lots of work being done on LL engagement and incentivizing
  + Units need leased by September 2023 under the EHV, and are with the resident until 2030!
  + Homeless and at-risk of homelessness are prioritized, as well as hard-to-place large families or other populations with high barriers.
  + People will still be placed appropriately into RRH and PSH and other housing as usual, but these will help with additional housing resources.
  + There is a by-name-list meeting for the EHV, agencies needing involved are attending those meetings.
  + 101 vouchers were given to Summit County, 48 referrals were made, 1 has been leased. The 1 that was leased was able to lease up within 30 days.
* Shana Miller, the new Youth Coordinator for the CoC was introduced by Mar-quetta.

1. Board update

Megan Scheck shared an update on behalf of Lauren Green-Hull

* The CoC Board continues to support the work of the CoC and their staff in the development and operations of the organization, including policy development and approval.
* The Board is working with CoC staff to prepare for the upcoming NOFA release.
* As many of you know, Brian Gage is no longer with AMHA.  Christina Hodgkinson will take over AMHA’s funded seat on the Board; however as Brian was the elected as Treasurer for the CoC Board, the Board will be holding elections at our next meeting to elect a new treasurer to fulfill this role.
* As the end of the year will be here before we know it, the Nominations committee will begin their process of preparing for elections of funded agencies and will work with the Steering Committee for this effort as in the past.  If you are a funded agency, please consider if you would like to take on the role and responsibility of a board position.
* At the June 24, 2021 Summit County Continuum of Care (SCCoC) Board Meeting, the directors voted to reaffirm that the SCCoC is a Housing First Continuum of Care.  Additionally, the Board voted that all funded agency applications submitted for the SCCoC 2021 NOFA must be Housing First programs.  As Housing First has been a Review and Ranking scoring instrument, as well as a requirement of all funded applicants to affirm on their applications, the SCCoC has made this formal step to reaffirm our CoC’s current focus.
* Mar-quetta asked that members provide feedback on the R&R scoring tool to Karen.

1. Committee/workgroup updates:

Chronically Homeless BNL

* Tim Edgar
  + 44 people on list
  + 10 people housed since last meeting
  + Next meeting 8/9
* HMIS
* Michael Harhager
  + New staff member has been hired, Krystal Levstek, HMIS Reporting Specialist, who just started Monday. Will be working on reporting for various components, as well as collecting youth data.
* Ranking & Review
* Mar-quetta shared about commenting on the tool during the Board update, no other updates from R&R
* Rapid Re-Housing
* Joe Scalise
  + Focus of July meeting was LL mediation, talking about EHV vouchers, meeting again 3rd Friday in September.
* Veteran’s BNL
* Diane Waite
  + 52 names which is an increase. Previously, there were about 35-40 names on the list on average,
  + 15 are unsheltered homeless, which is also significant
  + HUD VASH has changed eligibility, but still have to be willing to receive case management and still have to be literally homeless
  + Valor Home is almost full
  + Homeless Veteran Standdown will resume this year and is being held September 14, Karen just emailed a flyer sent by Diane to the Steering Committee.
* Youth Summit-Up
* Mar-quetta
  + Youth Demonstration Grant was submitted
  + New Youth Advisory Board chairperson will be recruiting for the YAB and will be updating website for the YAB

1. Resource sharing

Centralized Intake Housing staff is being increased – one new employee just started and another will be starting soon. Briana Gamble, a Housing Specialist is on maternity leave. Leesa Bruback is best to reach out to for now, until the other specialists are trained.

1. Open Floor

Nothing was shared during open floor.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:46 pm.

Approved by The SCCoC Steering Committee, 8/25/2021

Megan Scheck SCCoC Steering Committee Chair