Members in Attendance:

Amy Marstellar, Diane Waite, Nathan Chambers, 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, Michael Harhager, Bridget Lacy, Dan Dubravetz, Amanda Baker, Rachel Valentine, Nicole Taylor, Marquetta Boddie, Krystal Levstek, Holly Cundiff, Christina Hodgkinson, Lauren Green-Hull

Members Absent: Chanda Steffey, Lasalle Harris, Karla McDay, Matthew Slater, Justin Halter, 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, Latoya Harris, Rebecca Cool, Fred Berry, Dan Tousley, Peggy Szalay,

Others Present: Karen Jones, Shana Miller

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 July meeting

* Joe motioned to approve and Melissa seconded
* All were in favor and the minutes were approved

1. System Status Report

Joe Scalise

* Joe went over needs assessments performed by CI from January – June 2021, and the referrals and results of those calls.
* 22 referrals to TH, 199 referrals to RRH, 37 referrals to PSH, 253 referrals to ES

1. CoC Business

Mar-quetta Boddie

* NOFO (previously NOFA) was released by HUD and is due November 16.
* Already have some agencies helping with questions
* New questions included topics related to COVID-19, new program collaborations with health care providers.
* Elizabeth is no longer the COVID Coordinator for the CoC, the position will be posted on Indeed this evening.
* In final stages of completing the contract with the City of Akron for the Housing Navigator position that will focus on landlord mitigation.
* Mar-quetta will send out an email to the CoC to include information on each agency’s part of the NOFO application.
* Mar-quetta also pointed out that some agencies may have a new HUD Rep.
* Strategic Plan is still underway, please respond to emails from Lynn or Mar-quetta involving this.

1. Board update

Michael Harhager

* Michael Harhager is now the Board Chair as Lauren Green-Hull has resigned, and presented the Board update.
* Two new applications have been received for two open Board seats, openings left by Brian Gage and Lauren Green-Hull. Christina Hodkinson will be taking Brian Gage’s seat, and Tammy Skipper will take the seat previously occupied by Lauren Green-Hull.

1. Committee/workgroup updates:

Chronically Homeless BNL

* Tim Edgar
* Met on 8/9
* 29 people on list, housed 5 of those
* Next meeting 9/13 at 10am
* Openings at meeting were as follows:
  + NCCH – 1
  + Shelter Care – 0
  + OMCDC – 0
  + Legacy III – 2
  + ACCESS – 1 family
  + Harmony House – 0
  + Shelter + Care – 18 for CSS, 12 for CANAPI
  + HM Life – 0
  + Project Beginnings – 1 female
* HMIS
* Michael Harhager
* HIC and PIT were finalized in HDX, they will be sending an updated count soon.
* NOFO released so HMIS staff will work with Coc on that.
* Ranking & Review
  + Karen Jones presented as Sara Leedham’s designee
  + Met earlier this month
  + Discussed presentations, committee will be doing them differently than in the past. Funded programs will get an email from Sara or Karen regarding presentations with the time scheduled, which will be sent before the steering committee meeting in September.
  + Scoring of projects is completed on the spreadsheet end. The only changes would be related to the NOFO.
  + Some questions were received via email regarding the R&R tool, and Karen compiled the questions and sent to the Board for discussion.
* Rapid Re-Housing
* Joe Scalise
* No updates, next meeting 9/17 at 10am
* Veteran’s BNL
* Diane Waite
* Numbers on the BNL are increasing, now at 56 names. Includes prevention households in this count, which includes 2 prevention households currently.
* Residential site census has increased.
* HUD VASH expansion includes veterans who are **not** eligible for medical care through the VA!
* Will be getting a subsidy valid for up to 2 years
* Youth Summit-Up
* Shana Miller
* Hope Sayer has been working in the CoC office about 10 hours a week (YAB Chair) to met clients where they are!
* Met in conjunction with a kickboxing class.
* Resume class at the library on 9/9
* On site meetings at Harmony House
* Focused on direct outreach and recruitment
* Twitter, Facebook, TikTok, and Instagram pages for the YAB have all been developed
* Also working on a youth specific street card, YAB website

1. Resource sharing

* Akron PRIDE festival downtown on Saturday, many agencies are involved. Equity march at 10am, 11am Lock 3, Fireworks at 9:30
* Akron Family Black Pride Festival at The Well on Saturday
* Summit County Homeless Veterans Stand Down is coming up on 9/14/21. <https://summitcountystanddown.org/events/2021-summit-county-stand-down/>

1. Open Floor

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:33 pm.

Approved by The SCCoC Steering Committee, 9/22/2021

Megan Scheck SCCoC Steering Committee Chair