Members in Attendance:

Karl Driggs, Diane Waite, Rebecca Callahan, Rebecca Cool, Bridget Lacy, Tim Edgar, Teri Timura, Michael Harhager, Rob Lehr, Nathan Chambers, Joe Rizzo, LaSalle Harris, Peggy Szalay, Lauren Green-Hull, Holly Cundiff, Mike Bullock, Amy Marsteller, Rachel Valentine, Igor Petrovich, Melissa Massey-Flinn, Karla McDay, Joe Scalise, Megan Scheck, Mar-quetta Boddie.

Members Absent:

Keith Esparza, Asli Buldum, Dan Dubravetz, Amanda Baker, Nicole Taylor, Christina Hodgkinson, Chanda Steffey, 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, Fred Berry, Dan Tousley.

Others Present: Karen Jones, Shana Miller, Brandi Shephard

1. Welcome

* Megan Scheck, Chair, welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 2:01 pm

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

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

1. System Status Report

Joe Scalise

* Will be taking a new approach to reporting on a quarterly basis beginning next month.
* A System Performance Measures report will be provided quarterly.
* Referral report will be provided quarterly as well
  + If you do not take referrals directly from HMIS, please do this! HMIS staff will be reaching out soon with more information about doing this.

1. CoC Business

Mar-quetta Boddie

* NOFO due November 17, SCCoC application is underway. Renewal and new project applications are due October 1.
* CoC is currently hiring a COVID Coordinator, and are in process of interviewing candidates. Send resume to Karen if interested.
* Will be hiring for a Housing Locator soon
* Mitigation fund will be available very soon, hopefully next month.
* Mayor’s taskforce for tenants and landlords met yesterday for the first time and they discussed prioritizing and revamping programs and working effectively
* Working on final details on the strategic plan and then will be releasing a RFP for someone to facilitate the strategic plan, hopefully beginning of October

1. Board update

Michael Harhager

* Executive committee met last Thursday.
* Discussed Afghanistan refugees coming to Akron, they will go into hotels.
* ARP funds were received by the City of Akron, discussed the types of programs that can be funded, more information on that to come.
* Next Board meeting is October 21.

1. Committee/workgroup updates:

Chronically Homeless BNL

* Tim Edgar
* Met on 9/13
* 2 people on list, housed 2 of those, 6 came off list
* Will start working on camps again
* Next meeting 10/11 at 10am
* Openings at meeting were as follows:
  + NCCH – 1
  + Shelter Care – 0
  + OMCDC – 0
  + Legacy III – 2
  + ACCESS – single and family openings
  + Harmony House – 0
  + Shelter + Care – 15 for CSS, 12 for CANAPI
  + HM Life – 0
  + Project Beginnings – 1 female
* HMIS
* Michael Harhager
* Administrators meeting was last week, changes in HMIS will start on October 1. Candy sent an email about the changes.
* There have been lots of issues with DQR reports. HMIS staff have found that the source of the issues if the Haven of Rest data, which started being pulled into HMIS in January 2021. Apparently this data is causing errors on individual agency reports, so they are working on fixing the glitches.
  + HMIS staff are correcting the Haven of Rest data before running the DQR, hopefully this will fix the errors
  + Karen and Candy are working on re-issuing the reports in their corrected form.
  + June, July, and August are the affected DQR reports, which will be corrected.
  + Future emails about DQRs will inform the agency as to why the scoring changed on the report, as compared to the previous month, to help agencies make corrections.
  + Once all the issues have been corrected, R&R HMIS Scoring Policy will be released for review and approval.
* Ranking & Review
  + Karen Jones presented as Sara Leedham’s designee
  + Met earlier this month
  + Working on R&R agency presentations, which will be different this year.
  + Presentations will happen over Zoom.
  + Hopefully by next week, the schedule of R&R presentations will be released.
  + The R&R results spreadsheet should be coming out this week, which will go out with a letter explaining presentations. Agencies will then get an individual letter explaining more.
* Rapid Re-Housing
* Joe Scalise
* Met last Friday, lots of updates were provided regarding CI returning to community, CARES Act, EHV process, case consultation.
* Next meeting is in November.
* Veteran’s BNL
* Diane Waite
* Numbers on the BNL are increasing, now at 59 names. Includes 9 homeless prevention households in this count
* Safe Haven run by CSS is at capacity for perhaps the first time ever
* Open transitional beds at Valor Home
* Will be getting a subsidy valid for up to 2 years, run through the SSVF program, this will begin October 1 with enrollment for veterans in November.
* Next BNL meeting is 10/6
* Homeless Veteran Stand-down occurred in September and was well-received.
* Youth Summit-Up
* Shana Miller
* Next YAB Board meeting is 10/14 at Harmony House Cross St location
* YAB is in need of new members ages 16-24 youth, provide a meal at each meeting and working on incentives
* Working on publicizing and targeted outreach
* Collaborating with SCPH to do the youth street card
* Next meeting is 10/21

1. Resource sharing

* Karen shared that the mandatory training for CoC member agencies is tomorrow from 9am-12pm
* Karen also reminded everyone that APRs are due to the CoC within 60 days of the grant closing. These are due in SAGE and to the CoC again 90 days after grant closing. Karen also reminded everyone to attend the meetings you are required to attend.

1. Single Parent Advancement program presentation

* Brandi Shephard, Founder and CEO
  + Brandi presented an overview of the Single Parent Advancement program:
    - Provides support to single-parent families
    - Family homelessness is increasing
    - Has engaged with family shelters
    - Teaches about breaking the cycle of generational poverty
    - Financial literacy course coming up on 10/20 – Wednesdays from 6-8pm, 6 weeks. This course occurs quarterly and is completed over Zoom.
  + Karen will send a flyer provided by Brandi as well as her contact information to the CoC.

1. Open Floor

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Approved by The SCCoC Steering Committee, 10/27/2021

Megan Scheck SCCoC Steering Committee Chair