Members in Attendance:

Amy Marstellar, Diane Waite, Nathan Chambers, Rebecca Callahan, Karl Driggs, Lori Russell for Melissa Massey-Flinn, Mike Bullock, Megan Scheck, Lysa Crawford for Keith Esparza, Krystal Levstek, Igor Petrovich, Tim Edgar, Joe Scalise, Teri Timura, Joe Rizzo, Asli Buldum, Michael Harhager, Bridget Lacy, Amanda Baker, Rachel Valentine, Nicole Taylor, Marquetta Boddie, Lauren Green-Hull, Helen Tomic, Fred Berry, Peggy Szalay

Members Absent:

Chanda Steffey, Lasalle Harris, Karla McDay, Matthew Slater, Justin Halter, Erica Ward Cherry, Michelle Wells, Keith Snodgrass, Janice Stahl, Jim Cole, Dennis Shawhan, Denise Smith, John Flowers, Darnella Cummings, Jackie Hemsworth, Jeff Wilhite, Joanna Brown, Latoya Harris, Rebecca Cool, Dan Tousley, Holly Cundiff, Christina Hodgkinson

Others Present:

Karen Jones, Shana Miller, Rob Lehr

1. Welcome
   * Megan Scheck, Chair, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:03pm
2. Approval of Minutes
   * Rebecca Callahan motioned to approve the minutes, Michael Harhager seconded. All were in favor, minutes were approved.
3. ESG Allocations - Helen Tomic

* Helen presented the plan for allocating the ESG dollars from the City of Akron.
* $524,741 received from the City of Akron in ESG funds, which is a decrease of around $9,000 (1.1%)
* Anything above $200K has to go towards RRH and homeless prevention, the first $200K goes to shelters that are not eligible for CoC dollars
* The $9,000 decrease will not impact the shelter allocation, the decrease will be from RRH and Homeless Prevention

1. System Status Report - Joe Scalise

* System Status Report was emailed to SC prior to the meeting.
* Joe also provided the HMIS update during his report.
* Working on advancing the work of racial equity
* HUD gave the opportunity to revamp CE work from a race equity lens, so Joe and Mar-quetta asked if all the Ohio CoCs wanted to apply, and they did and we were awarded the grant, which allows for technical assistance
* We were the only applicant that was awarded as a full state for this funding.
* Joe is developing a group of 6-7 decision makers to work on this, specifically on revamping the VI-SPDAT
* Briana and Krystal from UW are going to be training CoC funded agency staff who enter HMIS data during the month of November to take referrals from HMIS.
* Starting December 1 all referrals will be in HMIS.
* Agency Administrators should be trained in this so they can train and help others.
* UW will reach out to each agency to schedule the training.

1. CoC Business - Mar-quetta Boddie

* In process of finalizing the NOFO.
* Most agencies have submitted in e-snaps – if yours was sent back please fix the issues and send back by Friday or you will be in jeopardy of not being funded.
* R&R completed presentations
* First phase of Strategic plan was completed, will start on second phase in January through a RFP for a contractor.
* Will be hosting a call to build relationships with LL and for LL mitigation
* Continuing to work on DQRs and improving data in HMIS. Mar-quetta is going to be emailing agencies directly each time they receive a score that is in “yellow” or “red”
* Majority of programs are receiving scores 8 or higher (“green”)
* Questions on scoring can be addressed to Candy or Karen
* LBGTQ needs assessment still going on a community level, so please complete that
* Megan Duke is the new COVID coordinator on the Summit CoC
* Karen shared that if there are any changes to the committee meeting times, please let Karen know ASAP, as she is working on the 2022 calendar.
* Annual packets will be due January 31 to Karen

1. CoC Board Update - Michael Harhager

* Board applications are being accepted for 3 new funded agencies. Holly, the nomination committee chair, sent out an email to the funded agencies this week. Elections will be held at the November Steering Committee meeting.
* The Board is also looking to recruit those with lived experience (preferably within the last 7 years) to join the board. If you know anyone who may be interested, please have them fill the application out and send it back to Karen Jones.
* The CoC will be reviewing its policies and procedures with an equity lens and create a plan for developing and implementing equitable policies. We are also looking to diversify our board to be more reflective of the population we serve.

1. Committee/Workgroup Updates
   * Chronically Homeless BNL - Tim Edgar
     + No update
   * HMIS – Michael Harhager
     + Veterans workflow will not be using the HMIS referral process
     + No other updates
   * Ranking & Review - Karen Jones
     + Completed presentations
     + Sent out thank you letters today to all applicants
     + There will be changes to the R&R spreadsheet - Cost effectiveness was not being calculated correctly, so the R&R spreadsheet will be re-sent with new scores reflected
     + Reminder that APRs are due within 60 days of closing date. These are due again in SAGE and to CoC within 90 days of closing date
   * Rapid ReHousing – Joe Scalise
     + No meeting this month, will meet in November
   * Veteran’s BNL - Diane Waite
     + 44 names on literally homeless veterans list, including residential sites and 10 households for homelessness prevention
     + SSVF shallow subsidy is a 2-year subsidy provided to verterans who are eligible for the SSVF program
     + Veteran workflow – in the BOS there was a mechanism where referrals were made through HMIS and the workflow could work, so if that is needed to capture the data, that can be implemented
     + There is a meeting on 11/12 for the CE policy subcommittee
     + 11/3 is the next Veterans BNL meeting
   * Youth Summit-Up - Shana Miller
     + Workgroup members are completing a survey to help with identifying needs and services related to homeless youth
     + Met with staff at U of A and Stark State to start working collaboratively with homeless youth in college
     + Participated in the U of A community resource fair
       - 4 have signed up for internship opportunities with CoC
     + The YAB now has a hotline, number is 234-466-6062
     + Had a YAB meeting last month with 17 attendees and had a presentation about finances
2. Resource Sharing
   * Joe shared about Financial Empowerment Center on Kenmore Blvd, which has financial resources available for tax preparation, budgeting, etc. and there is also a youth program through that site.
3. Open Floor

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm

Approved by The SCCoC Steering Committee, 11/17/2021

Megan Scheck SCCoC Steering Committee Chair