

**Minutes of the July 11, 2016 Meeting  
of the Executive Committee of the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County**

**Attendance:** The Executive Committee of the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County met at 10 a.m. on July 11, 2016, at the offices of the Sisters of Charity of Foundation of Canton. Three of the four members of the committee were present, viz, John Aller, Lynne Dragomier, and Jean Van Ness. The fourth committee member, Beth Pearson, was out of town. Joni Close, president of the Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton also attended a portion of the meeting, during which those present discussed plans for the CoC's new management organization.

**Matters Discussed:** The following matters were discussed at the meeting.

1. **Plans for the CoC's New Management Organization.** Committee members discussed with Joni Close plans for developing the CoC's new backbone organization and hiring an executive director to be employed by Goodwill until the backbone organization is recognized by the IRS as a public charity. During the course of this discussion, members:
  - Agreed to form a Search Committee chaired by Lynne Dragomier to hire an executive director and include on that committee, if at all possible, representatives of the county, Massillon, and Alliance.
  - Identified a number of individuals who would be good candidates for the board of the backbone organization.
  - Talked about the possibility of also forming a Nominating Committee to recruit directors for the new Board.
  
2. **The 2016 CoC Competition.** Jean discussed with members the challenges presented at the outset of the competition. In particular, she noted that, with Beth on vacation and Natalie having decided to extend her leave for another month, the Collaborative Applicant's responsibility for spearheading the local competition had devolved upon her. She also noted that new SMHA staff had been anticipating having Natalie's help in preparing to submit CoC applications for its projects this year, and it now appeared that such help would not be forthcoming. On the more positive side, Jean noted that HUD was allowing a greater percentage of a CoC's annual renewal demand to be allocated to Tier 1 this year, which suggested that CoCs were not in danger of losing as much funding this year as they had the potential to lose last year.
  
3. **Agenda for July 12 Board Meeting.** The members reviewed the agenda that Jean had sent out for the July 12 Board meeting. They had no suggestions for additional items to be added to that agenda.