



Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County

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*No one should experience homelessness. No one should be without a safe, stable place to call home.*

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## **HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE OF STARK COUNTY**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

February 11, 2014

Held at

Sisters of Charity Foundation

#### **In Attendance**

Jean Van Ness  
Natalie McCleskey  
Beverly Jordon  
Shirene Starn-Tapyrik  
Vicki Conley  
John Aller  
Beth Pearson

Lynne Dragomier  
Cathy Jennings

#### **Excused**

Maria Heege  
Jeff Shultz  
Shana Rozier  
Darren Boyle

#### **Absent**

Kirby Freeman

### **Call to Order**

HCCSC Board Chair Jean Van Ness called the Board meeting to order at 9:35a.m and reminded the Board of the conflict of interest policy.

### **HMIS Chair update**

Jean informed the Board that John Kelley of the University of Akron, who was the potential HMIS Chair, had to decline due to schedule conflicts for day-time meetings. Jean will continue to follow up with previous and new leads.

### **OHFA Funding**

Beth Pearson addressed the draft OHFA RFP/application which had been distributed at the previous meeting and then circulated again with the agenda. Beth explained that Natalie requested feedback from Ted Jones, of Corporation for Supportive Housing on the RFP, who had some very helpful suggestions. Suggestions were shared, both those offered from Ted as well as from members of the Board. Beth and/or Natalie will gain clarification from OHFA about which sources

of match are acceptable. Other specifications about eligible applicants will also be reviewed by Beth or Natalie. Corporation for Supportive Housing hopes to have completed the majority of the Permanent Supportive Housing analysis within three weeks and therefore the Board felt it appropriate to wait for this report before moving forward with release of the RFP to ensure that the CoC is giving direction to applicants about the types of projects it is looking to fund. Natalie will post a link on the website about the funding.

### **HCRP Funding**

Beth provided a brief history of the Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) and how it has various funding cycles and is open to different entities in each cycle. Beth recommended that the CoC put out a request for proposal before the NOFA is released to ensure that we are recommending the appropriate projects for this funding. The applications will likely be due between June - August and therefore an RFP process will need to be in place prior to that. COHHIO is to be doing some training on it at their annual conference in April.

### **SSVF Funding**

Natalie McCleskey gave a description of the Supportive Service for Veteran Families funding which has recently released a NOFA, with applications due March 14th. Some agencies are interested to learn more and Natalie will coordinate with them about getting to an upcoming meeting about the funding. There seems to be a possibility of the SSVFP working in connection to the VASH program.

### **PIT Count**

Natalie reported on the Point in Time Count from Amanda Fletcher. The count went well, there were a couple scheduling issues with volunteers for different sites and some meal sites were closed that week due to the severe weather. However with the additional warming centers that opened it is hoped that most of the same clients were covered. It is difficult to say whether or not the cold weather had a negative impact on the number of surveys completed until all the surveys are in. Jennifer Keaton hopes to have the shelter count complete this week and the unsheltered count by next week.

### **Institute for Children, Poverty and Homelessness - NYC Conference**

Shirene Starn-Tapyrik reported on the NYC conference she attended in January hosted by ICPH. She shared that there is evidence from NYC and other cities that the one-size fits all Rapid Re-Housing model does not work and has caused great recidivism and millions to try and fix what the rush to RRH caused in these cities. There was some discussion on other RRH models that are more successful and consensus that we need to have a larger discussion around RRH.

### **Committee Work Plans**

Jean reviewed the 2014 work plans document (attached) which had previously been circulated via email. There was a consensus to see if Corporation for Supportive Housing could assist with the first few special projects (Rapid Re-Housing, Diversion and Prevention, and Supportive Services)

following their work on PSH, to give us a system framework for each. Beth and/or Natalie will get a cost estimate for adding this as a deliverable.

Cathy Jennings offered to work with the group working on the implementation of the new education policies. She should be available to begin this by mid to late-March. Beverly Jordon agreed to look into the Corrections Discharge Planning Committee with the possibility of chairing it. No other committees were assigned chairs but it was envisioned that the sub-committees of the System Performance Committee would have members of that committee chairing them so that information could be funneled back through the Committee to the Board more easily.

There was some discussion around the specific review of the CoC Planner as opposed to review of the Collaborative Applicant as a whole as the CoC Planner is employed by the C.A and therefore reviewed internally. It was noted that the Executive Committee is charged, in the Governance Charter with annually reviewing the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead agency. It was also expressed that just as other CoC Applications must be assessed by the CoC so should the Planning Grant Application to ensure a fair process. Further discussion will take place as reviewing procedures for the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead are developed.

### **Next Members Meeting**

The next Members meeting will take place on March 17th at the Plain Library (Glen Oak High School) at 2pm. It was agreed that work plans should be shared at that meeting. The homeless sections of the Consolidated Plan will also be shared, which were collaboratively developed with the City of Canton. It was recommended that a discussion of HUD's priorities be included, with a particular focus on HUD's move away from funding of supportive services with CoC dollars.

### **New Business**

Shirene addressed a glitch that ESNAPS software is having with the APR data, which is causing a delay in agencies being able to complete their APRs. The Board and Evaluation Committee should be made aware of this when assessing the APRs.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

