HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE OF STARK COUNTY (HCCSC)
Systems Performance
Tuesday, February 20, 2018
9:30 a.m. at Goodwill Campus

Members Present	**SHN Staff**	**Absent**
Renee Biggums	Marcie Bragg	Michelle Boone
Jennifer Keaton	Melissa Terrell	Beverly Lewis
Shannon McMahon Williams		
Duane Wykoff		
Marty Chumney		
Julie Sparks		

I. **Welcome/Approval of Minutes**

At 9:40 a.m., Melissa Terrell, committee member, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Melissa stated that the Systems Performance committee chair, Marcie Bragg, would be joining the meeting momentarily. Melissa inquired if committee members had any suggested revisions to the January meeting minutes. Jennifer recommended a revision to page 2, bullet point two; the Annual Performance Report (APR) should be corrected to Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR).

Motion: Melissa requested a motion to approve the January meeting minutes with the recommended revision. Duane motion to approve. Julie seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously by all members present.

II. **Review System Performance Data** *(See Appendix 1)*

Jennifer discussed the **draft** summary of the 2015, 2016, and 2017 Annual Performance Reports and Performance Measures that were distributed to the committee. Annually, at the beginning of the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) on October 1st, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requests that Continuums submit System Performance data. HUD will be issuing a new version of the Annual Homelessness Assessment Reports (AHAR) that will offer approximately four-hundred reporting tables (and collect data dating back to FFY 2012); the increase in tables will allow for examining thousands of reports. Information from the AHAR's will be submitted to Congress for review on an annual basis. Jennifer anticipates that HUD's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the 2018 national funding competition will focus criteria, and place an emphasis on points, based off systems performance data. Jennifer expressed how extremely important it is to think strategically about Stark County's Continuum and how well Stark County is performing in HUD competitions.

Discussion:

- Information will be extracted from these reports which will separate data for each project type; the committee will be provided this information upon completion.
- The committee questioned if HUD has set any measures for 2018; HUD will not set measures. These measures are created by the Continuum and is a competition of project types against the projects' past performance.
- There are two system performance measures that calculate data for two years previous to the reporting year; the recidivism rate (13-24 months) and first time homelessness measures will capture data for a two year period.
- Jennifer reminded the committee that the HCCSC no longer has Safe Havens or Transitional Housing; the last Safe Haven and Transitional Housing projects were completed halfway through 2016.
- In emergency shelters, a shorter length of stay will attribute to a higher volume of applicants per year.
- Participant's exit destination needs to accurately reflect where the participant is exiting to upon project completion.

III. **Discuss/Recommend 2018 CoC Priorities**

Jennifer distributed prioritization overviews for rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing and emergency shelter. One of the Systems Performance committee's requirement is to make 2018 priority recommendations to the HCCSC for Board approval. Stark County no longer has safe havens or transitional housing projects. Coordinated Entry and HMIS has received funding and will be a part of the annual renewal demand (ARD) for the 2018 HUD competition. Homeless prevention can only be funded by HUD through new projects for high-performing continuums and Stark County is not yet considered high-performing. The only priorities that the systems performance committee can recommend is for permanent supportive housing and rapid re-housing.

Emergency Shelter *(See Appendix 2)*
These are statistics from 2015, 2016, 2017, and approximately four months of 2018. Shelter prioritization started in September 2014. There are three shelter prioritization list: men; women; households with a minor. There are statuses assigned to each household that determines the applicant's level of need. For instance, active means the applicant is still in need of emergency shelter or inactive is when there is no contact with the applicant for a period of time and/or the applicant has found housing.

Discussion:
When calculating the bed needs for emergency shelter, the estimated need is 438 beds. We currently have 463 beds available. The HCCSC has 25 beds over the estimated need of emergency shelter beds.

Rapid and PSH *(See Appendix 3)*

These are statistics from 2015, 2016, 2017, and approximately four months of 2018. There will be an increase in rapid units in 2019; the Arbor Ridge ICAN project is currently under development. ICAN is taking 14 units from the City of Canton for Affordable Housing.

> **Discussion:**
> When calculating the unit needs for rapid, the estimated need is 137 units and currently there are 89 units available; rapid has a shortage of 48 units. When calculating the unit needs for PSH the estimated need is 126 units and currently there are around 109 units available; PSH has a shortage of 17 units.

The Systems Performance committee is recommending the following 2018 priorities to the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County Board for approval:
> Maintain funding for Coordinated Entry, HMIS and for higher performing renewals with the ability to reallocate lower performing renewals; and for new and/or reallocated funding (in no particular order): Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing.

Motion: Jennifer requested a motion to forward the Systems Performance committee's 2018 Priorities recommendation to the Homeless Continuum of Care Board for approval. Shannon moved to approve recommendations. Renee seconded the motion, and the motion was carried by all members present.

IV. **Old Business**
> Shannon distributed copies of the 2015 Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County Annual Report for public distribution. The 2015 Annual Report can be located on the starkcountyhomeless.org website.

V. **New Business**
> N/A

VI. **Adjournment**
> With no further business to be discussed, at 11:08am the meeting adjourned.