

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

Members Present

Renee Biggums
Jennifer Keaton
Shannon McMahon Williams
Duane Wykoff
Julie Sparks

SHN Staff

Marcie Bragg
Melissa Terrell

Absent

Michele Boone
Beverly Lewis
Marty Chumney

Guest

Kim Fox

I. Welcome/Approval of Minutes

At 9:34 a.m., Marcie Bragg, committee chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Marcie addressed the committee regarding a motion made at the February Systems Performance Committee (SPC) meeting. In light of the recent Conflict of Interest presentation provided to the Homeless Continuum of Care of Stark County (HCCSC) Board in February, a concern was discussed by the committee about the SPC member's vote regarding the HCCSC's 2018 funding priorities for the local CoC competition. The SPC members thoroughly discussed future motions and agreed that SPC members who are housing providers will abstain from voting on motions that may pose a conflict of interest.

Motion: Marcie requested a motion to approve the February 20, 2018 System Performance Committee meeting minutes with the recommendation that the discussion regarding the HCCSC's 2018 funding priorities motion be placed into the March 20, 2018 meeting minutes. Duane motioned to approve. Renee seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously by all members present.

Julie Sparks joined the meeting at the time of 9:43am.

II. Review Rapid Re-Housing Data (See Appendix 1)

Jennifer provided the SPC members with a summary of recidivism rates for the last five years of rapid re-housing (RRH) data for all Stark County RRH projects. Jennifer noted that the HCCSC is seeing an increase in the trend for those participants that were exited from a RRH project returning to homelessness after the two years (24 months) recidivism performance measure. Jennifer suggested that those returning to homelessness are families that may be more challenging to house; the HCCSC is also seeing a higher recidivism rate among singles.

Discussion: The committee discussed housing stabilization and the HCCSC linking with other non-housing services. As a system we need to address the employment rate, earned income, and how to increase participant engagement. There was discussion about housing providers collaborating with

other providers to address recidivism in RRH projects. There was additional conversation around placing RRH participants into housing that is above their financial means. It was suggested that RRH participants that are on a fixed income should try a more reasonable approach when attaining affordable housing. The next step is to assess these numbers at the Quality Assurance RRH committee in April. The Quality Assurance committee should assess what works for the rapid rehousing projects and how the HCCSC can support and promote best practices. The committee discussed the possibility of inviting a representative from the Department of Jobs and Family Services (DJFS) to help housing staff understand how employment income could impact DJFS benefits.

III. Discuss Homeless Crisis Response Program

The Stark Housing Network (SHN) is the Collaborative Applicant for the Homeless Continuum of Care and holds the responsibility of providing an endorsement for projects seeking funding through the Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP). HCRP is an Ohio Development Services Agency (ODSA) funded grant program for which the Board of Stark County Commissioner's is the biannual recipient. This program is designed to assist individuals and families from all areas of Stark County, outside of the City of Canton, quickly maintain and/or regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis that has placed them at risk of homelessness or has resulted in literal homelessness. The program requirements facilitate coordination at the state and local levels to utilize all available resources, consult closely with the jurisdiction's Continuums of Care, and to ensure projects awarded as sub recipients of the Stark County Commissioners are performing, filling a need identified within the local homeless system and are recommended by the local Continuum of Care as a priority project for HCRP funding. The SHN is currently preparing the 2018 HCRP funding priority recommendations and 2018 HCRP Local Application that will be submitted to the SHN for review. The SHN may need to solicit an email vote from the systems performance committee members to set 2018 priorities for HCRP funded programs.

Discussion: For the 2016 HCRP grant competition, ODSA awarded funding for rapid rehousing projects in entitlement counties and funding for homeless prevention projects in rural counties. Although the homelessness prevention is an eligible project, ODSA only funded homeless prevention in rural counties.

IV. Old Business

V. New Business

VI. Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed, at 10:43pm the meeting adjourned.

