

**Minutes for Meeting of the HCCSC's
Coordinated Entry System Committee**

April 28th, 2020

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Via Conference Call

Members Present:

Scott Schnyders
Natalie McCleskey
Joy Brubach
Lisa Waikem
Amy Dornack
Shirene Starn–Tapyrik
Lisa Snyder
Jennifer Keaton
Marcie Bragg
Teresa Ponchak
Diane Waite
Melissa Terrill
Jackie McDougle
Kim Stanley

Welcome and Introductions

Scott Schnyders welcomed all the members present and called the meeting to order at 8:35 AM.

Approval of Minutes from October Meeting

Scott Schnyders asked the committee to review the March 24th meeting minutes as distributed. Jennifer Keaton moved to approve the March minutes. Lisa Snyder seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Out of County/State Referrals

Natalie McCleskey introduced the agenda item and opened the topic up for discussion to see what other members were able to find out about what other communities were doing. Diane Waite shared that Akron/Summit County currently has a 60-day residency policy for all of their ESG funded shelters/programs. They can make exceptions on a case by case basis. They also have put together a quarantine shelter at a local church for any residents that have been

required by a Dr. to quarantine. This shelter is staffed by medical personnel. Marcie reiterated that the first line of defense in response to these referrals should be diversion, which she was certain Homeless Navigation was already doing. She also mentioned that would should continue to follow the flow chart that was sent out to providers from the Alliance Family Health Center as to how we intake clients. Any use of our alternative shelters would come through providers. Many members were still concerned about people coming from out of state that were violating the governors stay at home order and then expecting shelter when they arrived to Stark County. Scott Schnyders made the following motion, " In accordance with the State of Ohio's 14 day self-quarantine order for those coming to Ohio from out of state, If someone presents at the Hotline and reports that they have just arrived from out of the state, the Homeless Navigation will divert the caller from shelter and will not make a referral to shelter for 14 days. This Notice will be in affect through June 1 2020. The notice will exclude those who meet criteria and can be served by a veteran or domestic violence organization." The motion was seconded by Jackie McDougle. All members present were in favor. Teresa Ponchak and Jennifer Keaton abstained. Motion Passed. Marcie Bragg clarified that this would need board approval and she planned to send this out to them by the end of the week.

Jackie McDougle asked that we revisit how we were going to handle people coming out of the prison system since it wasn't addressed in the motion that was created. Teresa Ponchak indicated that diversion would be the first option but also let us know that generally if they are coming from prison, they are not interested shelter. We currently did not have anyone recently who called and fit in to this category/situation. The group agreed that if we did see an increase in these types of situations, we would call an emergency meeting to address it.

CoC Board Updates

Marcie Bragg let the group know that the COVID Taskforce continues to meet for a daily call every weekday morning at 8:00 AM. These meetings have served the purpose of coordinating a county wide response to the issues providers and clients are facing due to the Covid-19 virus.

Marcie also mentioned that she was likely going to call together a sub-committee of the Coordinated Entry Committee to look at how the Stark Housing Network can most effectively use the added money that is coming into our system from ESG and Ohio Housing. HUD would like to see communities working on making adjustments to their coordinated entry process to make it easier to get the funding to the people in need.

Quality Assurance Updates

Melissa Terrill wanted to remind the group to continue to use the Public Health tab on the Google Doc to make Homeless Navigation aware of any clients are experiencing COVID-19 systems.

Other Business

Diane Waite asked for an update on where things stood with GPD beds in Stark County. Teresa Ponchak said she recently met with SSVF and they were still waiting on final approval from the VA inspection.

Natalie McCleskey asked if we would be making any changes as a system with extending Rapid Rehousing participants time limit beyond 12 months. She also was wondering if there needed to be a notice issued from Stark Housing Network in order to do this. Lisa Snyder indicated that the YWCA would not be looking to provide any RRH extensions beyond the 12-month time limit. Marcie Bragg indicated she would be getting information out to Rapid Rehousing providers about this issue soon.

Adjournment

Scott adjourned the meeting at 10:21 AM.