

**Minutes for Meeting of the HCCSC's
Coordinated Entry System Committee
May 26, 2020**

CALL IN CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT

Diane Waite
Joy Brubach
Scott Schnyders
Teresa Ponchak
Jennifer Keaton
Melissa Terrell

Lisa Waikem
Shirene Starn-Tapyrik
Kim Stanley
Amy Dornack
Natalie McCleskey

Welcome & Introductions

Scott welcomed everyone to the call at 8:32am.

Approval of Minutes from April Meeting

Lisa Waikem moved to approve the April 2020 Minutes. Jennifer Keaton seconded the motion. All voted in favor of approving the minutes. Motion carried.

Out of State Shelter Referrals

There was a robust discussion around the Out of State Shelter Referrals due to the current Notice expiring on June 1, 2020. Jennifer shared some data from the Hotline indicating that three out of state households could not be diverted and were registered since the Notice went into effect. However, those three households indicated that they had arrived to the county during the previous one – four months so did not fall into the 14-day quarantine timeframe. Others had also called but were either not looking for shelter, not within the 14-day window or not eligible (i.e. at risk and not literally homeless). Scott shared that Refuge of Hope (RoH) had provided three people bus tickets to help them return to the state where they came from in order to help divert.

Jennifer also shared the number of households being registered at the Hotline from out of state since January 2020:

January – 7
February – 11
March – 11
April – 3
May – 3

Shirene shared concerns from the daily CoC briefing calls that we are still waiting to receive funding so was hesitant to begin accepting out of state referrals until our county has sufficient funding to address the needs.

Data was also shared about the shelter waitlists:

Men – 22 (taking 8 today)

Couples – None

Families – None

Women – 5

Diversion does appear to be working. Diane shared that, overall the numbers are low from veteran calls to the VA hotline. Amy raised concerns about folks coming from “hard hit areas”. Jennifer reminded the committee that we taking client’s word for it regarding when they arrived to the State. Jackie inquired about how Summit County is handling this. Scott asked Melissa if she should ask Marcie to check with Summit County on this. Shirene raised the point that we must do everything prudently to keep people safe and that it is good to always consider how it would look in the papers. Scott shared that at RoH they are self-quarantining new residents for 14 days but was unsure of other shelters have the space for that. Scott also inquired about whether new households could be required to be tested. Shirene felt that this could cause a delay. Natalie mentioned that we do still have the units available at 802 and in Alliance, that we have received funding for those units and that they have not been utilized yet. Melissa also shared that three local hotels are also willing to work with us.

Jackie McDougle motioned that we extend the Notice, requiring households entering from out of state to self-quarantine for 14-days prior to being referred to shelter. This extension should be until July 1, 2020. Lisa Waikem seconded the motion. Natalie McCleskey voted against this motion. Jennifer Keaton and Teresa Ponchak abstained from the vote. All others were in favor. Motion carried.

In regards to the motion Natalie mentioned that with the previous Notice (requiring out of state households to self-quarantine for 14-days before being referred to shelter) the HCCSC Board was also informed that if a household could not be diverted, and on a case-by-case basis, Stark Housing Network could assist by placing in a hotel/motel. Natalie asked Melissa if this would continue to be an option if the Board approves of the committee’s recommendation to extend the Notice through July 1, 2020. Melissa indicated that she would inquire with Marcie about this. Shirene asked, regarding the new extension through July 1, 2020, that if households could not be diverted that on a case by case basis they could be placed in a hotel/motel. Natalie agreed that this provision should be included for both families and singles.

CoC Updates

Melissa shared that on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 there will be a small group from the committee discussing policy addendums for the ESG and OHFA funding. She also shared that for the FY’20 CoC Application there will not be local applications required this year. There were no further CoC updates.

Shirene shared that there may be more money coming from ODSA for shelters.

QA Updates

Jennifer reminded everyone to continue to utilize the public health tab on the good docs. Jackie raised the question about plans for jail/prison releases. Shirene shared that this topic is still in the courts and that in Ohio/Cleveland they are not supporting early releases. There was no determination or plans developed concerning this population during the meeting. Teresa shared that the Hotline does screen for releases from prison.

Adjournment

Scott adjourned the meeting at 9:22am.

**Coordinated Entry System Committee
2020 Meeting Schedule**

June 23rd	8:30 AM	Goodwill Campus
July 28th	8:30 AM	Goodwill Campus
August 25th	8:30 AM	Goodwill Campus
September 22nd	8:30 AM	Goodwill Campus
October 27th	8:30 AM	Goodwill Campus
November 24th	8:30 AM	Goodwill Campus
December 22nd	8:30 AM	Goodwill Campus