

**Minutes for Meeting of the HCCSC's
Coordinated Entry System Committee
February 23nd, 2021
8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

ZOOM VIDEO CALL

Present: Scott Schnyders, Natalie McCleskey, Joy Brubach, Lisa Waikem, Diane Waite, Jennifer Keaton, Melissa Terrell, Amanda Burdette, Lisa Snyder, Kim Stanley, Jackie McDougle, Amy Dornack, Marcie Bragg

I. Welcome

Scott called the meeting to order at 8:32am and welcomed everyone.

II. Approval of Minutes from January Meeting

Jennifer Keaton requested that her name be added to the list of those in attendance at the January meeting. Marcie Bragg motioned for approval of the January CE Committee Minutes with this addition. Jackie McDougle seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote in favor of approving the minutes. Minutes were approved.

III. CoC Updates/Homelessness Prevention Evaluation Project

Marcie shared that there were not a lot of CoC Updates other than a reminder about upcoming funding of 11 million through SCDJFS and 100 million to Ohio that will be coming to Community Action Agencies across the state. Marcie also provided an update on the Homelessness Prevention (HP) Evaluation Project currently underway with Barbara Poppe and Associates. They are having conversations with both providers who have been administering HP in Stark (Alliance for Children and Families and ICAN Housing). They have been having reflective discussions regarding the previous OHFA funded HP projects and informational discussions on the upcoming ESG funded projects (which have not yet begun). There are also focus groups being held with families who recently received assistance through HP. We plan to have Barbara Poppe join us for our March CE Committee Meeting call to share about what they have learned and their recommendations for moving forward.

Jackie asked if there was a list of all the various programs in the community and the differences between them. Marcie shared that we do have a list of the projects that are part of the homeless system but that funding is continually changing and therefore we do not have a current list of other funding in the community that is not part of our system. Marcie will send out the list they do currently have of our system's projects. Currently, existing HP programs have exhausted their funding and we are waiting for the newly funded programs to begin. Marcie shared that DJFS is

beginning to take calls and place households on their waiting list until their program begins. Natalie shared that while the City of Canton ESG program will be targeting households within the City of Canton, 25% of households served can be from outside of the City, per the Funding Agreements. As more information is known about other funding in the community and when they are starting to serve people we will let providers know.

Diane asked if it would be beneficial for the evaluators to look at data from the SSVF program as she can assist with providing that. Marcie shared that if we can fit that activity into the scope of work that the evaluator's contract indicated they would cover, then we may be able to include that.

IV. QA Updates

Jennifer shared that there were no formal updates or recommendations for the QA workgroup.

Melissa shared that there has been some discussion about possible Navigators who could assist prospective participants with gathering documents etc. As part of that discussion there are conversations happening with Aaron Wagster regarding how the PATH Outreach program could possibly assist with this.

Melissa also gave an update on the Point in Time (PIT) Count regarding Stark gaining HUD approval for an exception request whereby we were able to conduct the count utilizing the Homeless Navigation. Calls were made by Homeless Navigation and PATH staff to those who recently registered with the Hotline in order to verify if they were still experiencing literal homelessness on the night of the PIT Count. It was agreed that we should give an update on the PIT Count at the March members meeting, even if all the data compilation is not yet complete.

Scott shared that there was also discussion during the QA meeting regarding the active warrants topic. The group did not feel they were ready to make any recommendations for a CoC-wide policy on this yet and will be gathering some more information to discuss further at their next meeting. Policies that each provider may have related to this topic still need to be submitted to Melissa.

V. Old Business / New Business

a. Transfer Time Frame Update

Melissa provided an update regarding the discussion we had during the January CE meeting regarding a possible policy addressing a specific time frame in which transfers must move to their new unit. Melissa shared that she has sent a question about this, including the concern about double subsidies, to our HUD Field Office Representative, Robert Milburn. Melissa has also submitted an AAQ to HUD. She is still waiting response from both sources.

VI. Adjournment

There being no further business Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:59am.

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2021 Meeting Schedule

March 23 rd	8:30am
April 27 th	8:30am
May 25 th	8:30am
June 22 nd	8:30am
July 27 th	8:30am
August 24 th	8:30am
September 28 th	8:30am
October 26 th	8:30am
November 23 rd	8:30am
December 28 th	8:30am