



January 2024 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

via Zoom

January 4, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. - Continuation Meeting – February 9, 2024

Members: Sarah Lowry, Joe Caruso, James Ford, Anna DeAscentis, Lee DeVita, Anna Barksdale, Beverly Hosey, Matthew Slater, Pat Sciaretta, Daniel Wakefield, Julie Rudolph, Leigh Green

Absent: Robin Finger, Erin Bishop

MCCoC Coordinator: Colleen Kosta

Agenda Items:

James Ford Called the Meeting to Order at 10:35 AM

Motion made by Pat Sciaretta to approve the November 2, 2023 and January 4, 2024 Meeting Minutes as presented, second by Beverly Hosey and unanimously carried.

Youth Homelessness System Improvement Grant (YHSI) - Colleen Kosta shared information about the beforementioned Grant. Colleen asked the Committee to approve a letter of support and commitment to be a part of the COOHIO Consolidated application to HUD. Focus would be on partnerships in our community for youth/young adults 16-24 in the areas of individuals exiting the foster care system and criminal justice system around equity, data collection and entry, and coordinated entry system improvements. No funding would come to the CoC rather, we are committing to Colleen's staff time for participation and outreach. Motion was made by Joseph Caruso to provide a letter of support and commitment by the MCCoC for the COOHIO Consolidated application with the other CoC's in the State, second by Leigh Green and unanimously carried.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

- Colleen provided an overview of the ESG program that accesses funding from City of Youngstown as well as from the State of Ohio, Ohio Department of Development. Letters of support are required from ODOD.
- **2023 Awards** Reviewed the awards that the City of Youngstown made and discussed the recommendations made by the CoC.
- **2024 Letters of Support** Reviewed the organizations that would be requesting letters of support for this year and if they would be eligible for letters of Consistency with the CoC and HMIS Participation.

Coordinated Entry System

- **Update:** The CoC has been accepted for Technical Assistance by HUD, the firm has been assigned and the CoC Coordinator is waiting to hear from the TA firm.
- **Committee Meetings:** The Coordinated Entry meetings are currently on hold since their role is reviewing the policies and procedures and the HUD TA will review this document. The CE Equity Initiative meetings have started again and will be meeting monthly and adjust their work based on the current TA request.

Cold Weather Plan Update In 2023, the Board made a decision to allocate \$50,000 for a winter shelter. The organization that the CoC Coordinator was working with could not house the project this year because their boiler system broke. The CoC Coordinator put out an email to the CoC list serv asking if any organization would be interested in assisting with motel stays for the winter months, there were a few initial inquiries, but only one organization that could commit to operating the project, Catholic Charities Regional Agency. The Board of Mahoning County Commissioners went into an agreement with Catholic Charities to use the funds for motel stays and Catholic Charities has been operating the project since. The Rescue Mission originally planned to increase their capacity during the winter, but due to lack of staff could not do so. The Rescue Mission has also adjust their intake policies and are required that couple show a marriage license before they can be sheltered.

Coordinator Report

Longitudinal System Analysis Report (LSA) All projects have been updating and correcting their data in HMIS as needed. This report is due to HUD by January 17 and will be discussed at the next CoC Board Meeting.

Point in Time (PIT) 2024 This year's count will take place on Tuesday, January 23, 2024.

Committee Updates

CE Equity Core Team no updates

HMIS Advisory Committee The committee discussed adding a data element to ask people their current managed care provider, to help expand resources for that person. Other CoC's in Ohio collect this data to increase the partnerships with managed care providers. The committee would like more information about what the managed care providers can assist with before they start collecting additional information from the people in their project.

Performance and Outcomes Committee The November meeting was cancelled, the reporting system was down while there was HMIS System changes for the new HUD Data Standards, and no other agenda items were identified.

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Adjournment