# HHC Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2021

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| Present: | Diane Cooper-Currier, Joe King, Kristian Peterson, Amber VanderPloeg, Mary Rathbun, Liz Vuillemot, Sarah Schutt, Megan Stuart, Miranda Eddy, Karen Goetz, Sherrain Clark, Nan Eaton, Sally Curran, Monica Brown, Lindsay Bentley, Allison Brooks, Kelly Gonzalez, Sue McMahon, Stephanie Pasquale, Danielle Johnson, La’Shonda Hamilton, Marty Skahen, Ben Lockwood, Sally Santangelo, |
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1. Welcome

Meeting was called to order at 2:33 pm by Chair Diane Cooper-Currier. Introductions were made via zoom chat. Diane called for approval of the January meeting minutes. Stephanie Pasquale motioned to approve the minutes. Joe King seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

1. System Performance Measures

SPM is the reporting form that HUD requires CoC’s to submit. This report was submitted on February 26th. Sarah Schutt shared the data that she gathered from the SPM report.

**Measure 1**: Length of time that people are remaining homeless on average: Time in shelter is increasing and transitional housing has fluctuated. We assume that this is coming from the eviction moratoria or landlords not leasing apartments.

**Measure 2**: Recidivism- exiting and returning within 2 years: 30-32% across the last couple of years. HUD looks at the first 12 months, Sarah shared the data reflective of within 3 years. We do look into the reason of the return and what projects can do to mitigate the return.

**Measure 3**: Number of homeless persons. The shelter counts are down, mainly because of the eviction moratoria. Most likely people are doubled up and not wishing that family and friends are needing to go to shelter and risk exposure to COVID.

**Measure 4**: employment and income growth but this data only pulled from funded projects. Those who come in w/o income and those who have increased and maintained. With the pandemic, the employers and job loss, 1% increase is showing in income for leavers.

**Measure 5**: 1st time homeless individuals/families. We have consistently seen that number go down.

There is no measure 6 in our SPM report.

**Measure 7**: Successful placement from Street outreach and/or retention to PH. Placement rates for us in the last year have increased.

The SPM is used by the CoC to to deep analysis for why we are improving or not.

1. Vaccine Updates

We had a pop-up vaccination clinic at the Rescue Mission where 74 individuals were vaccinated with the Johnson and Johnson vaccination which does not require them to return for a 2nd dose. That is 20% of our homeless population. Monica Brown did a fantastic job in coordinating. Monica shared OTDA is partnering with the office of mental health. They are coordinating mobile vaccination clinics across the state. We may do an additional vaccination clinic. The shelter staff were really good at grabbing the individuals who were even in the lobby of the shelters to include them. Dr. Sunny and Dr. Lehman were very excited that we got this opportunity. Dr. Lehman was also helpful in the process.

Mary from Cayuga shared mobile will be heading to the shelter; it just hasn’t been scheduled just yet. After 3/17, the staff will be eligible as well. They are hopeful for a mobile clinic.

Diane Cooper-Currier reported that there was a homeless individual vaccination event, but she is not sure what all is in the pipeline.

The big push to get those currently in shelter is great, however, we need a system for people as they trickle in.

Monica wants agencies to reach out to her if people are having issues with staff receiving vaccinations.

Kelly shared that education and misinformation rebuttals have been helpful.

Lindsay has an educational toolkit that she will share with Megan which will go out in the newsletter. Lindsay also asked how did the shelter staff collect the information into NYSIS? Laptops were utilized. Ride United may be able to procure a Lyft ride who would be able to receive the vaccination, but we are not sure how much need there is. Oswego does have Centro giving free transport on buses and that business is booming. That has been utilized in the rural areas.

1. Strategic Planning

The HHC staff started the process with our consultants last Friday. We are thinking that in April, there will be a survey to the full HHC and then in May, the committees will be pulled in for meetings.

1. UFA

Nan and Megan had chatted and thought that maybe we wait until the Strategic Planning process is fully going and informs the UFA process. We originally were going to present to the full board in March/April, but we are going to postpone for a while. We hope to be able the new 10-year plan with the NOFA, which would normally be due in September. We are hoping to have the board vote on it in the July Board Meeting. If that doesn’t happen, we can do it in the September meeting. The UFA timeline is during the registration for the NOFA so the earliest we would look to do in January ‘22 or ‘23, depending on if we are ready for the process.

1. Housing Discrimination

Sally shared that an issue has caught their attention: housing providers denying people housing because they are specifically coming out of shelter. They are trying to figure out how to come at it from a fair housing case, as this is not a particularly protected class. Sally would love some feedback. Their analysis is that it is not just disability or substance use disorder. Megan asked how the landlord is finding out where they are coming from? Sally believes the case worker was the one who was asked or it could be that the landlord is asking for a prior landlord. Kristian will let her staff know to look for it. Amber and Allison will work on this as well. Sally is filing on several source of income discrimination cases. Sally will be sharing on for the HHC monthly training April 30th for Fair Housing Month.

1. Committee Updates:

PPA Committee will be focusing on strategic planning.

PES Committee is still in a holding pattern. Sherrain created a monitoring policy and we will be presenting it to the funded agencies.

Executive Committee met on February 9th. Voted on new agency for HMIS access for Christina’s House of Hope; it is a 4-5 shelter. We looked at board terms, board seats and slots and those will be voted on in June. Ben and his developer’s seat term is up, however we would like to still have a developer on the board. We are looking to fill in some board slots in Healthcare. And we have made some changes in the board charter that will be voted on in the June meeting.

1. Adjournment

Joe King motioned for adjournment. Meeting was adjourned @ 3:30 pm