# HHC Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023

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| Present: | Joe King, Sarah Schutt, Megan Stuart, Sue McMahon, Allison Brooks, Martin Skahen, Kristian Peterson, Amber Vander Ploeg, Martha Ehlert, Diane Cooper-Currier, Mary Rathbun, Kelly Gonzalez, Stephanie Pasquale, Diana Jakomoski, Renee Jensen, Nan Eaton, La’Shonda Hamilton, Sally Santangelo,  |
| Next meeting: | March 14th, 2:30 pm, Zoom |

1. Welcome and Introduction

The meeting called to order at 2:34 pm by the chair Joe King.

Joe asked for any edits to the previous meeting minutes. No edits were offered. Martha Ehlert motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes with Mary Rathbun seconding. The November meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

1. Board Slate Nominations

Megan shared that we have several nominations.

Michelle Brown was nominated for the private funder slate holder. She is the regional representative for Mother Cabrini Health Foundation. Marty shared a little of her background.

Beata Karpinska-Prehn is the nominated for the stakeholder position.

The HHC needs a vote from the HHC Advisory Board in order to bring the vote to the full membership in February.

Nan Eaton motioned to accept the slate as presented. Unanimously accepted by the board.

1. New Data Projects

Megan shared that the HHC is focusing on several new initiatives.

We have contracted with Wellsky to build 2 new reports that are not readily available in HMIS to be able to evaluate upstream causes in homelessness.

Sarah shared the two reports:

* Possible experiences that lead up to people experiencing homelessness. Sarah showed the board the upstream questions that we have been asking for the past three years. The first report will pull the single and multiple affirmative answers. The hope is that the report will have some added racial demographics. Fred also previously worked with other CoC’s to find out what they gathered apart from HUD requested data points.
* A report to track people who are served in Homeless Prevention projects who end up in a homeless situation after they exit the project. The clients be tracked for a year to see if any of them enter an Emergency Shelter or Street Outreach project within a year after the exit date. There will be subpopulations and specific projects or reporting groups. The report can project level or county level.

Megan shared the HHC Metrics from Annual State of Homelessness. The plan is that each May, the HHC will give the board a report on our metrics from our strategic plan.

Megan wanted the board’s input on what metrics they would like to see. Some county-specific would also be helpful. Joe asked if we could do comparisons year by year.

Nan wanted to see if the board could help problem solve and pull from other sources.

1. PIT Updates

The PIT is coming up on the 25th of January. Currently at 54 volunteers. We would love to have at least 100 volunteers.

There are several trainings available:

* Cayuga County:
	+ January 17th @ 1 pm (in-person)
	+ January 24th @ 10 am (virtual)
* Oswego County:
	+ January 18th @ 10 am (virtual)
* Onondaga County:
	+ January 19th @ 10 am (in-person)
	+ January 24th @ 2 pm (virtual)
1. HHC Updates

Megan shared that Sherrain Clark and Jessie Butts of Catholic Charities were selected to present at the spring National Alliance to End Homelessness conference. They will be presenting on Low Barrier- High Outcomes while focusing on Coordinated Entry and following a success story with housing and connections to resources. There were 250 submissions and only ten were chosen, which is a huge honor.

HUD’s Technical Assistance selected our CoC to record a podcast about rural homelessness. This is their first podcast.

1. Standing Agenda Updates

City of Syracuse: Funding Year 49 applications for ESG are being reviewed right now. The selected applications will be posted on the City’s website.

City of Auburn: The Auburn Cayuga County Homeless Taskforce meeting will be tomorrow, and hopefully recruiting more volunteers for the Point In Time Count. As for the Community Development Block Grant, the city is in the middle of writing their action plan, NPO homeless projects and human service activities.

Cayuga County: Mary Rathbun shared numbers are up because of code blue: 88 individuals in hotels, 24 shelter beds are full and all transitional housing is full. Mary reported that they are using most of the hotels in Cayuga County. Cayuga County needs more shelter beds.

Onondaga County: Marty Skahen shared they just received grant agreement from HUD for HOME AARP proposal. There will be an RFP released to build 5 houses on the south side to provide housing and services for people who are on the verge of homelessness.

Monica shared that Onondaga County is also in the midst of code blue. Currently, only the family shelter is full and the overflow going into hotel for overflow 35 families. CCA, RM and CC have beds available. IMFK just opened a residential program, which is being led by Leigh-Ann Tumino. Onondaga County is continuing to help with the funding for eviction aid with Hiscock Legal and Volunteer Lawyer’s Project for rest of 2023.

Oswego County: no updates

**4. Committee Updates**

REDI: Megan shared that there was a tentative meeting January 20th @ 1 pm to the REDI committee. The HHC needs the help of the REDI committee to shape a presentation and panel for the April full membership meeting. She would like to have more people join.

PES Committee update: March and April will have a meeting to debrief the NOFA and monitoring.

Health and Housing: We will have a meeting on the 25th of January. This was the group we used for the SNOFO. The plan is to regroup to health and housing programming.

Program, Planning and Advocacy: This committee is scheduled on Thursday, February 9th @ 2 pm go over strategic plan.

Client Advisory Board: Rex shared the CAB is working on our recruitment and new year goals.

Youth Action Board: Miranda shared that the YAB created new flyers for recruitment. They have been dropped of at DSS. Joe suggested including the CanTeen in Cicero.

New Business: Nan shared that the Vietnamese New Year Celebration at the Regional Market will be on Sunday January 15th from 1-7 pm.

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14th @ 2:30 pm.