# HHC Advisory Board

## Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2022

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| Present: | Joe King, Lindsay Bentley, Sal Curran, Sue McMahon, Allison Brooks, Amber Vander Ploeg, Andrea Wandersee, Danielle Johnson, Kristian Peterson, Liz Vuillemot, Martin Skahen, Monica Brown, Renee Jensen, Karen Goetz, Rex Beverage, Sally Santangelo, Sherrain Clark, Megan Stuart, Fred Hintz, La’Shonda Hamilton, Miranda Eddy, Gidget Stevens, Diana Jakimoski, Diane Cooper-Currier |
| Next meeting: | May 10, 2022, 2:30 pm, Zoom |

1. Announcements

The meeting was called to order at 2:31 pm.

The chair asked for edits to the previous meeting minutes. No edits were offered. The chair asked for a motion to approve them. Motion to approve was given by Monica Brown. Joe King seconded the motion. The January meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

1. Coordinated Entry Proposed Changes

Fred Hintz shared a PowerPoint, which explained Coordinated Entry and the proposed changes. There is a standardized assessment for individuals and they receive resources. The Coordinated Entry process has been leaning on the HMIS database.

The Coordinated Entry goals were shaped from HUD’s requirements.

Sally recommended changing the public health emergency to public emergency to include natural disasters, etc.

The strategy was to trim down the assessments.

There was a discussion around the documentation of people who are experiencing homelessness.

The Chair asked for a motion to accept the CE plan changes. Rex Beverage motioned to accept the proposed changes; Mary Rathbun seconded. The motion to accept passed unanimously.

1. HHC General Updates

The PIT count was successfully conducted on January 26, 2022. The preliminary stats are sobering, reflecting a 40% increase. The HHC team is still working on the hotel and DV numbers.

The May board meeting will have the full report, with a county by county breakdown presented by Sarah Schutt. The 40% brings us to the pre-pandemic numbers.

The first EHV person has been housed. The program is up and running. They expect to be fully leased up soon.

There was a discussion about the accessibility of the advisory board meeting. The board agreed that the meeting should still remain 90 minutes. There will be a survey of the board members. If there is no consensus, we will keep it as it is. The change will be instituted in July if there is one.

NOFA competition announcement: Registration has been released. This is typically released in 2nd week of January. We are hoping to hear the announcements of rewards.

1. City and County Report

Onondaga County reported that DSS is out of emergency rental assistance money. There has been an increase in phone calls. They are working toward setting up CDBG and ESG funds.

The City posted its action plan with the proposal and draft budget for Year 48. March 30th is the public meeting for MBD.

Cayuga County is working with court systems and trying to provide safety nets. Still have CDBG funds. They are seeing apartments opening up and they can remove people from the waiting lists.

The REDI Committee report is that Sherrain is working on an extensive racial equity report which will be presented in May to the REDI committee.

The PES committee will be pulled together in early April. There has been a debriefing meeting with the funded agencies and we also would like the reviewers to give feedback as well.

Health and Housing Committee is hoping to have a meeting in April for a pandemic debrief. Megan is trying to find the documents from other CoCs on their pandemic response.

Board nominations are due within the next month. The board will approve the nominations in the May meeting so the executive committee will be working on those in April.

Program Planning and Advocacy: Sally shared that they have not met in some time, but as her team has grown, she is hoping to have a meeting in the recent future. She met with Stephanie Pasquale to plan for the affordable housing committee. It’s legislative season so there are plenty of things to be advocated for, especially the good cause evictions and right to counsel.

1. Adjournment:

The chair asked for a motion to adjourn: Sally Santangelo motioned to adjourn. Andrea Wandersee seconded. The meeting adjourned at 3:42 pm.