# HHC Advisory Board

# Meeting Minutes

March 10, 2020

1. Call to order

Allison Brooks called to order the regular meeting of the HHC Advisory Board at 2:30 pm on March 10, 2020 in the Wegmans Room of United Way of Central New York.

1. Attendees

Allison Brooks, Megan Stuart, Sarah Schutt, Sherrain Clark, Fred Hintz, Miranda Eddy, Joe King, Ben Lockwood, Monica Brown, Amber Vander Ploeg, Sue McMahon, Diane Cooper-Currier, Sally Santangelo, Kelly Gonzalez, Karen Goetz, Larkin Podsiedlik, Marty Skahen *via call in*: Sally Curran, Renee Jensen, Liz Vuillemot, Danielle Johnson, Marlene Klock, Mat Roosa, Maarten Jacob, Sonja Gottbrecht,

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting

The previous meeting minutes were sent out the day prior to the meeting. There were no changes recommended. Joe King motioned to approve the previous meeting minutes; Monica Brown seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

1. Open issues
   1. HHC Advisory Board Slate

Meeting will be in June. In the April meeting, nominations will be accepted to be voted on in June. Sonja Gottbrecht will be cycling off after several years of service. Service provider spot will be open, hoping that Sally Santangelo gets re-elected. LaShonda was nominated in the previous election but she went on maternity leave. We hope to have her brought forward as a candidate again .

* 1. New coordinated entry changes were presented by Fred Hintz. Allison Brooks asked for a motion. Diane Cooper-Currier motioned; the motion was seconded by Sally Santangelo. The changes were passed unanimously.
  2. Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program- HUD is releasing FY 2020 and 2021 at the same time. The board will have to put it to a vote in June but if it drops prior to that meeting, we want the board to be aware in case we need to vote via email. Megan did look at Columbus OH’s YHDP. We would need to be more housing focused this year. Megan is going to converse with Buffalo. Many people are using it for Rapid Rehousing. We have to decide how we are going to apply because they have rural money set aside so it would be full CoC and then Oswego apply but the CoC would lose funding if Oswego was awarded. As soon as we know more, we will send it out. HUD is releasing a NOFA for unsheltered homelessness.
  3. Point in Time Results- Preliminary results are being released. We have to release these numbers to the press. 16% reduction overall. Emergency shelter population decreased by 22%. For the homeless subpopulations, chronic increased by 41%. Sarah has reached out to McKinney-Vento and is missing some demographic information and communication. One of the biggest struggles in working with the school district is that sharing data is not their biggest priority. Monica posed the question if that we know why the mental illness, chronic, and substance abuse has increased. It may be due to the coordinated entry workflow is now capturing more information- but we are not sure of the statistical accuracy. The theory is that people are staying in shelter a little bit longer for the ability to secure shelter. The change in cash security deposits has possibly changed the ability to get people out of shelter more quickly. Sally said that they are working on the source of income cases because there are landlords are making side deals and saying that they take vouchers when they don’t. The security deposit has been rescinded if PA was removed due to the client getting a job. Oswego was the only one that saw an increase of 25%. Sally would like to know if the legislation change the tenant protection laws has affected these outcomes; Sarah will be doing some analysis of the month to month to try to find out. PIT number is due April 30th.
  4. System Performance Measure- there has been a slight increase in length of time stays in emergency shelter. There has been a decrease in returning to homelessness. We, as the CoC, have hit HUD’s requirement by decreasing our total homelessness by at least 5%. Income reporting has been historically inaccurate. Our first-time homeless has been decreasing over the last couple of years. DSS has been strong in the diversion tactics.

1. Board Committee Updates
   1. Performance Selection and Evaluation: we still have not received our Tier 2 funding info. We are releasing the new monitoring tool next week after the committee votes next week. Monica will be joining again as her conflict of interest is no longer.
   2. Program Planning and Advocacy: our last meeting was in October and it was about fair housing reporting. They are currently working on the report on that as well with Ben Lockwood. Senator Katko did sign the “Dear Colleague” letter; also signed HUD’s sexual harassment changes. NYS budget has changed which may mean some funding may not be coming in as usual. NYS Homes, with Community Renewal and Onondaga County may be trying a pilot program- SHA and Christopher community. Guidelines are the same but they are trying to place outside of the typical zip codes.
   3. Exec Committee update: we are working on governance in the next meeting. Next meeting 4/14/20
   4. New initiative committees: SPARC is going to be meeting 3/25 @ 2:30, Health and Housing Strategic Vision is 4/7 @ 1 pm.
   5. There will be a meeting with the Onondaga Health Department about coronavirus and what shelters can do to mitigate and quarantine.
2. HHC General Updates
3. Tompkins County is fully integrated in HMIS. The Tompkins County is their own CoC, however, we are hoping to eventually get them into our CoC.
4. Fred is leaving at the end of April so his job is posted. Anyone who knows someone with data analyst experience, please send them to us.
5. Sherrain shared about the census: they are trying to encourage online responses. The census is dropping off paper versions to the shelters but it’s the housing vulnerable people who are the hard-to-count populations. There are mini-grants through the community foundation to help provide technology. Census workers are also willing to go out to different locations.
6. Adjournment

Sally Santangelo moved to adjourn the meeting; Monica Brown seconded. Allison Brooks adjourned the meeting at 3:56 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Miranda Eddy.