

Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board  
1946 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street – Suite 437  
Toledo, Ohio 43604  
Emergency Board Meeting  
February 25, 2015

In Attendance: Heather Baker, Julie Embree, Craig Gebers, Commissioner Gerken  
Michelle Issacs, Jane Moore, Rodney Schuster, Scott Sylack, Shelly Ulrich, Karen Wu

Opens 8:39

Craig:

Update on the OHFA Capital projects

Small Ridge:

Working with Nick Hurt on the project goal of increasing # of beds in the community. OHFA has communicated with them regarding this project. OHFA has put up some resistance. We as a board have stressed the importance of additional beds in this community and decided to move this to the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of funding.

Aurora House & Beach House both confirmed they have received their funding. Craig reached out to NPI but did not hear back.

Commissioner Gerken:

Increase of homeless population through felony reentry. Permanent supportive vouchers for felony reentry will be awarded through RFP. I've been assured that the new RFP will be issued. We feel that the Ashland Manner property is available. OHFA should be a part of the financing as well as TASK. This initiative is led by the commissioner's office as well as TASK. OHFA has issued a letter to Small Ridge to let them know of a required pre-meeting but the letter was delivered late past the 45-day deadline. I'm requesting that TLCHB will issue a letter of support for Small Ridge. Some partnerships are now in place with LMHA. I'm a supporter of this project and am asking for your support. There was a recommendation from the board to fund the TLCHB \$128,000.

Discussion:

Q. Are the permanent supportive vouchers for felony convictions guaranteed for Small Ridge?

A. If the vouchers don't get awarded to Small Ridge then the project won't go through. This board can then deflect this funding towards others projects.

Motion made (Scott) to give a letter of support to Commissioner Gerken for the Small Ridge Project Jane, second. Motion passed unanimously.

Craig & Michelle discussed Family House visit that took place on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Tom Kroma and Carty Finkbiner attended the meeting but Renee Palacios was not available.

Julie suggested some type of listing or inventory of the programs that the TLCHB is involved in. Scott will bring in an inventory of the projects.

Craig:

Reviewed the recent HCN & TAAEH meetings. Craig shared a flow chart that outlines the COC.

Update on Director search. Phone interviews have been scheduled with two candidates. They will each be asked ten questions that were developed by the executive board.

ESG & CGB:

The citizens review committee seems to be a very diverse group.

We will bring to the full board for review March 25, 2015.

Rapid Re-housing Request:

Informed by TASK that they will no longer do rapid rehousing but they were allocated dollars to do that. This was discussed with their staff and the recommendation was that the \$25,000 could be put in DFA. It was stated that sufficient funds and staff are needed.

Discussion: \$15,000 or \$25,000 Craig is going to confirm amount.

These funds could then be available to assist others. We discussed practicing prevention of homelessness versus supporting the shelters. TLCHB will need to review how the resources are being used in the community to find dollars for prevention.

Motion made (Julie) to move TASK funding from staffing to DFA. Rodney second. Motion passed unanimously.

CHO Tracker release of data 2014:

Tammy Holder thought we should pull our performance data off of the website. The HMIS system does not appear to be putting out accurate reporting data. Craig is working with Carl to determine if the data is accurate. Shelly stated that each individual data record needs to be updated and that it is a very intensive project. Julie shared that the HMIS reports are not working accurately.

Craig summarized the discussion on HMIS. There seems to be some discrepancies in the system. Would like a recommendation that we pull the data off of the website until we can work through the problems. Julie suggests a statement is placed on the website stating there have been some issues with the database and that data will be reposted when it is corrected. Motion made (Julie) to remove data from the website, post a clarification statement and address with the City of Toledo adjusting the timeframe for data quality in the application process. Karen second. Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting Closed

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