



Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board

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TLCHB Board Meeting

July 27, 2016

Board Meeting Minutes

Board Present In Person: Craig Gebers, Julie Embree, Laura Jenkins, Evelyn McKinney

Board Present By Phone: Karen Wu

Others Present: Michelle Isaacs, Mike Badik Morgan Eisch, Richie Sutherland, Nancy Wlodarski

The meeting was called to order by Craig Gebers, Board President. There was not a quorum present, either in person or by phone, as only 5 board members were present out of the current 11 board members. Mr. Gebers ask that reports and discussed in hopes that a quorum would be achieved later during the meeting.

Welcome & Introductions

The meeting began with introductions, with new board member, Evelyn McKinney, and new staff member, Morgan Eisch, being welcomed.

Board minutes

The May 24, 2016 Board meeting minutes discussion were postponed as no quorum was present

Financials

Nancy Wlodarski present the financials through June 30, 2016 and discussion followed. No motion was made as there was a lack of a quorum.

2013-2016 TRBA Contract Extension & Increased Award

There was a discussion regarding the 2013-2016 TBRA Contract with the City. Due to the funding availability, successful TBRA implementation and looming City HOME commitment deadline, the City offered to increase the amount available by an additional \$250,000 or more and extension of contract deadline to June 30, 2017. Being concerned that there was not adequate existing case management services available without increasing the number of case managers, TLCHB negotiated a \$200,000 increase in this TBRA contract in addition to the \$500,000 2016-19 TBRA contract previously executed by TLCHB. In an ongoing effort to increase case management capacity to ensure quicker utilization of the contracts, TLCHB is looking to partner with other mainstream mental health providers as well as through HPOG program and other providers. Potential partners who could partner and provide case management services without compensation includes case managers from Zeph Center, Harbor, Unison, Pathways, Hospital Council community outreach members, LISC, etc. No motion was made as there was a lack of a quorum.

Board Members

Board meeting schedule was distributed and discussed, which identified the board meeting schedule for the remainder of the year including a special board meeting on August 24th which includes a review and passage of CoC Project Application rankings.

There are 6 board openings. Craig Gebers reported that he has followed up with Karin Coble, a local attorney who is past president of Toledo Streets, and John Liebig from Goodwill and meetings have been set with each. Mr. Gebers met with Evelyn McKinney, the new United Way representative, to assist in Board orientation, including distribution of board orientation packet. Others suggested the following as possible sources which could also enhance CoC score: Hospital Council (Jan Ruma), faith-based organizations, Andersons, a DART team member from Lucas County Sheriff Department. It was emphasized that TLCHB was looking for board members who would be engaged, not just some body to assist with improving the CoC score on the CoC application.

There followed a discussion about the need to a new process for reviewing and establishing priorities for the community and to begin recruiting new CoC project applications well before next year's COC application. Further, TLCHB needed to revisit its mission, core values and establish specific objectives with complimenting strategies and realistic deadlines. One of those objectives need to center around fundraising.

Mr. Gebers reminded the board members that need to serve on at least one committee. He requested that they contact him with their preferences as soon as possible.

The conflict of interest form was review and each board member was reminded to sign and return the form.

Health Insurance Policy Resolution

There was a brief discussion regarding the resolution. President Gebers informed that he would have the resolution sent to member and request an email vote on the resolution.

During the discussion, it was suggested that there may be other ways to provide health care cost-savings and provide more or less expensive benefits to the staff and enhance ancillary services such as human resources assistance. One suggestion was to explore seeing if TLCHB could become a quasi-governmental entity. Laura Lloyd Jenkins took on the task of asking for an opinion from the county prosecutor to see if it was possible for converting TLCHV into such a quasi-governmental entity. At the suggestion of those present, President Gebers solicited volunteers to explore the options of TLCHB remaining as an independent entity, becoming a quasi-governmental entity or being part of a local governmental agency or other non-profit (like United Way); Laura Lloyd Jenkins, Evelyn McKinney and Karen Wu agreed to be part of this ad hoc committee.

Veteran Homelessness

The Community Veterans Committee facilitated by TLCHB submitted its plan for ending veterans homelessness and certification of ending veterans homelessness to USICH. USICH asked for clarification and such information was provided. USICH is still reviewing those response. It is interesting to note that the VA staff has informed TLCHB that it is the first to request such certification in their region, in Ohio, in Michigan and in at least northern Indiana.

CoC Competitive Grant

Following HUD's announcement of those projects receiving 2015 CoC funding, HUD increased our CoC scoring which allowed Chestnut Hill to granted funding for their PSH project from among Tier II projects.

In preparation to maximize our scoring on the 2016 COC application, the board was presented with two board resolutions, one regarding prioritization of subpopulations and the making Housing First Policy a Priority. As there was no quorum, President Gebers informed that he would have the resolution sent to member and request an email vote on the resolution.

With LMHA having identified a preference for homelessness in their 2015 Administrative Plan, TLCHB will additional points in our COC application. While the document identifies that TLCHB referrals will have priority on their waiting list, TLCHB needs to work out the mutually acceptable procedures to make the preference a working model.

Funding

The County Commissioners informed President Gebers and Executive Director Badik that this year was the last of their three commitment to fund TLCHB and its partner agencies at \$18,000 and \$75,000 respectively. At President Gebers' request, Executive Director Badik presented research to the board regarding other local governmental funding and resources of other Ohio CoCs. Most received local funding including several with levy funds and a few being either county or city employees.

COC Semi-Annual Meeting

The first 2016 COC semi-annual meeting will be held on Friday, July 29th from 8:30 am to noon at United Way. There be presentations and small group discussions of most recent population data and current demographic trends. In addition, attendees will be asked about their thoughts about priority subpopulations and future TLCHB work groups including the definition of the work to be done. Included in the board packet was some of the population data, which indicates that 49% of the homeless persons reported in the data were under 25 years old (HUD's definition of youth) with 19% of the total number of homeless persons being under 6 years old.

Youth Homelessness

Safety Net, operating as a youth shelter for those youth between 12 and 18, has been opened and is a program of the Zeph Center. YEEC, a youth advocacy group dedicated to promoting solutions for and preventing youth homelessness, is working with TPS to coordinate a survey for high school students regarding youth homelessness and at-risk youth to better understand the demographics and needs of homeless youth in Toledo/Lucas County.

Toledo Streets

Toledo Streets, a local newspaper sold by homeless and formerly homeless persons, will be doing a feature about the TLCHB coordinated access following a vendor's journey to permanent housing in the near future.

Beautification Project

The TLCHB staff will be participating in an East Toledo neighborhood clean-up project on Saturday, July 30th from 9 am to noon as part of its City of Toledo 2016-17 contract obligations. A flyer was included and Board members were invited to participate. The staff will be meeting at the back parking lot of Walgreen's at the corner of East Broadway and East Broadway in East Toledo and will be proceed to its focus area from there.

Meeting was adjourned.