



Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board

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TLCHB Board Minutes

09/28/2016

Present: Rodney Schuster (phone), Julie Embry (phone), Heather Baker, Craig Gebers, Karen Woo, Karin Coble, Evelyn McKinney, Bianca Guerra

Staff: Mike Badik, Morgan Eisch, Nancy Wlodarski

Guests: DeMarco & Associates

Introduction of new board members: Karin Coble was welcomed

Approval of August 24th board minutes.

No corrections or comments were received. Motion was made by Karen Wu and seconded by Evelyn McKinney; motion passed unanimously, without any objections or abstentions.

Draft 2015 Audit:

Copy of audit statement & Financial Statements shared and reviewed with Board by DeMarco & Associate's staff. The independent auditors began by reporting that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects and the financial position of TLCHB as of December 31, 2015 is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The auditors reviewed the statement of financial position, Assets, Liabilities, Net Assets, Statement of Activities, Grant Revenue, Revenue Sources and Operating Expenses. Motion was made by Heather Baker and seconded by Evelyn McKinney to accept the audit and financial reports as presented by DeMarco & Associates; motion passed unanimously, without any objections or abstentions.

August Financial statements shared with the board and reviewed

Nancy reviewed the various Financial Revenue and Expenses reports reviewed. Motion to accept the financial revenue and expenses reports was made by Evelyn McKinney and seconded by Karen Wu; motion passed unanimously, without any objections or abstentions.

Board appointment resolution:

There was a motion to re-elect Michelle Isaacs to the Homeless Board a motion for a term expiring on 12/31/16, made by Karen Wu and seconded by Karin Coble; ; motion passed unanimously, without any objections or abstentions.

Board Recruitment-Mike Badik reported that LMHA has expressed an interest to continue to have representation on the board for the one remaining vacant community-elected board seat. Currently there are two openings for the City appointed representatives, with a third vacant board seat from those appointed by the City as Robert Stevens having left WSOS. In addition, there is one vacant board seat for those appointed Lucas County Commissioners. The Board had discussions on possible nominees for those vacancies.

Committee Assignments:

TLCHB will now have three committees HCN, Quality and Performance Committee and Fundraising Publicity and Outreach. A listing will be sent out to board members with a description of the committee's mission.

Grants Administrators: We received only five applications but only one that had experience in actual grant administration. The deadline for submission of applications is October 10th. TLCHB will continue to advertise in the Blade and other papers in hopes of attracting additional candidates. Bachelors or equivalent experience needed or equivalent experience, with grants administration experience being a plus. Other desired qualities include being detail oriented, having excellent communication skills and demonstrating the ability to build relationship.

CoC competitive grant:

The grant was submitted 5 days in advance. There were some significant upgrades to the board policies that may enhance our overall score. It will be possibly early June before we know if we are awarded. 93% of the projects funds are dedicated as tier 1 funding and protected, rather than 85% from the previous year's application. TLCHB receive and submitted only one new project that being from Family House and a RRH project.

Funding

Lucas County as a whole has usually received just shy of \$200,000 of EFSP funds. It was decided that TLCHB would apply for those funds instead of United Way with United Way and TLCHB working together on any awards. TLCHB has been awarded \$6,000.

The average cost of emergency hotel stays is usually about \$15-\$20K a year. The \$6,000 from EFSP will help but more is needed. Our need is greater this year because our shelters have less openings and it is anticipated that more help will be needed. The county has committed \$2500, United Way has committed \$2000. Wood County may possibly donate \$2000 due to some of the residents served were Wood county residents per their last known address.

Veterans Homelessness

To receive a certificate for ending veterans homeless, a community must have adequate resources to and demonstrate that the community has effectively ended homelessness (more veterans leaving homelessness than entering homelessness). Currently the Continuum are doing a better job of identifying veterans but we have more entering than leaving the system. Meeting are held every other week to analyze barriers to permanent housing for veterans experiencing homelessness and developing plans to eliminate those barriers.

The WSOS lost its subcontract for SSVF services when the main Florida-based contractor lost their SSVF contract with AV. But WSOS was able to continue this service through a subcontract with a different Cleveland-based vendor. The greatest challenge is to find permanent housing for these veterans who are not eligible for VA or SSVF services.

Youth Homelessness

Children Service Board has expressed a willingness to serve on the TLCHB board and committee. There have been several changes to Federal mandate for how foster children will be served, including extension of services for those who left foster care.

Safety Net will begin to enter their data into HMIS. As of yesterday, Safety Net have served 48 students, 6 of those were duplicates. Of that 42, 25 of those students are LGBTQ. They serve 12-18 year olds who are homeless. Their maximum capacity of students they can serve at any one time is 12 teenagers. They currently have 8 teenagers.

United Way/CA

HCN meeting was held last week. Recent changes made by United Way of Greater Cleveland (UWGC) with their 2-1-1/CA Toledo program include having a direct line to CA for homeless service providers, adding an additional Toledo CA staff person. UWGC will be utilizing a VI - SPDAT tool that will enhance the information that 2-1-1 navigators will provide to CA staff. The agencies are reporting that things are vastly improved with the 211 service. A form has been created to capture these complaints and so far none have been submitted. Access to affordable housing continues to be a challenge in creating more bed space at shelters and reducing the length of homeless episodes.

TAAEH Update

There wasn't a meeting held in August. A meeting was held in July. TLCHB is making a presentation at the TAAEH meeting in October.

Other

Tom Kroma is no longer working for the City of Toledo. He was an advocate for TLCHB and will be missed.

All 8 Ohio CoC participated in a HUD CoC/Public Housing conference. HUD recommended that all housing authorities provide preferences for homeless. Our LMHA was present at that meeting.

Adjournment Motion was made by Karin Coble and seconded by Bianca Guerra.