

Toledo Lucas County Homelessness Board
Board Meeting Minutes
3/22/17
8:30-10:00 AM
TLCHB Offices

Board Present: Michelle Isaacs, Rodney Schuster, Karin Coble, Julie Embree, George Thomas, John Liebig, Craig Gebers, Scott Sylak, Laura Jenkins, Heather Baker, Evelyn McKinney (by phone)

Staff Present: Mike Badik, Morgan Eisch

Meeting called to order at 8:33 am

Michelle Isaacs introduced and welcomed George Thomas as newest board member (ABLE)

Motion to accept minutes made by Rodney Schuster, and seconded by Craig Gebers; minutes approved as presented

Mike Badik presented financials for Nancy Wlodarski. Motion made by Michelle Isaacs to accept financials as presented and seconded by Craig Gebers. Financials are approved as presented.

Mike B. discusses open board seats. There are 3 City-appointed board seats and 1 County-appointed seat that are vacant. There is one Community Board seat reserved for a LMHA representative that has not been named as of yet. Currently there are 6 people expressing interest in joining TLCHB board. Mike discussed how there may be a need to expand the number of seats to ensure that the organization/individual categories that HUD has identified as being important to be found in the CoC decision-making process, including electing and sitting on a CoC board

In this light, the board by-laws were discussed and the possible expansion of the current board to create additional opportunities to have more HUD identified organization/individual categories to be represented on the board. Currently 10 of the 17 board members can be named to the board without an adjustment to the by-laws. Based on the discussion, a motion was made by George Thomas and seconded by Craig Gebers to amend the by-laws to allow expansion of the board up to 23 members. Discussion ensued. A motion was made to table this motion by Evelyn McKinney and second by Craig Gebers Motion has been tabled. More information will be sent out to the board regarding board structure. A vote will be taken at the next board meeting.

Julie Embree, the Q & P Committee presented and discussed a TLCHB mobile device use that requires CoC funded agencies to develop a policy around mobile device. HCN reviewed the the

presented policy and suggested no changes. Motion was made by Scott Sylak and seconded by Karin Coble to approve the mobile use policy as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Julie Embree also discussed changes that the Q &P recommended to the its committee charter Motion was made by Scott Sylak and seconded by Craig Gebers to approve the new charter as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Julie has asked that a board member consider becoming members of this committee, with at least one board member becoming the committee co-chair.

There was discussion around past funding from County Commissioners' office. Laura Lloyd Jenkins identified that at least one agency had requested funding for homeless services. The board suggests that individual requests to county commissioner office from shelters should be vetted through the TLCHB to give recommendations on approval or denial of the request.

Karin Coble suggested that the TLCHB explore the Social Impact Bond program where large entities in the county could purchase bonds from TLCHB. The bonds would then be backed by city and the county at a greater interest rate. Mike Badik informed the Board that TLCHB has already started to explore the bond and levy financing campaigns as a means to provide local financing for PSH projects and general homeless service operations with the assistance of Michael Anderson from the Center for Community Change's Housing Trust Fund Initiative.

Mike Badik discussed the CRC's ESG/CDBG funding recommendations, distributing the agency and funding recommendation charts. There were two new applicants which met the eligibility requirements from the previous year. Safety Net and Commons at Garden Lake. In the end, only Safety Net was recommended for funding by the CRC. A meeting with the City is on April 3rd on the recommendations. If approved, notices will go out to agencies regarding their funding. Motion was made by Laura Lloyd Jenkins and seconded by Karin Coble. Motion passed with dissention with Craig Gebers, Evelyn McKinney and Rodney Schuster abstained from voting. The Board recommendations will be presented and discussed with Bonita Bonds at an April 3rd meeting.

Based upon the previous month's Board request, a detailed 2016 Project Demographics – Disability Analysis was shared and discussed with the board.

Discussion was held around clients who are being served in Lucas County whose last known permanent housing address was outside Lucas County. Services are provided to any person who self-declares their residency as that of Lucas County, with no third party verification. Based upon research performed at the request of a subcommittee that was looking at Hotel/Moten stays, nearly one-sixth of persons served by CoC partner agencies were from Wood County. More analysis will be performed and examined at a later date.

Cherry St. Mission Ministries (CSMM) will be sharing their data into our HMIS system, allowing a more accurate accounting of Lucas County homeless population. Additionally, the increased

data should positively affect our CoC score in the CoC Grant program competition. CSMM is using the same vendor for their data collection as TLCHB uses for its HMIS, which will allow easier data information transfer.

In order to increase use of ODSA direct financial assistance, there is a need to increase the availability of RRH case management services to ensure that housing stability is achieved. As Family House has had successful outcomes for the limited RRH clients that they served, negotiations began and were successfully concluded for a \$40,000 ODSA contract for case management services. Motion was made by Scott Sylak and seconded by Julie Embree to approve a \$40,000 contract for RRH case management services. Motion passed.

It was announced that TLCHB has received contracts totaling \$1 million from City of Toledo through its HOME-TBRA allocations for direct financial assistance for households who are experiencing homelessness and who have the ability to increase their income from increased earned income (from securing jobs or job advancement). Program participants must be recertified quarterly to ensure continued HOME eligibility and progressive implementation of their housing stability case management plan, including securing additional income, for up to 1 year. Currently, there has been a pause in the TBRA project commitments until the final \$300,000 is authorized and confirmed by HUD.

Meeting adjourned at 10:21 am