

March 2021 Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom
March 4, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

Present Joe Caruso, Anna DeAscentis, Robin Finger, James Ford, Shari Harrell, Brigid Kennedy, Bridget Lackey, Leah Merritt, Jeff Phillips, Duane Piccirilli, Pat Sciaretta, Nancy Voitus

Absent Erin Bishop, Vince Brancaccio, Darla Gallagher, Beverly Hosey, Matthew Slater

Quorum Present? Yes

The January 2021 Executive Board minutes were approved as submitted.

Executive Board Restructuring

Discussion occurred around the current structure of the MCHCoC Executive Board in regard to the number of agencies that receive funding through the CoC and ESG programs. The group discussed the Board should be discussing homelessness on a community level and that currently the group mostly talks about specific funded projects and the CoC NOFA Competition.

The MCHCoC Governance Charter stipulates that the Board is required to have a least one CoC funded organization, one ESG funded organization and a representative from the Collaborative Applicant who is appointed to the Board.

The CoC Coordinator reviewed the CoC Board composition for three other CoC's in Ohio: two of the CoC's did not have any funded agencies on their board, one CoC had funded agencies make up 25% of their CoC board, with the funded agencies deciding who represented them.

All three CoC's placed an emphasis on funded agencies participating in CoC Committees.

Proposed Changes:

There will be one representative from the CoC Funded agencies who provide direct services to sit on the Board and one representative from the ESG funded agencies who provide direct service to sit on the Board. See below for the list of funded organizations that provide direct service.

Each funding source representative will have an alternate that can attend meetings and vote if the representative is not able to attend a meeting. This is to ensure that funded agencies are always represented at Board meetings.

CoC Funded Agencies Providing Direct Service:

1. Beatitude House
2. Help Network of Northeast Ohio
3. Meridian Healthcare
4. YWCA Mahoning Valley
5. The Ursuline Center

ESG Funded Agencies Providing Direct Service:

1. Catholic Charities Regional Agency
2. COMPASS Family and Community Services
3. Help Network of Northeast Ohio

There will be a follow up meeting on March 11 at 1:30 p.m. to continue this discussion and to vote on the proposed changes to the CoC Executive Board.

Coordinator Report

- **OhanaLink Software Demo**

There was a demo that a few board members attended. While it is a good product, since we are making changes to HMIS it would be a lot for agency staff to learn and update two different software systems.

- **New Software Vendor Contract**

Currently in process of contract negotiations with the new vendor.

- **FY 2020 CoC NOFA**

All of our projects were renewed at the full amount based on the FY 2019 competition, with an increase for Fair Market Rent.

- **COVID 19 Vaccinations**

Upcoming meeting with Mercy Health to discuss getting vaccines to the homeless.

Conflict of Interest A Conflict of Interest form was reviewed. There were not enough members in attendance to vote on using this form.

Mercy Health Representative Bridget Lackey from Mercy Health is retiring and is recommending that Tom Hetrick take her place on the Board. There were not enough members in attendance to vote on this matter.

Election of Officers

Tabled until next meeting.

Committee Updates

Tabled until next meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Announcements

Merici Housing added an efficiency unit to the shelter that is now able to be used. They are also acquiring a house from Youngstown Neighborhood Development Corporation.

The Voice of Hope Shelter is currently full. They are scheduling an open house and blessing with the new bishop.

Adjournment

3:08 p.m.

Submitted by Continuum of Care Coordinator, Colleen Kosta