

April 2021 Full Continuum of Care Meeting Minutes
Via Zoom
April 8, 2021, 1:30 p.m.

Present: Keisha Bales, Dan Wakefield, Leah Merritt, Nancy Voitius, Duane Piccirilli, Pat Sciaretta, Lee DeVita, Susan Moorner, Joe Caruso, Sean Robinson, Denise Washington, Tadarrelle Lett, Jessica Wagner, Tom Hetrick, Lindsay Simstad, Jillian Rouse

Stand Grow Thrive Presentation

Coordinator Update

1. The June meeting will be cancelled, the group will meet again in August.
2. The final Point in Time and Housing Inventory Count have not been submitted to HUD, HUD has delayed the submission of this report. Organizations will need this information to apply for different grants, if your organization needs this information we will use the data from the 2020 submission.
3. At the last meeting, Erin Bishop from the Youngstown City Health District spoke with COVID Vaccine accessibility. If you are working with the homeless and are not able to access vaccines, please contact me.
4. During the pandemic CoC trainings were put on hold. We will begin trainings again, they are focused on CoC programs that receive funding but are open to all members.

Governance Charter Updates

At the March Executive Board meeting, the Board agreed to present to the Full Continuum of Care changing the composition of the Board and reducing the number of CoC and ESG funded organizations providing direct services that sit on the board to one CoC funded organization with an alternate and ESG funded organization with an alternate. Currently of the 18 board members, 9 members are from funded organizations.

The intent of the change came about from a discussion about broadening membership and focusing on addressing homelessness across the community and not solely on organizations that receive funding through the Continuum of Care. But it is important that funded organization still remain included in the discussion.

If this change is approved, after today's meeting CoC Funded Agencies Providing Direct Service will select a person to sit on the Board along with an alternate and the ESG Funded Agencies Providing Direct Service will select a person to sit on the Board along with an alternate. The intent of the alternate is that funded organizations always have a voting presence at 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

It was decided that the Board's recommendation for the change would be the motion, Susan Moorer seconded. All present voted in favor, no persons voiced opposition or an abstention.

Announcements/ Agency Updates

YWCA Mahoning Valley Maternal and Infant Health: Stories from Women of Color will be held April 23 at noon via Zoom, email Leah to get a sign up and save the date, lmerritt@mvywca.org .

Sojourner House Their current census is lower than normal so they are trying to get the word out about their services. Sojourner House is a domestic Violence Shelter in Mahoning County.

Dorothy Day Passing out boxed dinners on Sundays, the address is 620 Belmont Ave., Youngstown

Alta Head Start Classes are extended to June 30

Mercy Health For information about double up and fruit and vegetable program contact tahetrick@mercy.com

Equitas Health Equitas Health assists individuals with HIV and offers short term rent mortgage and utility assistance, requires proof of hardship. Permanent housing placement Equitas assists with first month rent and security deposit. Tenant based rental assistance which is long-term rental assistance. Contact Jessica Wagner 330-333-7117 ext 5203 jessicawagner@equitashealth.com

Beatitude House The Annual Wine Taste will be held April 30 and a drive thru style at the Embassy Suites. Beatitude House is going into their 30th year anniversary. They are looking mentors for the Ursuline Scholars Program, contact Emily Moran (330)744-3147, the program is for first generation students and single mothers.

Help Network NEO They have disposable masks from the Mental Health and Recovery Board if anyone is in need, contact Lee DeVita (330)746-7721 ext. 401

Catholic Charities Has funding to assist with rent and utilities for people that have been affected by COVID. They also have rapid rehousing and homeless prevention funds to assist with security deposit and rent. Voice of Hope shelter is full and has a waiting list currently to make a referral the phone number is (234)228-9761. There will be a celebration later in the year for 75 years of service.

Free Midlothian Clinic They are open 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at First Presbyterian Church, program is for people that do not have health benefits. Contact Pat at (330)397-1025

Meridian Healthcare There are two housing openings for single adults at the Commons at Madison, applications are at Meridian Healthcare, Help Network NEO and COMPASS Family and Community Services Marmion location.

Goodwill There is a new employment specialist: Tadarrelle Lett, (330)717-0666, t.lett@goodwillyoungstown.org