



**Homeless Solutions Policy Board
Chairpersons**

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**Homeless Solutions Policy Board Meeting
January 27, 2022
3:00-4:30 p.m.
Reibold Building Conference Rooms 5404-5405**

- I. Welcome & Introductions – Dr. Victor McCarley**

- II. October 28, 2021, HSPB Meeting Minutes – Dr. Victor McCarley
For Action: APPROVAL**

- III. Executive Committee Report - Dr. McCarley**
 - a. 2021 Continuum of Care Application
 - b. New Combined Funding Application
 - c. Nominating Committee**For Action: APPROVAL**

- IV. Homeless Solutions Report**
 - a. 2022 Point-in Time Count
 - b. Coordinated Entry Racial Equity Demonstration Project Update
 - Advancing Racial Equity – Reflection Opportunity

- V. Presentation –**
 - a. **“Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program – What’s Going On”**
 - YHDP Overview
 - The Latest
 - How to Get Involved

- VI. Other Announcements**
 - a. HSPB Book Club –*Invisible Child* by Andrea Elliott

- VII. Adjournment**

Next HSPB-Continuum of Care Meeting: Thursday, March 24, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Homeless Solutions Policy Board Meeting

October 28, 2021

3:00-5:00 p.m.

MINUTES

Present

Dr. Victor McCarley, Co-Chair
Rev. John Paddock, Co-Chair
Herbert Burton
Diane Cummins
Matt Currie
Kelly Geers
Sham Reedy
Carolyn Rice
Laura Roesch
Nancy Schiffer

Staff

Matt Gemperline
Jessica Jenkins
Jenny Lesniak
Kathleen Shanahan

Guests

Roy Craig
Mark Danis
Brenda Donnelly
Katy Hill
Jane Keiffer
Alisha Murray
Michael Vanderburgh
Beth Wilson

Welcome. Rev. John Paddock welcomed everyone to the meeting at 3:02 p.m. Self-introductions were made.

Happy 93rd birthday wishes were given to Herb Burton!

July 22, 2021 Homeless Solutions Policy Board Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Sham Reddy to approve the minutes from the July 22nd meeting, Herb Burton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2021 Continuum of Care Funding Competition. Kathleen Shanahan informed everyone that the application to HUD is due November 16th. She discussed the Policy Priorities that are established by HUD; most are the same as seen in recent years. Housing First approach returned as a priority. We never stopped following this as a primary model in Montgomery County. In the last several years HUD backed away from the approach. There is also an emphasis on reducing unsheltered homelessness. We have seen in our community, as all over the country, an increase in persons who are unsheltered since the pandemic started. HUD is ensuring that Continuums are connecting with mainstream service providers through the policy priority of partnering with housing, health & service agencies. There are bonus points available to our application, specifically around housing partnerships with health care organizations. New to the policy priorities is an emphasis on incorporating persons with lived experience. We need to

ensure that the voice of people who have experienced homelessness is taken into account. We are applying for close to \$13 million this year. There is funding available again this year to apply for a Domestic Violence (DV) bonus project funding. The amount available is over \$1 million and is so large because it is two years' worth of DV funding. There was funding allocated last year but due to the pandemic there was not a CoC competition in 2020.

Brenda Donnelly discussed the Program Performance and Evaluation Committee's (PPEC) review of the last three years of performance outcome data for CoC projects to identify and whether projects have improved on their performance or if there are weaknesses. Bonus points were given for projects that serve populations with very difficult populations, including those that have no income, have more than one disability or who were living on the street prior to moving into housing.

PPEC in their project review also reviewed the impact of COVID on their project implementation. Additionally, organizations completed a racial equity assessment and shared the demographics of their organization's staff and leadership. Based on those items the Committee ranked each of the types of projects.

Nancy Schiffer discussed the reallocation process. This is an opportunity where, if a project is not performing as it needs to be or no longer filling a need in our system, to shift money away from a project to either expand an existing project or to implement a new project. We are working hard to ensure the projects are meeting the goals of ending homelessness. The other focus we have is on the overall CoC system and all projects working within that system.

There are three categories of potential projects that could be eligible candidates for reallocation. One is lower performing projects with a plan to improve their services that haven't succeeded. The second category is that they're well performing but the project is not helping us achieve our system performance goals, which is not a comment on their organization, it's that the system needs a different project to meet our system performance goals. The third is the project is not expending the grant funds. This year the committee identified two projects for reallocation. The first one is PLACES Opening Doors project. That money (\$30,000) was shifted to a different PLACES' program, Housing First to increase capacity by three units. The second project is MVHO's Leasing II-RRH Transition project. This project is no longer filling a critical gap within our CoC system. The CoC jointly with MVHO, developed this project in 2019 based on recommendations from consultants who evaluated our Coordinated Entry system. This project was to help expedite the transition from shelter to permanent supportive housing. It didn't work the way MVHO and the CoC thought it would. The entire project budget (about \$150,000) we're recommending be reallocated to our Coordinated Entry grant. That will allow us to hire a full-time landlord search and recruitment staff position to generate more affordable housing

units. There are people in a shelter with rental subsidies who can't find a home in the community.

Renewal & Bonus Project Highlights. Our top priority is ending chronic homelessness. We were making tremendous progress on this goal but in recent years have stalled. The Second priority is ending youth homelessness. Third priority is increasing exits to permanent affordable housing. Most people who experience homelessness do not need permanent supportive housing. They are not highly disabled and do not need permanent supportive housing to be able to have housing stability. What most people need is more of a temporary assistance such as RRH. Priority four is retention in Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH).

Bonus projects – requirement from HUD is that even to be able to apply for bonus funding you must be able to demonstrate you are looking at all current projects and measuring their performance.

CoC & DV Bonus Projects – with the CoC bonus funding we are applying for a small grant to continue to expand Coordinated Entry. We are using reallocated funds to be able to hire a landlord search person. We also need to make sure we can cover the cost of assessment in shelter so that needs to get incorporated into our grant and that would allow us to do that. The remainder of that, a half a million dollars, will be for a new RRH project. Our intention is to be able to use this project to also help us meet our goals of increasing equity in the homeless system. The initial recommendation was for us to use this project to serve single black men as the primary population. They are very overrepresented in the homeless system but also have lower outcomes and their experience in homelessness is longer. We are very committed to that locally and have reached out to HUD to ask if we can do populations that are overrepresented and what we've gotten back is we need to think of other proxies. We are now looking at different things in HMIS around criminal justice involvement where black men are also overrepresented.

The three remaining projects are for DV bonus funding. One is to expand the Coordinated Entry on the DV side. The plan is if we are successful with this funding we will also hire a landlord search and recruitment person to be able to work specifically with all of the survivors who are trying to access housing and that they have a safe place to get to that housing to get them out of the DV situation they are in. We also have money in that grant for a comparable database. Each of our local organizations have a database but they are not all the same and they don't have the ability right now to be able to talk to one another so we would be able to use that funding to help with that. We are applying for two housing projects that are specific to DV. A RRH project like the project we already have and a Joint Transitional Housing RRH project where we hope to expand the number of "DV crisis beds" by a small amount and expand the RRH inventory.

The recipient for all of these grants on the slide says Montgomery County with an asterisk after them. It is not the intention that Homeless Solutions is going to begin implementing RRH projects or Joint Transitional RRH for DV but the committee and the executive committee, set last year as a goal that we expand the providers in our system. Taking nothing away from the tremendous providers we do have doing this work, but we're up to almost \$13 million and seven agencies providing housing for the homeless. We believe it's good to have more providers participating. We're not talking about establishing new non-profits to do this work. There's a lot of agencies in the community already. Many who are doing this kind of work or similar work just not in the homeless system who may be providing services for some of the populations we see overrepresented in the homeless system. That is why Montgomery County is applicant for all of these grants. In order to have the opportunity to engage new providers, get other people interested and have some positive outcomes, the decision was made that following the submission of the CoC competition application on November 16th we will hold a local RFP process where we can take more time to engage other organizations. Before the competition is over we will have a more specific timeline, but we expect that it will happen in the last part of this year or first part of next year. Before HUD announces any decisions, we will have local decisions made about who will either be a sub-recipient or become a recipient if the grants are awarded. We do think this is the best way to get us to a more robust set of providers in our system. Carolyn Rice made the motion to approve the 2021 Continuum of Care application and Project Priority Order listing. Nancy Schiffer seconded. Motion passed.

Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program (YHDP) Award - Over the next six months we'll be working toward our goal of ending youth homelessness. We'll be meeting weekly with our technical assistance providers. We're going to have more community based conversations about what this will look like. We'll be adding to our team to have a YHDP Program Coordinator. We received about \$1.7 million. We'll have technical assistance providers for two years and another technical assistant provider over the next year to be focused on establishing a Youth Action Board which allows us to have the youth voice as a part of all this work. There is also much focus on doing systems change work and forming the partnerships that are needed in the community. Youth voice will be very useful for us as we strengthen the rest of our system. We have a Core Team planning meeting next week and we'll be having a community kick-off during the Hunger & Homelessness Awareness week. There will be training for the Youth Action Board members but also for all of us to be able to also learn about authentic youth collaboration and what that means. We will be sending out save the date information.

Other Announcements - Homeless Solutionary Award Nominations: One of the things we are looking forward to is the opportunity to pause and thank the many folks that have gone above and beyond over the last several years in terms of how they helped to strengthen our system. We are calling for award nominations for a "homeless solutionary". The application is available online on our website. You are encouraged to nominate and the deadline is October 28th.

The Color of Law Book Club will meet November 9th over lunch. We'll be completing the book and will be covering Chapter 14 and epilogue.

Victor McCarley reminded everyone to step out and vote for the Human Services Levy.

Victor McCarley advised it came to his attention that the Ombudsman office is facing a potential crisis of funding. They've been notified by the City of Dayton of a possible funding cut next year. They are still in negotiations around that issue. In discussion with co-chairs and others it was decided that it would be appropriate for Homeless Solutions Policy Board to issue a letter of support to the Ombudsman Office for their relationship in what they do and their relationship to the homeless community. The Ombudsman office is funded by City of Dayton, Dayton Public Schools and Montgomery County. Nancy Schiffer made a motion for the Homeless Solutions Policy Board to convey concerns about the defunding by the City of Dayton for the Ombudsman office. Sham Reddy seconded. Motion passed. Staff will draft a letter for Victor's and John's signatures as co-chairs and will provide a copy of that letter at our next meeting.

Adjournment - Nancy Schiffer made the motion to adjourn. Carolyn Rice seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



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November 12, 2021

Shelley Dickstein, City Manager
City of Dayton
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Dear Ms. Dickstein,

The Homeless Solutions Policy Board, established by the City of Dayton, Montgomery County, and the United Way of the Greater Dayton Area, provides policy direction, allocates funding, coordinates the overall homeless system, evaluates program and system performance to prevent and end homelessness, and directs the implementation of the *Homeless Solutions Community 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness and Reduce Overall Homelessness*.

The Homeless Solutions Policy Board finds it unfortunate the City of Dayton intends to withdraw financial support for the Dayton & Montgomery County Ombudsman Office (Joint Office of Citizen Complaints). While the Dayton Mediation Center provides mediation, conflict coaching and facilitation for citizens, the Ombudsman Office and its staff are appropriately qualified to investigate and resolve complaints. The Homeless Solutions Policy Board is uniquely positioned to understand the importance of the role played by the Ombudsman to our housing and homeless system providers. The Ombudsman's ability to objectively investigate complaints about government agencies and services for residents of Dayton & Montgomery County is unparalleled. In addition, the Ombudsman is often an important resource in sharing their wealth of knowledge about government programs, rules and regulations as citizens navigate various governmental systems.

Following discussion at our October 28, 2021 meeting, the Board voted unanimously in favor of the issuance of a letter of support on behalf of the Ombudsman's Office. The Homeless Solutions Policy Board urges the City of Dayton leadership to reconsider their investment in the Dayton & Montgomery County Ombudsman's Office. We strongly support the restoration of the \$50,000 in funding to the Ombudsman's Office so that service delivery is not jeopardized for the many City of Dayton and Montgomery County residents who rely upon their critical advocacy and resources.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Dr. Victor McCarley, consisting of several overlapping, fluid strokes.

Dr. Victor McCarley, Co-Chair

A blue ink signature of Rev. John Paddock, featuring a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by the name 'John Paddock' in a cursive script.

Rev. John Paddock, Co-Chair

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January 24, 2022

problem solver

Dear Victor McCarley and Rev. John Paddock, Co-Chairs, Homeless Solutions Policy Board:

researcher

Dear Colleagues and friends serving on the Homeless Solutions Policy Board:

complaint resolution

I am writing to convey my sincere gratitude to the Co-Chairs, Staff and members of the Homeless Solutions Policy Board for your support of continued funding for the Ombudsman Office from the City of Dayton.

accessible

objective

investigator

nursing home complaints

negotiator

homecare concerns

The mission of all public sector Ombudsman Offices is to impartially investigate complaints about government agencies, to seek fair treatment from government agencies for residents, and to advocate for persons who are unable to navigate the complexities of government systems. While one will not find the word "homeless" or "nearly homeless" in our mission statement, the reasons for why persons are facing homelessness may have at their root an unresolved problem with a government agency. The Long-Term Care part of our agency also works weekly to present nursing homes from discharging residents to homeless shelters because of their behaviors, or their inability to pay because of problems or barriers with Medicaid eligibility. Working to prevent homelessness is an underlying mission of the Ombudsman Office.

government policies

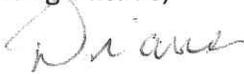
facilitator

We are most grateful for your letter of support. This encourages us to work harder and with even more diligence to join with those on the Homeless Solutions Policy Board to work to end the experience of homelessness in our community.

confidential

With gratitude,

responsive


Diane Welborn,
Ombudsman

public eye and ear

red tape cutter

Diane D. Welborn
Ombudsman

Lawrence Wilkins
Long Term Care Program Director