## Allegheny County Homeless Advisory Board

## **CoC Bi-Monthly Meeting**

September 27, 2022; 10:00AM to 11:00PM Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting *and* 1 Smithfield St, Pittsburgh, 15222 (HSB, Lower Level)

<u>Purpose</u>: The Homeless Advisory Board (HAB) is a public/private partnership formed to assist and recommend to Allegheny County, the City of Pittsburgh, the City of McKeesport and the Municipality of Penn Hills on public policy, programs, activities, data and all other efforts that will eliminate homelessness and improve the wellbeing of persons and families who are homeless.

#### HAB Members<sup>1</sup>

Nicole Anderson

Breanna Benjamin

Damian Butler-Buccilli (P)

Laura Drogowski (P)

Chase Archer Evans (P)

Pete Giacalone (P)

Devon Goetze

Andy Halfhill (P)

Brian Knight

Dan Palka (P)

Christy Pietryga (P)

Kevin Progar (P)

Susie Puskar (P)

Gale Schwartz (P)

Katie Stohlberg (P)
Jeffrey Upson
Kyona White (P)
Bethany Wingerson (P)
Michael Yonas (P)

In addition to the below notes, the meeting recording can be accessed here.

#### **Minutes**

• Welcome—Gale Schwartz

Gale Schwartz welcomed all HAB members and CoC participants. The July meeting minutes were approved, with one member abstaining from the vote.

• **HUD Supplemental CoC NOFO to Address Unsheltered Homelessness: CoC Planning**HUD has released a supplemental NOFO targeted towards unsheltered and rural homelessness.
The Allegheny County CoC can seek funds under the unsheltered competition. Initial awards through this NOFO will be for 3 years, and then become part of the annual renewal competition.
The CoC has an opportunity to apply for up to \$8million more a year in CoC Program funds.
Through the Supplemental NOFO, HUD is seeking to provide additional CoC funding to reduce the prevelance of unsheltered homelessness, and improve services engagements, health outcomes, and housing stability among highly vulnerable unsheltered individuals and families. Within the NOFO, our CoC can apply for funding for new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), Rapid Rehousing (RRH) and Support Services Only (SSO) projects.

The application requires a Comprehensive CoC Plan for Serving Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness with Severe Service Needs. We want a plan that is meaningful for our CoC and is responsive to the requirements of the application so we can maximize our chances to receive funding. We have been capturing feedback from CoC stakeholders via CORE, HAB Committee meetings, and COC Feedback Surveys. Today, we are seeking to discuss key strategies within the Plan Components outlined by HUD. Following the meeting:

- Project proposals through RFP will be reviewed and evaluated for inclusion in HUD application
- HAB leadership and DHS will classify priorities that are within the scope of the HUD

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> (P) indicates HAB members who were present for the meeting.

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NOFO

- DHS will draft the plan for HUD submission by October 20, 2022
- This draft will be posted on the CoC documents page, and moving forward it is anticipated that the CoC and HAB will further discuss and refine strategies and opportunities to pursue, beyond the HUD Supplemental NOFO and the required components of this NOFO's plan.

The meeting discussion was facilitated around key plan components outlined by HUD, focusing on sections where further develop was prioritized. Below are the visual notes captured during the meeting.







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### Meeting Adjourned

The CoC meeting adjourned at 11:00am for a HAB and DHS Provider session regarding City-County joint planning for decommissioning encampments with synchronized housing referrals and supports. The envisioned model will be trauma-informed and will provide all encampment residents with access to shelter and permanent housing options within a rapid timeframe

#### **Next CoC Meeting**

September 27, 2022 from 10:00am to 12:00pm Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting *and* 1 Smithfield St, Pittsburgh, 15222 (HSB, Lower Level)