

Please see MINUTE notes below in *highlighted italics*.

1. Welcome and Introductions

*Sign- In Sheet attached to Minutes. A voting quorum of the Board was present. (20/27)*

2. Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2017

*Minutes were approved with no changes.*

3. Decision Issue:

*a) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires approval of the CoC Review and Ranking process for the 2017 NOFA. Shari Weir presented the process and the review criteria. (attached to Minutes). The Board voted to approve the process.*

4. **Housing First Partners Presentation:** *The Housing First Initiative (HFI) is the Continuum of Care Strategy to end chronic homelessness. Since the first building opened in 2006 (Emerald Commons), the number of chronically homeless persons identified through the annual Point In Time count has declined by 82%. The progress in achieving the goal of ending chronic homelessness is the result of focused effort and partnership among Enterprise Community Partners, Cleveland Housing Network, FrontLine Service, EDEN, the VA, the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County and the Continuum of Care.*

5. **2017 Point In Time Count:** *(attached) – 2017 numbers with the 2016 were shared with the Board and discussed. The Subpopulation Count was requested and will be included in the Minutes.*

6. **Committee Reports:**

- *Ending Veteran Homelessness Committee Report: The Leadership Team submitted a request to USICH to confirm that Cuyahoga County has ended Veteran Homelessness. The USICH/HUD review team believes that we could improve the numbers. Kathy Penman pointed out that in two years (2015 – 2017) 1,190 veterans in Cuyahoga County have accessed permanent housing.*
- *Ending Family Homelessness Committee Report: The Committee is reviewing the USICH Framework for ending family homelessness. The fundamental components of the framework are in place in this CoC: Coordinated Entry; Byname List of families; immediate shelter; low barrier entry; focus on rapid exit and housing stability.*
- *Ending Youth Homelessness - Natasha Wynn and Sonia Emerson, representing A Place 4 Me Youth Advisory Board, reported that AP4M is developing Bylaws; the YA Committee visited a Youth Drop In Center in Columbus and are advocating for a drop in center in Cuyahoga County. Current Statistics for housed youth are attached to the Minutes.*

- Governance and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Committees : *the ESG Committee is scheduled to meet July 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**7. COC Updates – Various topics**

- RRH for Singles
- Youth Shelter relocation
- City Mission event
- ES for adults – program reorganizations (materials attached)
- Federal Budget
- City of Cleveland Neighborhood Development

**8. May 18<sup>th</sup> was the last Board Meeting for Kathy Penman, who represented the VA on the Board. Thanks go to Kathy for all her hard work on behalf of homeless veterans in our community. Kathy’s efforts have been key to the CoC and community partners in developing the system response to end veteran homelessness! Tracie Squire will be taking over the position of “Homeless Outreach Coordinator” for the VA and replacing Kathy on the OHS Advisory Board ! Welcome Tracie!!!**

**9. Next meeting: Thursday, July 20, 9:00 – 11:00 AM at the ADAMHS Board.**

**Advisory Board Calendar**

July 20<sup>th</sup>                    “  
 September 21<sup>st</sup>            “  
 November 16<sup>th</sup>            “

**All at the ADAMHS Board**

**Executive Committee**

July 11<sup>th</sup>                    “  
 September 12<sup>th</sup>            “  
 November 7<sup>th</sup>             “

**All at FrontLine Service , 1744 Payne Ave.**