

**Homelessness Prevention & Intervention Board**  
**Lexington-Fayette County Continuum of Care Board**  
*Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government*

July 8, 2020  
1:30pm – 3:30pm

**Agenda**

Zoom Teleconference Due to COVID-19 Restrictions  
Live on Facebook for Public Comment and Interaction with CoC Membership

**APPROVED 9/9/2020**

**Board members present:** B. Davis, B. Revlett, J. Parker, K. Plomin, R. Shepard, A. Wallace, J. James, D. Thomas, C. Walker, D. Rogers

**Board members excused:** J. Hodge, A. Evans

**Board members unexcused:** R. Lee

- I. Call to Order – 1:33 p.m.
- II. Special Statement of COVID-19 Open Meetings - **Ruddick**
- III. Roll Call – **Ruddick**
- IV. Approval of Minutes (Motion made by Davis to accept both the May 7<sup>th</sup> and May 13<sup>th</sup> minutes as presented)
  - a. May 7, 2020
    - i. Motion - Davis
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Wallace
    - iii. Discussion - None
    - iv. Passed – none opposed
- V. HMIS & Common Assessment Committee Report – **Shepard, Chair**

Committee meet on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Shepard reviewed five areas of concerns on the FY19 CoC Competition; HMIS bed coverage, successful permanent housing placement and retention, returns to homelessness, job and income growth, and rapid re-housing beds as reported on the HIC. Shepard said that the Committee will need to strategize how to improve these measures and the Program Performance and Evaluation Committee will monitor. Also the committee went ahead and referred some of these issues to Program Performance and Evaluation Committee to review now. Briefly provided update on the Coordinated Entry project and how the new COVID-19 renter assistance project will help guide new procedures

for Coordinated Entry. HMIS trainings are still happening over Zoom. Will continue the HMIS user work group committee on Zoom with share screen.

Revlett asked if the problem is data quality or is the system not performing well. Herron stated that it was both and we are looking at the measures from both sides. The report given at committee was sent out to the group list serv.

Ruddick briefly describe the impact on scoring for the CoC Competition. The federal government is moving to showing results and not just talking about the results.

VI. Program Performance & Evaluation Committee Report – **Evans, Chair**

No report

Parker stated that due to Evans resigning from Council and will be leaving Lexington to attend Princeton University. This committee will need a new chair and opened the floor for nominations. Ruddick reviewed the standards for this committee. Davis nominated Plomin for the Chair as she is the other Councilmember on this board. After a brief discussion, Plomin accepted the nomination.

- a. Motion by Davis for Plomin as Chair
- b. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wallace
- c. No further discussion
- d. None opposed, motion passed

Ruddick reminded the Board that Evans seat will need to be filled with a Councilmember due to the ordinance. Board suggested, and Ruddick agreed, everyone would like it to be from District 3 which includes the downtown area.

VII. Advocacy, Issues, and Programs Committee Report - **Wallace, Chair**

Ruddick stated that the strategic plan was not complete due to COVID-19. Ruddick stated that we have a large fund balance of one –time funding that needs to be spent. Ruddick stated that the Advocacy, Issues, and Program Committee were asked for suggestions on programing that would impact ending homelessness and those suggestions will be discussed in the Director’s report. All other items are continuing due to COVID-19, most items are behind on completion.

Wallace reviewed Governor’s office statement on non-payment rental evictions. Per Governor’s office, any evictions for just non-payment cannot happen while under the state of emergency.

VIII. Encampment SOPs and Review Report – **Ruddick**

Ruddick reviewed the one encampment as listed on the agenda. Discussion as to the cleaning and removing more encampments. Revlett suggested placing the SOPs back into committee to update and reflect a moratorium on removal during the COVID-19 pandemic. Ruddick stated she would place it on the Advocacy, Issues, and Programs Committee agenda for August.

IX. OHPI Director’s Report – **Ruddick**

Ruddick gave background of where the system and the City was at with heat planning and services that would normally be activated during heat are already activated due to COVID-19. The community does not have an open library or New Life Day Center. Ruddick reviewed the pilot of tenting at Catholic Action Center. Ruddick added Dr. Humbaugh and Ms. Howard into

the meeting for further discussion with the health department on how to be COVID-19 compliant. Humbaugh reviewed considerations and some options for the City. Based on the discussion with health department, some suggestions of Lexmark empty buildings, putting fans in areas that individuals are already congregating, and Walker stated he may have some property. Ruddick stated she would continue to look for options, but that staffing and monitoring was still a major issue for the system. The health department would require monitoring of any cooling center.

Ruddick reviewed the FY21 Innovative and Sustainable Solutions Fund balance and suggestions from the Advocacy, Issues, and Programs committee meeting. Ruddick stated that Board would need to take this list and even additional items and set the priority for FY21. Wallace motioned that the Board accept all the ideas, send out the RFPs, and fund all the projects. Ruddick stated that we didn't have enough funds for all the projects. Shepard asked about sending out all the items as RFPs and then have the Performance and Evaluation Committee review the proposals and cost. Wallace agreed that we send out all projects as RFPs and have the Performance and Evaluation Committee set funding levels and priority if needed since totals given on the sheet were just Ruddick's estimates of cost. James asked for clarification on the Deposit Assistance and Rapid Re-Housing. Ruddick changed the title to Deposit and First Month Assistance.

Parker summarized the discussion; all suggestions for program funding from the Advocacy Committee be released via RFP and reviewed by the Performance and Evaluation Committee. This Board will review and vote on the motion for funding allocation by the Program Performance and Evaluation Committee in September. Lengthy discussion on the need for marketing during this year. Wallace formally withdrew the motion to fund the entire list. Ruddick reviewed how the fund balance was generated for FY21 and stated that the office will fund to zero with no holdings for emergencies.

- X. Next Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2020 – 1:30pm – 3:30pm via Zoom teleconference
- XI. Other Issues and Public Sharing  
None
- XII. Adjourn at 2:56pm
  - a. Motion - Plomin
  - b. 2<sup>nd</sup> - Davis
  - c. Discussion - None
  - d. Passed – none opposed