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TO: FY 2014 Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Michael A. Hiler, Deputy Chief, Office of Community Development  
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SUBJECT: FY 2014 Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

On October 1, 2013 from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. the FY 2014 the Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Advisory Committee met via conference call.

The following is a summary of the major topics discussed during the meeting:

**Introduction**

- Scott Gary, Office of Community Development Supportive Housing Section Manager and Kimberly Alexander, Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development Supportive Housing Specialist, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed members.
- Introductions were made and the materials distributed prior to the meeting were reviewed including a list of FY 2012 HOPWA awards, 2013 HOPWA Program application, and summary of the number of AIDS and HIV cases in Ohio by county.

The following is a summary of the discussion that took place at the meeting:

**Program Update**

The FY 2012 HOPWA Program grant awards were reviewed.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
Community AIDS Network	Summit	\$ 200,000
AIDS Resource Center Ohio	Montgomery/ Lucas/Richland	\$ 953,848
Community Services of Stark County, Inc.	Stark	\$ 20,000
Children’s & Family Services	Mahoning	<u>\$ 101,100</u>
		\$1,274,948

**Application Documents and Instructions**

- Gary stated that the two counties (Highland and Adams) are now being covered by AIDS Resource Center Ohio.
- The FY 2013 HOPWA Program application is posted on the Office of Community Development Website.
- The committee discussed the proposed FY 2014 HOPWA Program application and Ohio Consolidated Plan guidelines. There was no significant change proposed for either document.

### **Policy or Program Issues**

- Gary asked committee members about the extent to which local providers were working with other providers to coordinate available resources through sources such as the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and Homeless Crisis Response Program. Coordination with the Ryan White program is extensive and often administered by the same organization granted HOPWA funding.
- Julie Embree from the AIDS Resource Center of Ohio, Inc. wanted to know if the Office of Community Development would consider making permanent housing placement an eligible activity. Permanent Housing Placement is an eligible supportive service activity under the HOPWA program, the goal of which is to help establish permanent residence when continued occupancy is expected. The Office of Community Development is making the determination to consider this activity in the state HOPWA program.

### **Training Needs or Recommendations**

- Committee members discussed a variety of training opportunities, including a HUD training or webinar with other grantees to provide HOPWA Program training. Alexander was going to follow-up with the HOPWA technical assistance grantee to learn if such training is possible.

### **Comments**

- There were no additional comments from attendees.

The FY 2014 HOPWA Program Advisory committee Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

**Ohio Development Services Agency  
Office of Community Development**

**FY 2014**

**FY 2014 Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program**

**Advisory Committee Meeting**

**Creekside Conference and Event Center**

**October 1, 2013**

**ATTENDANCE LIST**

**NAME**

Julie Embree  
Sherry Inskeep  
Rebecca Calhan  
Fred Berry  
Cory Dabrosio  
Scott Gary  
Kimberly Alexander

**ORGANIZATION**

AIDS Resource Center of Ohio, Inc.  
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Community AIDS Network  
Info Line  
Columbus Public Health  
Ohio Development Services Agency, Office of Community Development  
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