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TO: FY 2013 Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Michael A. Hiler, Deputy Chief, Office of Community Development

SUBJECT: *Michael A. Hiler*
FY 2013 Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

On October 2, 2012 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. the FY 2013 Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program Advisory Committee met at the Creekside Conference and Event Center in Gahanna. The following is a summary of the major topics discussed during the meeting.

Introduction

- Scott Gary, Office of Community Development (OCD) Supportive Housing Section Manager and Kimberly Alexander, OCD 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 2011 HOPWA awards, the 2012 HOPWA Program application, and a summary of the number of AIDS and HIV cases in Ohio by county.

Program Update

The FY 2011 HOPWA Program grant awards were reviewed.

<u>Organization</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Award Amount</u>
Athens AIDS Task Force	Athens	\$ 95,000
Community AIDS Network	Summit	\$240,000
AIDS Resource Center Ohio	Montgomery/Lucas/Richland	\$760,541
Community Services of Stark County, Inc.	Stark	\$ 50,000
Children's & Family Services	Mahoning	<u>\$119,300</u>
		\$1,264,841

Application Document and Instructions

- The FY 2012 HOPWA Program application is posted on the OCD Website.
- The committee discussed the proposed FY 2012 HOPWA Program application and Ohio Consolidated Plan guidelines. There were no significant changes proposed for either document.

- Mr. Gary stated that residents in two counties (Highland and Adams) are not currently eligible for HOPWA Program assistance, as no OCD-funded programs serve those counties. Mr. Gary encouraged agencies serving adjacent counties to consider including one or both counties. Julie Embree from AIDS Resource Center Ohio stated that the agency would apply for funding for those two counties.

Policy or Program Issues

- Mr. Gary asked committee members if they were working with local providers to help with their HOPWA Program funding.
- Julie Embree wanted to know if OCD would consider tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA) or permanent housing placement as an activity. OCD is researching these activities to determine if permitting funds to be used for such activity is appropriate. The need to emphasize housing activities has historically been a major factor, but several persons expressed the need for such assistance. It was noted that considerable funds are needed for tenant-based assistance so considerable planning is needed.
- Julie also stated that she would work with the Ohio Department of Health to conduct a needs assessment.
- Janaris Alston stated that Ryan White Title 1 services could be reinstated in FY 2013.
- The committee members discussed the importance of organizations collaboratively working together to meet the needs of eligible persons in the most efficient manner possible. Mr. Gary shared OCD's experience during the past year of local agencies not being able to work together to serve clients and the negative impact it is having on clients. While members agreed on the need for collaboration, lack of such was not recommended as a disqualifying criterion. OCD did emphasize that since award amounts could exceed the prorata share based on number of cases and the competitive nature of application reviews, it is likely that a grantee's award would likely be impacted by the inability to demonstrate local collaboration.

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. In the past, several persons representing the state and grantee agencies have attended regional trainings that varied from one to two days. These sessions were very helpful and included interactive modules that proved to be quite beneficial.

The FY 2013 HOPWA Program Advisory committee Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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

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Program Advisory Committee Members
Creekside Conference and Event Center
October 2, 2012**

Attendance List

Name

Organization

Kimberly Alexander
Janaris Alston
Julie Embree
Scott Gary
Dawn Jones

ODSA/OCD
Violet Cupboard
AIDS Resource Center of Ohio, Inc.
ODSA/OCD
Community AIDS Network