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Are you ready for the 2011 PIT Count?

Tuesday, January 25th, is the Ohio Statewide Point-In-Time Count date. 2011 is a mandatory year to complete a PIT Count for HUD. It is extremely important that Ohio have the best PIT Count ever. COHHIO has created several documents to aide communities in their count, those documents can be found at

http://www.cohhio.org/info_PIT_2011.php. Please do not hesitate to contact us at coc@cohhio.org to ask questions regarding the PIT Count and Housing Inventory Charts.

Just remember... we cannot help the homeless, if we do not count them. We need to have an accurate count of the number of homeless in Ohio so that we can obtain federal homeless monies.

☺ I know that many of you will be releasing follow-up stories with your newspapers, radio and television stations, etc. about your local PIT count results. If it is possible, please try to include the Ohio Housing Trust Fund funded programs in those stories. As you know, the Ohio budget is extremely tight and we need positive stories and advocacy regarding the Housing Trust Fund. So please, mention those local programs that are funded through the Housing Trust Fund and the great work they are doing to end homelessness.

Ohio
Point-In-Time
Count 2011



Everyone Counts



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HUD Awards \$1.4 Billion to nearly 7,000 Local Homeless Programs – Part of Administration Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness. Secretary Shaun Donovan announced on January 19th the renewal funding for Continuum of Care (CoC) projects. To see a summary of the renewal awards, go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/budget/2010/index.cfm> and click on Ohio. In September of 2010, HUD announced that it would renew funding through HUD's CoC program as quickly as possible to prevent any interruption in federal assistance, similar to how they had for FY 09 renewals. COC grants provide permanent and transitional housing to homeless persons as well as those services that assist a household to be more stable. CoC grants are awarded competitively to local programs to meet the needs of the homeless.

Position Available

The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, office of Ohio Health Plans has a position open currently for a housing administrator. The posting appears on the careers.ohio.gov website under Job and Family Services and is titled Medicaid Health Systems Administrator 1. The position is open for applications through Thursday, January 27th, 5:00 p.m. To review the listing, please see <file:///Users/nineteen/Documents/Microsoft%20User%20Data/Saved%20Attachments/MHSA%201%20PN%2020046542%20to%20post%5B1%5D.htm>

New Reports

The Center for Housing Policy has released two new reports that discuss how affordable housing can positively affect local economies by creating jobs, increasing revenues for governments, decrease the risk of foreclosures, etc. To read these new reports, go to: <http://www.nhc.org/publications/index.html>

Governor Kasich's Appointments

- Greg Moody - Office of Health Transformation
- Dr. Theodore Wymyslo - Department of Health
- Dr. Bonnie Kantor-Burman – Department of Aging
- John McCarthy – Office of Ohio Health Plans (Medicaid)
- Lt. Governor Mary Taylor – Department of Insurance
- David Goodman – Department of Commerce
- Christine Money – Department of Youth Services
- Mark Kvamme – Department of Development

HUDdle, Interactive Blog launched by HUD. HUD has launched this new blog to be more interactive and share information more quickly. The blog can be found at <http://blog.hud.gov/>



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**COHHIO's
Mission Statement**

COHHIO is a statewide advocacy group and service providers network dedicated to ending homelessness and ensuring that all Ohioans have decent, safe, fair, affordable housing, especially those with low-income and special needs.

Upcoming Trainings

HOME Certified Specialist – Rental Housing Compliance Training. HUD's Office of Affordable Housing Programs will be holding this training from February 1-3 in Columbus. To register for this training, please go to: <http://www.cpdtraininginstitute.com/homeregistrationinfo.cfm>

Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care CoC Application Process Training. All currently funded BOSCO HUD Continuum of Care project grantees and sponsors should attend this training (no matter if you are scheduled for a renewal or not this year). This training will be held on February 2 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Register at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/483808043>

ODOD and COHHIO presenting HPRP – Lessons Learned From Monitoring Visits and More. Training will be held on February 7th from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. HPRP sub-grantees and partners receiving Ohio HPRP funds are deeply encouraged to attend this webinar that will review HPRP file documentation requirements, reassessment of current HPRP practices, information gleaned from ODOD monitorings, etc. Register at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/636213578>

Ohio BOSCO – 2011 Intensive Application Training. This training is for those interested in applying for new or first time renewal Continuum of Care project through the Ohio BOSCO. This training will provide specific information on what should be answered on the various parts of the CoC application. This training will be held on February 9th from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Register at <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/411296082>

Ohio Domestic Violence Network presents Abuse in Later Life. This training will be held on February 11th. This interactive workshop will help participants understand the dynamics of domestic violence in the context of victims age 50 and older who have a trust relationship with the perpetrator. The workshop will examine the similarities and differences between domestic violence in later life, domestic violence among younger populations, and other types of elder abuse, as we move towards a more effective understanding of the unique characteristics of domestic violence in later life. We will hear a story of a older survivor and her journey, and learn ways in which you can support and empower older survivors, while maintaining a focus on survivor autonomy and respect. Finally, we will discuss safety planning with older survivors of domestic violence, and ways to make our services and agency accessible to survivors of domestic violence. For more information on trainings, including descriptions, costs, and online registration and/or payment, please go to www.odvn.org

Looking for more training? See our online calendar at:
<http://www.cohhio.org/calendar.php>



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In the News

- 10tv.com – One Day to End Homelessness
- ABCNews.go.com – Homeless for 30 Days
- Akron.com – Street Cards (Resource List) for the Homeless
- Columbus Dispatch – Foreclosures Falling
- Daily Sentinel – Gallia PIT Count
- Point Pleasant Register – Gallia PIT Count
- Record Herald.com – Fayette PIT Count
- Urbana Daily Citizen – Champaign PIT Count
- WCSM Radio – State of Homelessness Report

The Ohio Housing Finance Agency (OHFA) approves over \$21.5 million for development and rehabilitation of affordable housing.

OHFA Board approved funding through the Housing Development Assistance Program (HDAP) to provide flexible, low-interest financing for affordable housing developments. They also approved funding through the Housing Development Loan (HDL) Program for the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing. Congratulations to the following projects that received funding:

- Bryan Community Apartments (Williams)
- Hunter House (Stark)
- St. Lucy Senior Apartments (Geauga)
- Emerald Alliance VII (Cuyahoga)
- Newark Townhomes (Licking)
- Rootstown Villas (Portage)
- Wilshire (Allen)

Legislative Updates

The House Rules Committee will be holding a hearing on HR 38, a resolution to set FY11 non-security spending at FY08 levels. Details will be determined as Congress considers funding for the remainder of the year after the current continuing resolution ends on March 4th.

New Housing Bills Introduced in 112th Congress

- H.R. 32 – Homeless Children and Youth Act of 2011. Bill amends the definition under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to include children and youth.
- H.R. 34 – Family Self-Sufficiency Act of 2011. Bill puts into statute the existing method of funding HUD's Family Self Sufficiency program through administrative fees for housing choice vouchers. Also establishes performance measures.
- H.R. 175 – Smart Housing in Disasters Act of 2011. Bill requires that FEMA track all housing units it provides to individuals and families affected by an emergency or major disaster.
- H.R. 201 – Removing Reward for Section 8 Fraud Act of 2011. Bill prohibits rent decreases for HUD project-based assisted housing residents if their income decrease due to the loss of welfare assistance because of fraud or work requirement noncompliance.
- H.R. 233 – Bill would amend HUD's "one strike" policy in public housing. Legislation provides that a tenant will not be evicted, be denied tenancy when applying for a unit, or have tenancy terminated based solely on individual's familial relationship to a person convicted of a crime.



JOHN R. KASICH
GOVERNOR
STATE OF OHIO

Executive Order 2011-02K

Creating the Governor's Office of Health Transformation

WHEREAS, Ohioans spend more per person on health care than residents in all but 13 states, and rising health care costs are eroding paychecks and profitability, yet higher spending is not resulting in higher quality or better outcomes for Ohio citizens compared to other states.

WHEREAS, Medicaid is the largest health payer in Ohio, with 60 million claims paid to 89,000 health care providers who served 2.4 million Ohioans in 2010.

WHEREAS, Medicaid spending is growing at an unsustainable rate, four times faster than the Ohio economy over the past four years, and now consumes 30 percent of total state spending and nearly three percent of the Ohio economy.

WHEREAS, Ohio Medicaid policy, spending, and administration is split across multiple state and local government jurisdictions, and this inefficient organizational structure impedes innovation and lacks a clear point of accountability for overall health system performance.

WHEREAS, Ohio has an opportunity to reset the basic rules of health care competition so the incentive is to keep people as healthy as possible, reward Ohioans who take responsibility to stay healthy, rely on evidence about what works so doctors and other health care professionals can deliver the best quality care at the lowest possible cost.

WHEREAS, Ohio has an opportunity to transform primary care from a system that reacts after someone gets sick to a system that keeps people as healthy as possible, prevents chronic disease whenever possible and, when it occurs, coordinates care to improve quality of life and helps reduce chronic care costs, and enables seniors and people with disabilities to live with dignity in the setting they prefer.

WHEREAS, Ohio has an opportunity to innovate constantly to improve health and economic vitality, and demonstrate to the nation why Ohio is a great place to live and work.

NOW THEREFORE, I, John R. Kasich, Governor of the State of Ohio, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this State do hereby order and direct that:

1. The Governor's Office of Health Transformation ("OHT") is hereby created in order to carry out the immediate need to address Medicaid spending issues, plan for the long-term efficient administration of the Ohio Medicaid program, and act to improve overall health

system performance in Ohio. In the first six months following the effective date of this Executive Order, the OHT shall do the following:

- a. Advance the Administration's Medicaid modernization and cost-containment priorities in the operating budget;
 - b. Initiate and guide insurance market exchange planning;
 - c. Engage private sector partners to set clear expectations for overall health system performance;
 - d. Recommend a permanent health and human services organizational structure and oversee transition to that permanent structure.
2. I will appoint an Executive Director to lead the OHT. The OHT Director shall oversee and implement the activities described above. In order to carry out these responsibilities, the Director shall have the authority and discretion to employ and fix the compensation of OHT personnel, who shall be in the unclassified civil service. The OHT Director will be the appointing authority for the OHT and will be responsible for making all employment decisions relating to the OHT including, but not limited to, hiring, firing, disciplining, and promoting employees. In addition, the OHT Director shall have the authority and discretion to establish the organizational structure of the OHT.
3. All Cabinet Agencies, Boards and Commissions shall comply with any requests or directives issued by the OHT Executive Director or the OHT Executive Director's designee, subject to the supervision of their respective agency directors. This requirement extends, but is not limited to, the cabinet directors and employees of the following agencies and departments:
- a. Office of Budget and Management;
 - b. Ohio Department of Administrative Services;
 - c. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services;
 - d. Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities;
 - e. Ohio Department of Mental Health;
 - f. Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services;
 - g. Ohio Department of Health; and
 - h. Ohio Department of Aging.
4. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services will remain the single state Medicaid agency.

5. As the OHT Executive Director deems necessary, the OHT shall contract with state and/or private agencies for services in order to facilitate the implementation and operation of the OHT's responsibilities, based upon demonstrated experience and expertise in administration, management, data handling, actuarial studies, quality assurance, or other necessary skills.

I signed this Executive Order on January 13, 2011 in Columbus, Ohio and it will not expire unless it is rescinded.



John R. Kasich, Governor

ATTEST:

Jon Husted, Secretary of State