

**OCCD State Programs Committee Report
OCCD Spring Quarterly Business Meeting
April 27, 2022**

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Shana Garrett provided the OCD report to the OCCD State Programs Committee on April 18, 2022.

Staffing Changes

- Megan Meadows was appointed Chief of Community Services Division replacing Mike Frazier who moved to the Director of Programs Operation for the Ohio Department of Development
- Christina Blair was hired as the Supportive Housing Manager replacing Scott Gary
- Marsha Walters was recently hired as a Housing Grant Analyst to assist with the CHIP program
- Tim Allen has left OCD and will be working for HUD as a Program Representative. His last day at OCD was April 8th.
- OCD is currently interviewing for Mary Oakley's position

Budget

- The 2023 federal budget has not been finalized yet. OCD anticipates that there is going to be more money in OHTF budget for the upcoming year. Last year it was \$53mill and this year it is being proposed for \$55mill.
- Currently, OCD staff is busy writing briefs to Megan Meadows, the new Chief of Community Services Division in regards to the 2023 OCD Budget. OCD is proposing to eliminate CDBG Allocation funding and moving more \$ to the competitive CDBG grants and Targets of Opportunity Programs for 2023.

Other Items

All the 2021 CDBG Grant agreements are out now. The only funding left to be obligated is ESGS-Cares Act \$ and OCD is anticipating that an extension to spend this \$ will be granted by HUD. The current deadline to spend this money is 9/30/2022.

OCD staff is out monitoring now. They are doing a combination of desktop and in-person monitoring. The Supportive Housing Section has not started conducting any monitoring yet and they are still preparing the guidelines for the 2022 applications.

Shana wanted everyone to know that even though OCD staff is not working in the office like they were Pre-COVID that staff has "office hours" set up that you can call them during that time. They have software set up on their computers that allow phone calls to go directly to them during these "office hours". Shana said

she does not want us to feel isolated and for you to feel like the only way you can contact OCD staff is through emailing.

OCD is in the process of replacing OCEAN with SalesForce. OCD hopes to make this transition next year. If all goes well all CDBG applications for 2023 will be submitted through SalesForce. OCD will be reaching out to grantees to be “testers” for this new program like they did when they switched to OCEAN. OCD hopes that SalesForce will be more user-friendly and less restrictive like OCEAN is

Statewide there is a huge issue with a lack of CHIP contractors. Shana asked if we have any “working models” that OCD can use to increase the CHIP Contractor workforce. If you do, she asked if you could reach out to your CHIP rep and let them know how it is working for you.

Discussion took place on setting up a small CHIP Program Review Committee that will be tasked with evaluating the current CHIP program and looking at ways to make this program more efficient and effective.

Important Dates:

2022 State Consolidated Plan and HOME/ARPA Public Hearing – Was held on April 20, 2022

2022 CDBG Community Development Allocation Application Virtual Training – Was held on April 20th.

2022 CHIP Application Training – Will be held virtually tomorrow, April 28th at 1:30pm.

PY 2022 CDBG Community Development Allocation; Neighborhood Revitalization; and 1st Round Critical Infrastructure Program applications are due June 15, 2022. Application materials will be available in OCEAN on May 16, 2022.

PY 2022 CHIP applications are due June 22, 2022.