

Scranton/Lackawanna County Continuum of Care
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 7, 2024

In attendance: Harry Lyons (Catholic Social Services), Joe Hollander (Scranton Primary), John Byrd (North Penn Legal), Nathan Morgan, (CoC Director), Nichole Rios (Valley Youth House), Peg Ruddy (Women’s Resource Center), Channel Kears (City of Scranton), Alexis Kelly (Veterans Affairs), Lisa Durkin (United Neighborhood Center)

Chair: Joe Hollander (Scranton Primary)

Approval of Minutes

John B. approved the minutes from the August meeting. Channel K. seconded the motion. The motion carried; no discussion all in favor.

Announcements

- COC Bonus
 - CMC declined the CoC Bonus
 - UNC applied for CoC Bonus
- FY2024 NOFO New Project Applications
 - Nathan M. thanked Channel K., John B. and Alexis K. for scoring WRC’s DV Bonus and UNC’s CoC Bonus project applications
- COC Building PSH Construction NOFO
 - UNC has expressed interest in applying for the grant
 - Deadline: November 21, 2024
- PA Executive Order 2024-03 Housing Action Plan and Addressing Homelessness.
 - Gov. Shapiro has put forward PA’s First Housing Action Plan to conduct a statewide assessment of PA’s housing stock
 - Gov. Shapiro’s executive order will not affect federally administered CoC funding
 - The DCED may create funding opportunities based upon their findings and recommendations
 - DCED will identify agencies to help inform their assessment. The executive order did not specify how agencies will be identified
 - Joe H. recommended the SLCoC reach out to DCED regarding the initiative
- Upcoming SLCoC Board Meetings
 - NOFO narrative send by next Friday, 10/11
 - October: Friday, 10/18 @ 10am (Ad Hoc)
 - November: Wednesday, 11/13 @ 10am

New or Old Business

- None

FY2024 NOFO Ranking & Review

- PA-508's FY2024 Ranking & Review was distributed to SLCoC Board members on October 4th
- New project scoring was completed on October 4th. On October 7th an updated ranking was shared with the board including the DV Bonus and CoC Bonus new project applications
- Nathan M. shared that HUD's Project Rating and Ranking Tool Version 8.1 (XLSB) was used to score projects. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects scored higher than Rapid ReHousing (RRH) per HUD priorities
- Board members representing CoC-funded agencies were asked to reclude themselves in voting

Joe H. made a motion to approve the FY2024 Ranking & Review as presented. Channel K. seconded the motion. The motion carried; there were no objections.

Meeting Adjourned.

The next SLCoC board meeting will be Friday, October 18th at 10am via Teams.

Submitted respectfully,
Nichole Rios