



**Eastern PA CoC Board Meeting**  
**March 23, 2023**  
**1:00 p.m – 3:00 p.m.**

**Join Zoom Meeting**

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## AGENDA

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PURPOSE
1:00 p.m.	Welcome and approval of February meeting minutes-Alisa Baratta	Vote to approve minutes
1:05 p.m.	DCED Report-Brendan Auman	Updates
1:15 p.m.	RHAB restructure	Develop recommendations for May full CoC meeting.
1:50 p.m.	Review/discuss the Eastern CoC becoming a 501c3	Develop recommendations for May full CoC meeting.
2:30 p.m.	May Full CoC Meeting Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home ARP Listening Session</li> </ul>	<b>Decision needed.</b> Should a HOME-ARP session be added to the agenda of the full CoC meeting?
3:00 p.m.	Meeting adjourned	



## Eastern PA CoC Board Meeting Minutes

March 23, 2023

10 am – 12 pm

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### In Attendance

Alisa Baratta  
Jeff Rich  
Rob Nicolella  
Leslie Perryman  
Carol Thornton  
Amanda  
Deb Bartholomew  
Andrea Herb  
Stephine Meyer  
Jeremy Radle  
Luis Resto  
Brendan Auman  
Tony Diaz  
Lehigh Howard  
Mary Penny

- Alisa called the meeting to order and asked the group to do self-introductions for the new board members.
- The board then voted to accept the February 2023 meeting minutes.

### DCED Update

- Brendan Auman provided the DCED update. Brendan began with some updates from the COTA conference he attended in Washington D. C. last week. He heard that there will likely be a NOFO award announcement in the next week. As for the coming year, NOFO it is rumored that there will be three or four NOFO announcements. The first will be the typical annual COC NOFO, a youth homelessness demonstration NOFO, a youth system improvement, and a PSH NOFO. He encouraged the board to start looking to set ourselves up for funding. As for YHDP right now we are not in a position to apply for those funds but states who have not applied are being encouraged to apply. It will require preparation on the CoC's part, but DMA has already done a lot of successful work in the West with that program. We can look to that as a model, maybe not for this period but going into the next year we could be set up nicely. Alisa asked why we would not be competitive now. Brendan explained that there is a significant amount of groundwork required that would take time to put in place. Some things that are required like a commitment from every county CYs that we know from the Western PA CoC's work took more time to achieve than we will have this year. Leigh Howard commented that one of the additional challenges is there are two buckets of funding. The applications are the

same, but the rural set aside is less competitive. The only real urban YHAB work going on is in the Lehigh Valley but then we will be competing with Philadelphia, New York, and Chicago, and they have years of experience. Both Philadelphia and Orlando both took four years before they received funding.

#### **Action Item**

1. DMA will provide a deep briefing on Western PA CoC's work with youth and the process followed in applying for the YHDP funding at the June Board meeting.

#### **DCED Report Continued**

- Brendan asked to offer one additional update. There will be proposed rule changes for ESG and CoC coming soon. HUD is going to make a proposed final rule for each of the projects. ESG will likely happen this year and CoC in the next. He also mentioned that outcomes and evaluating system performance measures will continue to be heavily rated in funding scoring. The four main scoring buckets look like leveraging mainstream housing resources, reducing unsheltered homelessness, and incorporating people with lived experience and the system performance measures. With the system performance measures becoming more heavily weighted each year.

#### **Action Item**

2. Mary will add review and planning for the NOFO to the April Executive committee agenda.

#### **RHAB Restructure**

- Alisa asked Jeff Rich to provide the RHAB restructure update. Jeff shared that they did discuss the topic at some length during the last Governance Committee Meeting. While they did not come up with a formal recommendation, they arrived at some points to consider and thought it best to bring it to the board meeting for discussion. Jeff noted they have some folks who are struggling to maintain some sort of functionality within their RHAB but on the flip side, some RHABs function well. So how do you look at reorganizing these two extremes? It doesn't make sense to mess with the functioning groups. So, do we leave the functioning groups as they are and everybody else kind of falls into a balance-of-state category? Those that want to participate form their own RHAB, which is not based on geographic boundaries, or anything except that they have an interest. A group discussion followed around the fact that smaller RHABs seem to be more cohesive. Leigh Howard noted that members preferred smaller groups in the comments collected from the regional breakout groups at the April 2022 CoC. He added that there's a lot more synergy that exists by tapping into that as opposed to bringing together folks that may be geographically 100 miles apart or more and have very different resources and challenges. The Board further discussed the roles of the RHAB Co-Chairs and who can fill those roles. One question posed was can CE managers fill those positions and serve on the board? Also, does it make sense to have one chair focused on managing the RHAB meeting and one focused on the work of the board? This would then create the need for more at-large board members.

#### **Action Item**

3. The RHAB restructuring discussion will go back to the Governance Committee, who will consider hosting a meeting with the RHAB Chairs to obtain further feedback. This needs to occur before the May Full CoC meeting presentation.

### **Board discussion of the CoC becoming a 501c3**

- Alisa polled the members to see if they were in favor of continued discussion and planning around this topic and if the group favored continued exploration. The board will invite the Wisconsin Balance of State or another CoC that has gone through the process of becoming a 5013c to the next board meeting.

### **Action Item**

4. Leigh Howard will invite the Wisconsin CoC to attend the next Board meeting.

### **Meeting Agenda for the May Full CoC Meeting**

The board will continue work in the May full CoC meeting agenda discussion at the Executive Committee Meeting but the draft agenda is below:

- 10:00-10:10- Opening remarks Alisa Barratta
- 10:10 -11:00- RHAB Restructuring presentation followed by discussion.
- 11:00 - 12:00- 5013c presentation
- 12:00-12:30-Lunch
- 12:30-1:30-Gaps analysis, with upcoming NOFOs and HOME ARP services as part of this discussion
- 1:30-1:50-Diversion Pilot and maybe a CE update based on HUD TA
- 1:50-1:55-Changes to mainstream benefits/medical assistance, post-COVID expansion
- 1:55-2:00-Closing remarks Alisa Barratta

Meeting Adjourned