



Eastern PA CoC Board Meeting
April 17, 2023
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PURPOSE
10:30 a.m.	Welcome and approval of February meeting minutes-Alisa Baratta	Vote to approve minutes
10:35 a.m.	DCED Report-Brendan Auman	Updates
10:50 a.m.	May Full CoC Agenda	Confirm topic presenters
11:00 a.m.	Carrie Poser- Wisconsin Balance of State CoC Director	Informational discussion about the WI CoC experience becoming a 501c3
12:00 p.m.	Board review/discussion of the information provided by Carrie Poser	
12:30 p.m.	Meeting adjourned	



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In Attendance

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

DCED Report-Brendan Auman

Brendan began the DCED update with news about the vacant HMIS Project Manager position. He was given the green light to begin interviewing for the position again and he is optimistic about the candidates as it seems some have strong technical experience.

Brendan also wanted to give recognition to the HMIS Team. During the year's first quarter, they had a ticket closure rate of 87%, which is great, and wanted to acknowledge the team.

Other HMIS items They have worked a lot with Data Quality and Melissa has been running the data quality report and reaching out to providers to clean up their data. They are staying on top of this throughout the year; hopefully, this will help when they get to 2024 submissions.

HUD recently announced changes to how PIT count data will be reported. There will be a little more responsibility on the HIMS side. It is going to be a bit more challenging, and they will be essentially running a mini LSA report. We are already coordinating with DMA what this will look like, and the vendors are already aware. This will be a test year and hopefully will make improvements going forward. Lastly, with HMIS the new Data Standards will be released for public comment on May 1st and go into effect in October.

The group was reminded to please sign and return their MOUs. The MOU was updated to include language to update the rate used to calculate the in-kind match.

The group then discussed extending the planning grant to ensure there are funds available to pay for diversion training.

Action Items

1. Brendan will ask for a Planning Grant extension until the end of October 2023.
2. Leigh will follow up with obtaining proposals for the CoC Diversion Training.

May Full CoC Meeting Agenda

During the meeting, Mary asked who would present information about the 501c3 and RHAB restructuring. The group reviewed the agenda but agreed to revisit the 501c3 item after Carrie Poser's presentation on the Wisconsin Balance of States experience as a non-profit entity.

Wisconsin Balance of State CoC, Director Carrie Poser

Carrie Poser provided a detailed overview of her experience guiding the CoC in Wisconsin to become a 501c3. Wisconsin is a very County Driven State with many decisions being made on that level. Wisconsin has four CoCs three of which are larger counties and then the Balance of State which is made up of the remaining sixty-nine counties. Their CoC is roughly 60,000 sq miles with a population of 3.8 million people.

Carrie explained that she began working for the HMIS lead organization and then for a nonprofit providing homeless services. In 2007 she was then elected to the CoC Board of Directors and participated for several years. She resigned in 2015 and took the position of CoC coordinator. The board was struggling to function as a board and make the required decisions and meet HUD requirements. Then HUD increased demands, and a more formal structure was needed because there was more work than could be reasonably supported by a volunteer board. They became a 501c3 and this did not immediately solve all their problems and they experienced growing pains. The system of coalitions they had in place was formalized to allow for greater member representation on the board. Carrie suggested a very clear code of conduct for the board, so it is clear to the membership that they support the decisions made even though the ED delivers the information to the public. She added that documenting clearly who has the authority to speak for the organization is very important. Carrie provided the additional history of the organization's growth and updates to structure and governance documents.

Board review/discussion of the information provided by Carrie Poser

The board held a thoughtful discussion of the information Carrie shared and found her insight into the process very helpful. One point that was of particular interest was the membership fee on a sliding scale by organization size. This would support something like the two-day training full COC meeting event that Wisconsin holds annually. The board will continue researching the 501c3 option and move forward with presenting the concept to the full membership next month.

The continuance of the May Full CoC Meeting Agenda discussion was tabled until next week's Executive Committee Meeting due to time limitations.

Meeting adjourned