



**Eastern PA CoC Board Meeting**  
**June 20, 2023**  
**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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## AGENDA

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	PURPOSE
10:00 a.m.	<b>Welcome and approval of April meeting minutes</b> -Alisa Baratta	Vote to approve minutes. The board did not meet at the May Full CoC meeting
10:05 a.m.	<b>YHDP Presentation</b> -Christy Rubenstein	Provide the board with an overview of YHDP information
10:30 a.m.	<b>Governance Committee Recommendation-</b> <i>The committee suggests creating a non-voting at-large board member position to represent coordinated entry.</i>	<b>Board Approval Needed</b>
10:45 a.m.	<b>Coordinated Entry Update</b> -Leslie Perryman	Update
11:05 p.m.	<b>Possible joint CoC meeting PAHRA</b> -Jeff Rich	Information overview
11:30 p.m.	<b>Meeting adjourned</b>	



## Eastern PA CoC Board Meeting Minutes

June 17, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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- Alisa Baratta called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the April meeting minutes. Leslie made a motion to approve, and Stephine seconded. The minutes were approved.
- **YHDP Presentation**-Christy Rubenstein from DMA was invited by the board to offer a high-level overview of YHDP. Christy explained how to apply for the funding and award amounts are determined. Most awards are for new projects and there is a planning grant component. If you get an award once, you set a project that can be renewed and after three years you would apply through the regular NOFO competition. CoCs can apply for a smaller geographic portion of the COC so you can pick a subset. A CoC can submit two applications, one for rural and one for non-rural, but HUD will pick the highest-scoring application. You also need to have a youth action board, the YHAB must have voting power, and be a formal committee as part of the CoC. CoCs must also have letters of support from all the Child Welfare agencies in their geographic area. HUD also wants to know how your Coc is addressing the needs of transgender, and non-conforming and non-binary youth. All of that is part of the community needs section collaboration as opposed to youth collaboration. This collaboration section is really focused on your other systems, right in your community, and partnerships with those other systems and other stakeholder groups. If you get awarded funds, you receive the planning grant pretty much right away. This is a change from the way they've operated in the past. But HUD would make 3% of your award funds available immediately to help you with the planning process. The Coc can ask to use up to 10% of the total award for planning funds. Christy provided additional details about what benchmarks the board would need to consider before the COC would be prepared to apply for this funding. The board discussed the matter and determined that it would like feedback from groups within the COC that are already doing youth homelessness work. Carol Thornton and Stephine Meyer have volunteered to participate in a workgroup to make help inform the board's decision-making process,

### Action Item

1. A workgroup will be formed to include members of the governance board and representation from groups existing within the COC that provide services to homeless youth.
- **Coordinated Entry Update**-Leslie Perryman provided an update on the committee work> They are really focused on the RFPs for diversion work. Seven awards were made, and a

second round has been announced and is currently underway. This pilot project is research gathering project-based and based on those findings they will develop a CoC-wide recommendation and present that to the board. The pilot will conclude in November.

Leslie then asked if anyone had any feedback and that she was curious about what others thought of the recent NAEH Diversion Training provided by Kay Mushier-McDivitt. Several members offer opinions about the training and raised concerns over the tone, content, and basic level of the material presented. The conversation continued and the group discussed postponing the training and the possibility of the NAEH providing a different trainer. Leslie will go back to the CE Committee to ask for feedback and connect with Rob offline for his feedback on what he would like to see as part of the diversion training.

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2. Leslie will go back to the CE Committee to ask for feedback and connect with Rob offline for his recommendations on what he would like to see as part of the diversion training. The information will be brought back to the board for further discussion.
- **CoC Transfer Policy**-Jackie Condor provided an overview of the Transfer Policy Recommendation from the Written Standards Committee. The CoC Transfer Policy details how a household enrolled in Rapid Rehousing (RRH) or Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) may be transferred to another CoC housing project for safety reasons or to ensure a successful exit to a permanent housing destination. The board voted to accept the committee's recommendation and thanked them for their efforts work.
  - **Governance Committee Recommendation**-Jeff Rich noted the committee is working on a whole host of things but today has one thing they wish to seek the board approval for. The Governance Committee recommends creating a non-voting at-large board member position to represent the Coordinated Entry System. This would be a nonvoting member but would ensure the board had input from the system. The board voted in favor of accepting the recommendation.
  - **Possible joint CoC meeting PAHRA**-Jeff Rich Information overview-Jeff Rich shared a conversation he recently had with Kelly Hicks the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities. Jeff explained the PAHRA is interested in holding a joint conference/meeting with the CoC. This could be mutually beneficial and an excellent networking opportunity for our membership. The board agreed that this was worth pursuing and asked Jeff to continue his collaboration efforts. Jeff will follow up with Kelly and report back to the board.
  - **Meeting adjourned**