Minutes

Scranton/Lackawanna County Continuum of Care

Board of Directors Meeting

 August 21, 2017

The Board of the Lackawanna/Scranton CoC met at Cedar Point on August 21, 2017. The following members were present: Shannon Quinn-Sheeran , Michael Hanley , Kim Cadugan, Zach Kenny, Joe Hollander, Craig Hoenie, Paul Kania , Peg Ruddy, Bridget Haggerty, and Sr. Susan Hadzima.

First order of business was discussion on an appeal process for the bonus project decision. Two organizations submitted applications for the bonus project and their original requests were evaluated by a three member independent committee. One of the organizations appealed the decision rendered by the committee. Being the CoC had no policy for an appeals process, the first step was to formulate a process. Two suggestions were made: one, to create an additional three person independent group; second, to use the Chair and Vice Chair of the Board. The decision was made with a motion from Mike Hanley, seconded by Joe Hollander to use the Chair and Vice Chair.

Next Peg Ruddy raised the issue of the prioritization for the bonus project done by the CoC Board at the June meeting. The Board had prioritized RRH with a minimum of 50% dedicated to individuals and the remainder to families. Since that time, greater clarity has come out from HUD regarding an additional area of prioritization, a new hybrid THP-RRH program. Peg explained that extensive national advocacy work had been done after HUD cut funding to THP programs. HUD appeared to be responding to the concerns in establishing the hybrid program. Peg’s concerns were first, the timing of the CoC decision on prioritization suggesting the need to wait until the announcement of the NOFA was made; second, that consideration be given to reopening the discussion on the priority for the bonus project possibly allowing for a hybrid project. After extensive discussion on the issue, the Board decided to stay with the original decision made on prioritization of a RRH project. In the future it was decided not to open the RFP process for new/bonus applications prior to the NOFA coming out.

Next the Board reviewed the ranking of the projects based on the scoring that had been done. The total ARD was $2,510,806 with 94% going into Tier 1 and 6% and the bonus project possibly going into Tier 2. The suggestion from our consultant had been to rank the unscored projects from smallest to largest. In looking at Tier 2, the Board approved with a motion by Mike Hanley, seconded by Craig Hoenie to move the bonus into Tier 2. Then with a motion by Bridget Haggerty, seconded by Sr. Susan, the Board approved the rankings of Tier one.

Finally the Board approved the selection of Joe Hollander to fill the vacancy of Vice-Chair of the Board.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2017 at 10 a.m. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sr. Susan Hadzima, IHM
Secretary