Minutes

Scranton/Lackawanna County Continuum of Care

Board of Directors Meeting

 June 16, 2017

The Board of the Lackawanna/Scranton CoC met at the Community Intervention Center on June 16, 2017. The following members were present: Shannon Quinn-Sheeran (UNC), Michael Hanley (UNC), Kim Cadugan (CIC), Sr. Therese Marques, RSM (CMC), Andy Hurchik (SJC), Bridget Haggerty (CSS), Craig Hoenie (Penn Legal), Crystal Arcarese (VA), Peg Ruddy (WRC), and Sr. Susan Hadzima (CMC).

The first order of business for the Board was to review data from the past year in order to do a gaps analysis and to set priorities for the new project application. Data was reviewed from Point in Time on Jan. 25, 2017, AHAR from 10/1/15 to 9/30/16, Coordinated Assessments from 2/20/17 to 5/2017 and the current chronic homeless count. Figures from WRC were also included. Additional data came from reallocations and the inventory of additional beds projected for next year.

The greatest need was determined to be more Rapid ReHousing beds. The chronic homeless count has gone down and efforts are being made to encourage clients who are ready to graduate, providing spaces for new clients. Referrals for clients preparing to graduate can be made to UNC for their apartments. UNC is also working to get other agencies to create a homeless preference for their apartments.

A motion was made by Craig Hoenie and seconded by Mike Hanley to prioritize RRH for any available bonus funds with a minimum of 50% dedicated to individuals and the remainder to families. Applications for New Housing Projects were available at the meeting and the request will also be publicized with the application due date of June 30, 2017.

Possible evaluators were discussed to score the new project applications. Suggestions were Cathy Fitzpatrick from SAF, Barbara Gomb or someone from CEO in Luzerne County, and Helen Kelly from Wayne County Human Services. Crystal Arcarese also agreed to score.

An update on new Board members was given: The City has not responded to the additional information sent them regarding Jerry Auriemma’s availability for the Board. Paul Dhati was contacted but declined due to being overextended. A further suggestion was made for someone from Lackawanna County Workforce Investment, possibly Virginia Turano, to be asked,

Information is out regarding ESG funding. Supposedly there is an increase in funding. Bridget stated that St. Anthony’s needs more funding due to the HMIS data collection requirement. ESG funding will be discussed at the July meeting.

The next Board meeting is July 11, 2017 at 10 a.m. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sr. Susan Hadzima, IHM
Secretary