

Scranton/Lackawanna County Continuum of Care
Board of Directors Meeting
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2024

In attendance: Joe Hollander (Scranton Primary), Nathan Morgan, (CoC Director), Peg Ruddy (Women's Resource Center), Channel Kears (City of Scranton), Alexis Kelly (Veterans Affairs), Andy Hurchick (St. Joseph Center), Rachna Saxena (Lackawanna County), Eileen Wilson (Community Intervention Center), Nicole Guzinski (Catherine McAuley Center)
Chair: Joe Hollander (Scranton Primary)

In the SLCoC Board Secretary's excused absence, Nathan M. recorded meeting minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Channel K. approved the minutes from the October 8th meeting. Peg R. seconded the motion. The motion carried; no discussion all in favor.

FY2024 CoC NOFO Narrative

The FY2024 CoC NOFO Narrative was shared with the SLCoC Board on Friday, October 11th for review. At the meeting, Nathan M. presented the CoC's FY2024 NOFO Narrative. The narrative was written in collaboration by Nathan M. and a contracted grant writer. Nathan M. thanked all board members for their support in the narrative. Special thanks were given to WRC (We Support & Care) for their contributions to the narrative's Domestic Violence sections and the SLCoC DEI Committee for supporting the narrative's racial equity sections. Andy H. and Peg R. expressed gratitude for the comprehensive narrative. Joe H. concurred, expressing thanks to Nathan M. for his work on the narrative.

The SLCoC's FY2024 CoC NOFO Narrative was unanimously approved (Motions: Andy H.; Second, Channel K.)

Announcements

HUD FY2025 Fair Market Rent (FMR)

- HUD's new FY2025 FMR is effective as of October 1, 2024
- FY2025 FMR saw a slight increase from FY2024 FMR
- Nathan M. notified the CoC General Membership of FY2025 FMR

New or Old Business

Andy H. expressed a desire for more affordable housing construction in and around Scranton. Andy H. discussed a recent news article in *The Times Tribune* announcing the construction of high-end loft apartments on Penn Avenue in downtown Scranton. While grateful for the investment being made in the city, Andy H. expressed the need for more affordable housing developers in the area to better serve the SLCoC's clients. Peg R. concurred, stating that a mix of high-end and affordable housing construction has found success in other communities.

Joe H. proposed inviting a housing developer to the SLCoC's next board meeting. At this in-person meeting, the SLCoC can learn how agencies can further collaborate with developers and express the needs of SLCoC clients. All board members present agreed to the in-person meeting with a housing developer.

No other new or old business was discussed.

Meeting adjourned.

The next SLCoC board meeting will be Wednesday, November 13 at 10AM @ 509 Cedar Ave, Scranton.

Submitted respectfully,
Nathan Morgan