

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 11, 2024 @ 3:00 – 4:30PM
IN PERSON WITH VIRTUAL OPTION
28 PENN SQUARE – FIRST FLOOR BOARD ROOM

ATTENDANCE: Andrea Heberlein, Lisa Colon, Jody Heinrich, Jessica Smith (LCHC Intern), Craig Walt, Barry Surrent, Jack Crowley, Justin Eby, Lisa Greener, Christopher Thomas, Marjorie Shaffer, Mandy Mastros, Juno Rigard, Jeffrey Martin, Josiah Huyard, Lisette Rivera, Alice Yoder and Beth Dreyer-DeGoede
Regrets: Kate Zimmerman, Julie Holtry, David Nagel and Jimmy Reichenbach

AGENDA

1. Welcome – Andrea noted that Deb is on vacation this week. Introductions were made around the room and everyone said what color they were feeling today.
2. Approval of July 10, 2024 Minutes – Jeffrey made a motion to approve, Mandy seconded and they were approved.
3. Steering Committee Member Updates:
 - Update on chair position – Andrea is unable to continue as chair of the steering committee. Others from the committee that they have discussed the position with are unable to step up. Andrea will continue until a replacement is found but we need to find someone else. Will take a week to see if anyone internally is interested and then they will look externally.
 - New member application: Becca Moyer, Director of Specialty Programs at Blueprints, was interviewed for the steering committee and Andrea recommended we approve her membership. Barry made a motion to approve, Jack seconded and she was approved.
4. Service Delivery Discussion
 - Building New Partner Capacity/Onboarding specifically YMCA of the Roses – Craig asked for ways to help them get connected. Justin noted that the YMCA is committed and excited to jump back into Lancaster. Jeffrey asked what the Otterbein Shelter is going to look like. Justin said that construction is for 80 beds but that the YMCA will ramp up to that number. It will have capacity for 80 beds with shelter and laundry. Jeffrey asked if it could go over 80 for Code Red/Blue. Possibly can add a few more beds. Josiah added that the YMCA have been meeting with Tenfold and Lancaster County Food Hub. Some of their staff have agreed to help out initially at the shelter to help with the transition. Alice asked if they would be bringing experience from York with them. Not really, it is a new venture for them. Craig asked if Leadership Lancaster would be a good program for them to join. Larry, the president of the YMCA is meeting with many Lancaster non-profits. He has been attending the Ewell/Binns city meetings as well. Lisette said that she was part of the YMCA in the past and is very excited about this new partnership. The Lancaster School District has a teacher on the YMCA board. Jeffrey said that Penn Medicine can help with trauma-informed care training. Jack thought everyone should take that training. Juno asked if Narcan training would be included. They can have that as well. Mandy suggested connections to community meals, and showers and who the contacts are for those. The Homeless Advisory Board has created a pamphlet of resources that can be handed out to those experiencing homelessness. Josiah is the point person for communication with the YMCA.
5. Office for Coalition Updates: Deb sent a written report. Craig said that all of the lockers have been signed for and so far there have been no issues. He has had good feedback from the City. He said that the Portland Loo will have interchangeable signage for resources.

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6. Street Outreach Updates – Josiah noted that the Outreach Team meets weekly for updates about things going on and what they are seeing. A smaller team meets weekly to talk about more specific things. Community Meals have many attendees who are on the verge of homelessness and these meals help them to stay housed. Since the city/county have stopped those from congregating in Binns Park the Outreach teams have been targeting different areas. Initially it was difficult to find people. People seem to have settled outside the city, which is further away from resources and bus passes are a greater need. It has become more difficult to connect with folks.
7. Homelessness Funding Update (Entitlement NOFO 2024 and CoC NOFO) - Jody talked about the Entitlement NOFO which is due Oct. 30. The grant review committee will review and prioritize. \$2.583 million is our regular renewal amount. We will have a Special Steering Committee meeting on October 16 to approve the submission. It has to be published 2 days before submitting to HUD. There is a bonus for Domestic Violence Services that we can apply for.

The CoC Builds NOFO is focused on acquisition, construction and rehab for permanent supportive housing. Minimum to apply for is \$1 million, maximum is \$5 million. Some funds can be used for operations. We are trying to engage partners for this funding. It will be very competitive.

8. Point In Time 2025 Update – Marjorie noted that January 22, 2025 will be the next PIT count. They will mirror last year’s approach. A Youth subcommittee will work with colleges and universities. They will have online training and are working with police departments. They would like to use a digital form instead of paper. Josiah will be stepping into the lead role for this project. Community planning committee starts meeting September 20.
9. Action Team Updates – Action Team Chair (report-out)
 - Grants and NOFO Teams – Lisa C. reported that they are meeting on 9/24.
 - Community Engagement – Mandy reported that they are meeting monthly. 9/25 is a SoWe event where Deb, Milan and a HAB member will be speaking. 2 members of the HAB will be presenting at a conference in California. 9/28-29 will be a vendor/community yard sale event to raise money. They will also sell HAB merchandise. The committee is having discussions around how to engage landlords. They are also planning a community town hall event around the opening of the Otterbein shelter in October, November and December. Justin said that the church is willing to host these meetings. He also said that Otterbein is creating podcasts that are documenting the process.
 - Housing Impact – Lisa G. said that they are meeting monthly. They reviewed their strategic plan document and want to focus on youth and justice impacted housing.
 - Health – Jeff said they had a list of over 100 providers that would work with those experiencing homelessness. Looking into doing a study with LGH and Millersville. Had discussions about 1115 waivers, but there is a lot of questions around this. The waiver would utilize Medicaid funds to pay for housing.
 - Governance Work Group – Craig said that they are coming up with recommendations and actionable items to incorporate into the charter and then take it to the steering committee for discussion. Major themes are a clear distinction of governance or advisory roles of the steering committee.

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10. Open Discussion – Jack noted that WSM is hosting a 24-hour event on 10/9-10/10, World Homeless Day. Focus is to raise awareness and how to get involved.

Marjorie noted that Foster Youth to Independence referrals will be accepted very soon. For Youth 18-24 who were part of the foster care system, they can get 24-36 months of rental assistance with case management. This is a joint effort with the City and County Housing Authorities, Children and Youth and the LCHC.

Justin said that he and Deb presented at a East Lampeter Township meeting. They set aside funds for street outreach. He and Jack met with folks from Columbia borough to address homelessness there.

Steering Committee 2024 Schedule: October 16 and November 13.

Steering Committee 2025 Schedule: January 8, March 12, May 14, July 9, September 10, November 12

Upcoming Events:

- September 20: Point In Time Count Planning Meeting from 12:00-1:00pm (virtual)
- October 10: Fall Continuum of Care meeting from 9:00-10:30am Public Safety Building
- October 16: Special Meeting of Steering Committee
- January 22, 2025: Point In Time Count (volunteers needed)

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