

Lancaster County Homelessness Coalition Steering Committee
Special Meeting 10.16.2024 at noon

Attendance: Jody Heinrich, Deb Jones, David Nagel, Josiah Huyard, Jack Crowley, Justin Eby, Marjorie Shaffer, Julie Holtry, Jenn Rummel, Christopher Thomas, Lisa Greener, Kate Zimmerman, Jeffrey Martin, Jimmy Reichenbach, Barry Surrent, Lisa Colon, Craig Walt, Alice Yoder and Beth Dreyer-DeGoede

Craig opened the meeting at 12:07 pm.

Deb noted this meeting is solely to review the HUD NOFO entitlement rankings as proposed by the Grant Review Committee. If approved today, it will go before the LCHRA board on Tuesday, October 22 at 4 pm. We are required to put just over \$258,000 in Tier 2 (10% of the total). HUD has discretion to not fund Tier 2. This is a 2 year funding cycle.

Julie asked if LGH will continue to fund the Frederick since they are not asking for funding this cycle. They are re-evaluating this program. The need is still there. Jack noted that WSM is opening 4 beds for recuperative care in conjunction with LGH.

Julie also asked about removing some of the restrictive SMI beds at Polaris. Jody said it will not impact our portfolio. Deb said it was 15 beds that they were sorry to see not renewed but that the funding will be converted to additional PSH beds. It is a net loss of 5 beds, but we were not able to utilize all of those beds previously. These other 10 beds will be less restrictive.

Deb noted that all of the programs are important and need the funds, but we must put some programs in Tier 2. Those who scored lower needed to go there. Last year, CAP's DVS program was put in Tier 2 and they lost funding. Jeffrey asked how they are continuing to address those experiencing DVS. Marjorie said that 211 now has a question regarding DVS in their prescreen questions, so they get referred where needed.

Kate asked why programs #14-17 on the NOFO Ranking Spreadsheet don't have performance metrics. Jody said that HMIS and Coordinated Entry don't have performance measures but are required. Deb said that there is also a Planning Grant that is not included. It is a formula-based grant.

Jack suggested having a column that shows the number of units in the program. He also suggested having something that shows how much the providers are bringing to the program in addition to the funding that is being provided through the NOFO. That way they have an idea of the broader impact of cutting a program's funding. Will the program be eliminated or just have a cut in services? David asked if the Coalition has this information. Jody said they mostly do.

Craig asked for a motion to approve the NOFO rankings as presented. Jack made the motion and Jeffrey seconded the motion. Lisa Colon, Lisa Greener, Alice Yoder, Jenn Rummel abstained. Julie voted against, but the motion was passed.

Rankings will go before the LCHRA Board on 10/22/24. It will go public on the website on 10/28/24 and submit to HUD 10/31/24. We will find out about these awards at the end of January or beginning of February 2025.

Meeting ended at 12:45 pm.