



January 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

via Zoom

January 5, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.

Present: Erin Bishop, Lee Divita, Robin Finger, Anna Barksdale, Joe Caruso, Nancy Walker-McCain, James Ford, Beverly Hosey, Pat Sciarretta and Shari Harrell.

Absent: Leigh Green, Anna DeAscentis

Call to Order

Erin Bishop welcomed new Board members Nancy Walker-McCain, Pat Sciarretta and Leigh Green.

Approval of Minutes:

Shari Harrell moved to approve the minutes from the 11/3/22 meeting. The motion was seconded by James Ford and was carried.

Election of Officers

Colleen Kosta explained the process for electing officers for the Board and asked for volunteers to serve as Chair, Vice-chair and secretary. The following slate was presented for 2023 officers:

Chair	James Ford
Vice-chair	Pat Sciarretta
Secretary	Joe Caruso

A motion was made by Joe Caruso to approve the slate of officers. It was seconded by Lee Divita and approved.

CoC and ESG Funded Provider Committee

Funded agencies have requested the formation of a committee of funded agencies be created to facilitate discussion of issues and allow a forum to raise concerns. After much discussion, there was consensus that there should be further discussion with the group to determine the best mechanism to improve and increase communication and progress in addressing homelessness. It may include a funded agency committee and/or requiring for active participation on CoC committees of organizations who are or wish to be funded. Information will be brought to the Board at the next meeting.

Cold Weather/ Emergency Shelter

Colleen Kosta shared background on the needs and ongoing discussion of addressing issues on a cold weather/emergency shelter. The City of Youngstown and the MHRB have worked on the development of a cold weather plan. Possibilities include providing funding to the Rescue Mission to expand their services by providing addition security officers and the creation of another emergency shelter at a local church. Budgets are being developed and funding will be required.

Beverly Hosey shared the process for awarding funds from the City for housing needs.

MCHCoC Application

Colleen Kosta also recommended that any decisions on that funding through that process be placed on hold until decisions are finalized on the cold weather plan.

There is \$200,000 available and the CoC received over \$400,000 of requests.

The meeting was ended at this time and Colleen Kosta will send additional information out via email for any actions that need to be taken.