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Erie County Home Team Homeless and Housing Coalition Governing Board MINUTES – August 14, 2025	

MINUTES

1:30PM	WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS	George
1:35PM	APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES	George
	1st Stevie Mull 2nd Katie Peppers	
1:40PM	APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS	George
	None	
1:45PM	**ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES UPDATES** **Leatrice** announced that her former position has been filled. Role will be changed. Leatrice brought up a point to be discussed later in the meeting about the Governing Board having discussion regarding priorities of the HOME Team. **Jared** shared that there is a training on September 3rd regarding the DBR. HMIS will now collect the info for the DBR. The DBR still has to be entered on the from the City for ESG, but this will help ensure correct information being shared.	DHS
	CITY OF ERIE UPDATES Dave was happy to hear about the DBR information being tracked in HMIS and thanked Jared. He is busy reviewing the ESG yearend reports. Funds for the year 2025 are being finalized.	Dave Deter
2:00PM	**COMMITTEE UPDATES**	
	COORDINATED ENTRY • Nothing	Mark Jasinski
	PIT COUNT • George mentioned that some counties do a summer PIT count. That can be discussed at a later date.	Jonathan Atkinson
	DATA • Meeting at 9 am 4th Thursday. The committee is looking at inflow and outflow numbers and stats. • Jared asked what DATA do we actually need so reports can be customized to our needs. • Agencies need to update HMIS to what residents have accomplished. • How do we align with functional Zero as a community	Stacy St George
	CLIENT SERVICES • Actively working with community partners and agencies regarding the Emergency Preparedness Plan as it relates to Homeless Individuals. Chris shared that Darrell Smith said his	Chris Taylor

	Helping Handa location on E. 26th could be an emergency site. A map is being prepared that will show location of shelters and resources during an emergency. Emergency bags supplied by the County will be stored at MHA	
	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/MARKETING • The HOME Team website is being updated. Branding and visibility are important for HOME Team. • Continue to plan the Landlord Engagement event. Homeless Memorial is being planned for late December.	Katie Peppers
	PROJECT RANKING/APPLICATION REVIEW • Nothing • NOFA is a 2-year competition but could be changed to one year.	Dawn Edwards
	HEALTHCARE AND HOMELESSNESS • 3rd Friday of the month virtually. Let Leatrice know if you want to be on the invite list. • The RAM clinic will be back. (2nd weekend in September) Let agencies know so they can promote. • It covers Medical, vision and dental. It will be all weekend the ECAT building. Insurance or ID is not needed. Transportation is provided.	Sarah Prylinski
2:10PM	**VA Summer Surge Event** • Stacie St. George shared that the event was valuable for bringing people together and sharing programs and resources available to Veterans. Well attended.	Jon Atkinson
2:20PM	**OLD/NEW BUSINESS** Change format of HOME Team meetings: set up of Room More discussion meetings rather than just reports Priorities for committees, what we should focus on and bring people in to address the topics. Position and Function of HOME Team/Governing Board: How can we have more visibility as the Coalition on Homelessness More education of the community on facts and stories of homelessness. Talking points, one page info sheet. Lunch and Learns…Roundtables discussions PSH and PH has been around for years…this is not new. Media coverage	All
2:30PM	**ADJOURN** 1st Chris Taylor 2nd Stevie Mull	

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• ***Governing Board MINUTES – October 9, 2025***	

• *1:30PM*	• *WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS*	• *George Fickenworth*
• *1:35PM*	• *APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES*	• *George Fickenworth*
•	• *1st - Danielle Brooks 2nd - Katie Peppers*	•
• *1:40PM*	• *APPROVAL OF NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS*	• *George Fickenworth*
•	• *1st – Katie Peppers 2nd – Danielle Brooks*	•
• *1:45PM*	• *ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES UPDATES* • *Leatrice – Federal government is currently shut down which means our CoC is not currently receiving any funding or support for HUD-funded programs. Still no word on a 2025 CoC NOFO but will know more once the federal government opens back up.*	• *Leatrice Schoolcraft*
•	• *CITY OF ERIE UPDATES* • *HUD Pittsburgh Field Office is currently closed due to federal government shutdown.* • *Contracts are being sent out.* • *CAPER just submitted.*	• *Dave Deter*
• *2:00PM*	• *COMMITTEE UPDATES*	•
•	• *COORDINATED ENTRY* • *Looking into updating reasons for E-HART reassessment (adding in more weight to data portion of assessment).* • *Working on updating E-HART to reflect current HUD guidance.* •	• *Mark Jasinski*
•	• *PIT COUNT* • *Starting planning conversations for PIT Count.* •	• *Jonathan Atkinson*
•	• *DATA* • *Committee meets at 9am on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The committee is looking at inflow and outflow numbers and stats.*	• *Stacy St George*
•	• *CLIENT SERVICES* • *Continuing work on Emergency Preparedness Plan for homeless population.* • *Lisa Karle + Dr. Taylor met with the Red Cross. Looking into a written agreement.* • *Next meeting is tomorrow 10/10/25 at MHA.* • *No updates regarding the Band App.*	• *Dr. Cris Taylor*
•	• *COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/MARKETING* • *Landlord Engagement event is 2 ½ weeks away (10/28/25). So far 55 people have RSVP'd. Registration on the day of event will take place from 8:30-9am. Press release will be going out next week. Still looking for raffle basket donations.* • *The HOME Team website is being updated.* • *Homeless Memorial is being planned for late December. Barb Lewis is not*	• *Katie Peppers*

	collecting names so please share any names of those lost this past year with Katie or Christine Tombaugh.	
•	• *PROJECT RANKING/APPLICATION REVIEW* • *No update.*	• *Dawn Edwards*
•	• *HEALTHCARE AND HOMELESSNESS* • *RAM Clinic took place last month and provided medical, dental and vision services free of charge to Erie County residents.* • *Next meeting will take place on 10/17/25 via Teams.*	• *Sarah Prylinski*
•	• *People with Lived Experience (PWLE)* • *Lisa Karle, Danielle Brooks and George Fickenworth met with Stevie Mull and Lisa Henry. They have great ideas for events and plans such as a clothing drive to support Our Neighbor's Place (ONP) seasonal overflow shelter and a homeless simulation event.*	• *Stevie Mull*
• *2:10PM*	• *CoC National Gathering on October 15th Video Session* • *Is anyone planning to attend and if so, do people want to watch together?*	• *George Fickenworth*
• *2:20PM*	• *OLD/NEW BUSINESS* • • *Dawn Edwards: PREP Training registration is open until 4pm today.* • *Jonathan Atkinson: VA is under 2-year appropriation so there are no current impacts with the federal government shutdown. Once the shutdown concludes, HUD-VASH voucher selection process will resume. There are currently 20-25 pending veteran enrollments.* • *George Fickenworth: The Planning Grant is bringing on Wyatt as a consultant and will work with him on contingency planning.* • *Danielle Brooks: New Community Health Worker (CHW) starting. She is fluent in Spanish and was a CHW at Wayne Primary Care. Meeting with Scott Coughenour at Erie County D&A about training.*	• *All*
• *3:05PM*	• *ADJOURN* • *1st – Katie Peppers* *2nd – Dr. Cris Taylor*	•

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Erie County Home Team Governing Board Minutes April 9, 2026	

1:30 PM	**WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS**	
	Board Members in attendance were: Mark Jasinski, Dawn Edwards, Danielle Brooks, Stevie Mull, Jonathan Atkinson, Katie Peppers, and Mary Santiago. Lead Applicant and Planning Grant staff in attendance were: George Fickenworth, Lisa Karle, Peter Burke, Dave Sanner, and Jared Lindenberger represented support staff. Wyatt Schroeder and Sam Oppenheimer of Hemlock Forge also attended.	
1:35 PM	**GOVERNING BOARD ADMINSTRATIVE TASKS**	
	Approval of Agenda and Minutes; Approval of Committee Reports; Approval of New Membership Applications	
	In Kane Patron's absence, George Fickenworth facilitated the meeting. Agenda and Committee updates were approved, with Dawn Edwards making a motion to accept and Mark Jasinski seconding. All approved. There were four membership requests put before the board: Marybelle Martin and Katie Phillips of GECAC, Garret Beals of Gaudenzia, and Dixie Reed of the Salvation Army. Memberships were approved, as Danielle Brooks made the motion to accept and Stevie Mull seconded the motion.	
1:45 PM	**COUNTY/CITY UPDATES**	**Lead Agency/ City**
	City Updates: No City update was given, as Dave Deter was not in attendance. *County Updates:* Peter Burke reported that the NOFO is expected to be released in June, with awards being made by December. The Housing Program Director positions is being posted by the county, as Leatrice Schoolcraft recently left the position. Anticipating major cuts, as identified in the 2027 Presidential budget; proposal to fold CoC program under ESG, primarily funding shelter and transitional housing. Landlord incentive program under PFHA provided $100,000 for signing bonuses, security deposits, etc. The local program will be highlighted on the PFHA website. Jared Lindenberger reported that he is finalizing the Point in Time Count numbers to HUD by submitted by end of April.	
1:55 PM	**CONTINGENCY PLANNING and GOVERNANCE RESPONSIBILITY DISCUSSION**	**Hemlock and Forge**
	Hemlock and Forge staff gave an overview of the current state of CoC funding and what's included in the on-again / off-again funding bill. A recent ruling by court of appeals stated that HUD must renew awards that were already budgeted. Sam encouraged everyone to read the judge's rulings. The NOFO that will be released by June will likely still encompass many of the Tier 1 cuts that have been discussed previously. The assumption is that there will be penalties for organizations who do not algin with the President's agenda. Hemlock and Forge is working with local admin staff on systems gaps analysis and risk assessments to plan for the changes likely to come in the soon to be released NOFO.	

2:30 PM	**Community Updates**	
	GECAC will soon be opening up the rental and utilities assistance program Dawn Edwards reported that landlords are facing many issues, and there is a movement to work with landlords to offer the best services possible. Many of the problems from clients can be addressed with more effective and increase case management. Many landlords also don't want to work with RRH programs, as they want the long-term rent of PSH programs. Dawn also made reference to the LIFE Program, which offers healthcare, dental, transportation, etc. PA is working on allowing housing services to be billable through Medicaid.	
2:30 PM	**ADJOURN**	
	Danielle Brooks made a motion to adjourn, with Dawn Edwards seconding the motion.	

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Governing Board Meeting –June 11, 2026	

AGENDA

1:30 PM	WELCOME and INTRODUCTIONS	Kane
1:35 PM	GOVERNING BOARD ADMINSTRATIVE TASKS	Kane
	Approval of Agenda and Minutes:	
	Approval of Committee Reports	
	Approval of New Membership Applications	
	• Approved and Seconded by Cris Taylor and Katie Peppers	
1:45 PM	COUNTY/CITY UPDATES	Lead Agency/ City
	• City Updates – Dave Deter is retiring and will be letting us know as soon as possible who his replacement will be for the committee • County Updates -Jared working on various reports for submission; Danielle working on the NOFO applications and subsequent activities. More information re: NOFO will follow with presentation by Hemlock Forge	
1:55 PM	UPDATE TO BYLAWS	Lead Agency
	• Updates to the bylaws have been incorporated into the current version. • Last updated 2018, and HUD asks CoC's to revisit at least every 5 years • Some of our current language and priorities do not meet what HUD wishes CoC's to address and incorporate. The proposed changes meet the new paradigm shift in philosophies • Will be sending out a SurveyMonkey link after meeting for entire Home Team body to vote on these amendments	
2:00 PM	UPDATE ON NOFO RELEASE AND MOVING FORWARD	ALL

	• Hemlock and Forge Update
	  ○ NOFO apps due August 26th by 8pm ET
	  ○ 12/1/26b award date
	  ○ $4.04 b funding available
	  ○ Performance period Jan1-Dec 31
	• Major Changes FY (Fiscal Year) 2026
	  ○ For greater competition, tier 1 cut to 60% of ARD (From 90%) - existing projects are no longer largely protected, increased competition for funds
	  • Tier 1 - funding that passes the threshold, approved through local competition process and are expected to be approved by HUD (non-competitive)
	  ○ Scoring re-weighted
	  • Mert scoring rewards reductions in homelessness, employment income, treatment, and service participation requirements in project design such as BH svcs
	  ○ Changes to bonus funding
	  ○ Pivoting way from Housing First
	  • Re-orients toward "self-sufficiency" treatment/recovery,	

	employment and "law and order"
	  - Shift toward TH/SSO
	  - Transitional housing (up to 24 months) program cannot do leasing, & supportive services only
	  - Focusing on faith-based providers
	  - Rank Everything
	  - All applications
	- Tier 1 at 60%: What this means
	  - Tier 1 was 90% (protected) tier 2 10%
	  - Tier 1 is now 60% (protected) tier 2 40%
	  - Congress set it at 60% minimum and HUD had capacity to increase it but kept it at 60% - significant drop of funding
	  - Conservative estimate 97,000 of units of PSH across the country loss
	- Changes is Scoring
	  - CoC Application - point buckets
	  - Up to 122 pts - Coordination and engagement
	  - With local gov, law enforcement, BH & Healthcare system
	  - System performance - up to 64
	  - Rewards reductions in homelessness & Unsheltered counts; increased employment income (want 50% of unhoused off social services)
	  - Will be exemptions over age 62, meet def of handicapped - removed HIV/AIDS or SUD - ID, MH dx or PH disability
	  - Project capacity, review & ranking - up to 14 pts
	  - Tier 2 (100 pt scale)
	  - CoC score - up to 50 pts
	  - coC ranking of project - up to 40 pts
	  - Service participation - up to 10 pts for building supportive-service participation requirements into project
	- Biggest impact right away
	  - PSH projects will be-defunded, and renewals will go into tier 1 and will have to cut around $300,000 in PSH (about 14 PSH and 107 in RRH)
	- Threshold Criteria for All Projects
	  - Program & subrecipient elig w/documentation
	  - Financial & management capacity to administer federal funds
	  - Elig population served
	- Renewal vs new projects threshold
	  - Renewal
	  - Met plans and goals
	  - Met all timeliness standards
	  - Performance assisting participants toward self sufficiency
	  - No mismanagement, unapproved program changes, drastic reduction
	  - May be reduced/rejected for arrears
	- New Project Threshold
	- What permanent-housing renewals are most exposed if they land in Tier 2- and how do we rank to protect them?
	- Tier 2 priorities of HUD -
	  - New applications for transitional housing and supportive services only
	  - Street outreach sub preference for supportive services (above)
	  - Tier 1 - new applications, prioritizing housing with families and children, and DV households
	  - Tier 2 - prioritized	

	• Privatized funding
	  ○ Rapid response funds
	  ○ Broad campaigning to set up in about a year
	• HUD grants ends 3/1/2027, further into 2027 others end
	  ○ Will be working on plans and has some vouchers left to move people on from PSH
	  ○ Nearly homeless - Hud defines within 14 days or evicted
	• NOFO scores higher on project applications, not making service requirements
	  ○ Needs D&A treatment - need to go to rehab/detox	

2:30 PM	ADJOURN	Kane