



COUNTY of LUZERNE
PENNSYLVANIA
ESTABLISHED 1786

**LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL
COUNTY CARES COMMISSION
MEETING
October 20, 2021
Video/Teleconference via ZOOM
6:00 PM**

6:00 PM CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND MOMENT OF SILENCE

ROLL CALL

ADDITIONS TO/DELETIONS FROM AGENDA

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Homeless Bill of Rights Discussion
2. Code Blue Discussion
3. Homeless Regional Summit Initial Discussion
4. Real Talk Overview from Justin - How Can CCC Help
5. Children and Youth Duffle Bag Sponsorship Program
6. Resource Day Finalization

PUBLIC COMMENT

This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Committee on any item within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Committee. Please refer to the Public Meetings Online page of County's Website at <https://www.luzernecounty.org/1279/Public-Meetings-Online> for more information on how to participate in Public Comment via technology.

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLUTION R-2021-_____
LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

A Resolution of the Luzerne County Council Providing for the Rights and Privileges of Homeless Persons in Luzerne County

WHEREAS, homeless is a term that shall have the same meaning as in 42 U.S.C. §11302; and

WHEREAS, the status of having or not having a fixed or regular residence, including the status of living on the streets, in a shelter or a temporary residence; and

WHEREAS, it is the will of Luzerne County Council that no individual should suffer unnecessary cold or hunger, be deprived of shelter, or the basic rights incident to shelter, or be subject to unfair discrimination based on the individuals' homeless status; and

WHEREAS, many individuals have been rendered homeless because of economic hardship, severe shortage of safe affordable housing and a shrinking social safety net; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of Luzerne County Council to lessen the adverse effects and conditions caused by the lack of residence of a home; and

WHEREAS, the homeless have the right to move freely in public spaces, including, but not limited to, public sidewalks, public parks, public transportation, and public buildings, in the same manner as any other individual and without discrimination on the basis of the individuals housing status; and

WHEREAS, the homeless have the right to emergency medical care free from discrimination based on the individuals housing status; and

WHEREAS, the right to protection from disclosure of the individuals records and information provided to homeless shelter and social services providers to the state, local and private entities without appropriate legal authority; and

WHEREAS, the right to confidentiality of persons records and information in accordance with all limitations on disclosure established by the following:

Federal Homeless Management Information System
HIPPA Act of 1996
The Violence Against Women Act of 1994; and

WHEREAS, the right to a reasonable expectation of privacy in the individuals' personal property to the same extent as personal property in a permanent residence.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated in this Resolution.

Section 2. That Luzerne County hereby provides for the Rights and Privileges of Homeless Persons in Luzerne County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: The Luzerne County Council petitions the Pennsylvania General Assembly and Governor to likewise declare that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania provide for the Rights and Privileges of Homeless

This Resolution shall become effective six days after adoption.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES-

NAYS-

ADOPTED at a meeting of Luzerne County Council held on _____, 2021.

LUZERNE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____
Tim McGinley, Chair

ATTEST: _____
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

Romilda P. Crocamo, Esq.,
Acting County Manager