



Continuum of Care Board Minutes

7/20/2023

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Attendance:

Board Members: Laura Golino de Lavato, Patrick Reynolds, Brandi Tuck, Drew Grabham, Mark Morford, Katie Cox, Jessica Harper, Xenia Gonzalez, Jamar Summerfield, Stuart Zeltzer, Cammisha Manley, Christina McGovney, Hannah Studer, Lizzie Cisneros
[Absent – Ian Slingerland, Elise Cordle Kennedy, Sherelle Jackson]
JOHS & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen, Lori Kelley, Abigail Phillips

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Land & Labor Acknowledgment ● Review Community Agreements ● Review Agenda 	
Recent Board Changes	Co-Chair announced recent changes to the CoC Board membership.	
Action Plan Working Groups Next Steps	<p>Board was updated on the progress of standing up its action plan working groups and informed about next steps. (slide 5 of presentation)</p> <p>An appeal was made for more members to join the working groups for Strategies 2.2 and 3.2.</p> <p>Questions/Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board member asked for the current number of people signed up for those working groups, and then encouraged everyone to join, regardless of identities, because sharing in this work is a great way to show your allyship. 	
HUD FY 23 CoC NOFO	<p>Board was presented with key points of the FY 23 Continuum of Care program competition (slides 6-11 of presentation), including application deadline, predicted funding available for our CoC, policy priorities, applicable changes from previous NOFO, and how HUD scores us.</p> <p>Questions/Comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - From historical trends, do we anticipate Portland being a strong competitor to be potentially awarded? And is the likelihood of selection impacted if folks go for New vs. Expansion funds? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Historically, our CoC has been competitive, above 	

median in our score, so we do better than a lot of communities. Last year, we lost points on HUD scoring of system performance issues, so that's where we were not competitive. Hard to predict for this year for West Coast cities that are hard to control. Expanding a current program is considered a new project that gets incorporated into a renewal grant, so a new project and the component of an expansion grant are equally competing against each other. Whether HUD looks more favorably at new projects vs expansions is a question that our Home Base consultants may be able to answer.

- National Alliance to End Homelessness offers consulting services to analyze the infrastructure of communities, specifically looking at gaps. We have a working group devoted to that, and I'm wondering what it would mean to allocate some of the CoC Planning budget to that kind of consultation and how one would go about scoping that kind of project.
 - The work group may want to make a recommendation to the JOHS to do so, and there are many ways that type of consultation could be funded, whether CoC Planning or other dollars.
- What are the current costs associated with CoC planning that are covered through other sources? And how much of the 1.5M is accounted for already?
 - The CoC Planning funds is an increase that HUD is offering, which is either a percentage or 1.5M. I don't believe it covers everything that JOHS staffs for CoC work, but it is significant and helps a lot. I'll look into providing a better description of how the Planning grant is being used.
- If you can also provide any information about offsets to the resource.
 - Will try to get answers by the next meeting. The timing of HUD funding is weird; we're applying for 2023 funding, which will be released in 2024 and will fund projects into 2025, so when the money hits and how it will be used is at least a year out.
- Re: VAWA emergency transfer: When a survivor has to flee a current unit and be eligible for a comparable unit elsewhere that they're not put back at the bottom of the waitlist. This hasn't been particularly funded and has gotten some pushback from landlords and others involved even about just understanding what a VAWA emergency transfer is, but it's a protected right that survivors have.
 - New projects applying for CoC funds can add this to their budget; renewing projects won't get additional money to fund VAWA costs but will be able to shift their

	<p>money up to 10% to cover the expenses. These funds do not cover the entire costs of running these projects successfully but this allows this grant to cover some of the costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We support survivors with VAWA Emergency Transfers into other states/cities and their CoC's and work with them to have their housing subsidy/unit maintained across CoC's and geographic regions. - Would unhoused trans violence be included in the amended criteria/definition of "homeless," and who set this definition? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The definition is directly from HUD in the NOFO. My sense is that this would cover the unique violence experienced by trans women. - Sometimes people in the same building as a trans woman will create unsafe situations for that individual, so to me it seems like this would be included, but I understand your hesitation and wonder if we can clarify. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I made a note of the inquiry and will see what we can do to clarify how it may apply. - Is the change in our calculating of retention something that factors into system performance? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I don't know, but it's a good question I am writing down. <p>Two websites where you can get information about the 2023 NOFO: HUD Continuum of Care NOFO website: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/comm_planning/coc/competition JOHS CoC Competition website: https://live-johs.pantheonsite.io/continuum-of-care/competition-resources/</p>	
Annual Charter Review Introduction	Co-Chairs reminded the Board about last year's discussion in the renewal process and resulting changes made. Charter will be sent out as a Word document for review following this meeting. Board members were asked to provide comments by August 4th. Board will discuss comments at the August meeting and vote on the Charter at the September meeting.	
Built For Zero Presentation	JOHS staff gave a presentation about the Built For Zero initiative. (see BfZ July CoC Presentation slides) Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The initial formula/the goal of # Actively Homeless is less than or equal to 0.1% of all homeless individuals or 3 people... can you put that in plain English? What is "all homeless" compared to "actively homeless"? - The idea behind this goal is that you always have enough services to meet the need of people becoming homeless who are actively seeking services (not in an institution, not recently housed). 	

- What do we know about the newly identified population?
 - This will be a future deep dive in an upcoming newsletter.
 - Co-Chair asked that the Board be put on that newsletter distribution list.
- Where is this data from and how is it being collected?
 - The data comes from all of our programs and is stored in the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), and now expanding outreach collection. As you expand funding and programming, you get a lot of more newly identified people.
- Is "inactive" from the criminal justice system or state hospital?
 - Yes, sometimes. We look at whether a person is going to be incarcerated less than three months, for example, and what outreach policies are enacted.
 - The result of having a lot of people experiencing homelessness and a traditionally under-resourced system, we are having to do a lot of data cleanup. Some people become inactive because we cannot find them, and this cleanup can create an anomalous bump. And as we find more individuals, we expect to see the number of unsheltered chronic homeless go up.
- How was it decided who became part of the Housing Connections Collaborative?
 - The Housing Connections Collaborative is a time-limited advisory group made up of people with lived experience. It does not include organizations. C4 Innovations (the consultant group hosting this advisory group) recruited members across several providers as well as among people who applied to serve on the JOHS Lived Experience Advisory Committee (a different advisory group). I am not sure who is on this committee.
- Are there culturally specific organizations on that collaborative?
 - There are two organizations of the provider cohort, Transition Projects and Central City Concern (CCC), and CCC has a nav team and a nav "caribou" team, which is culturally specific, that is participating.
- Will the daytime camping ban impact the accuracy of this data or make the collection difficult?
 - We hope with our new tool that every engagement is a quick and easy data collection process. We pre-piloted the process and it has worked, though even prior to the ban, keeping track of folks is a barrier. Part of the reason we're piloting data collection in the field is because most of our current collection happens in standard sites like shelters, so hopefully it will help fill those gaps.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- We're exploring collaboratively with Community Solutions on this issue.- Is there going to be a push to collect data about youth houselessness?<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Our focus population A is single adult; the tool is asking a standard range of questions and will collect information on anyone who is engaged. They will not show up on the by-name list.- Do you have any plans to work with IT to scale this application?<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Yes, and we're also looking at having HMIS inside the County and other apps with more functionality. And doing QA in the field before we give it to everybody.- Is there anything th Board can do to support BfZ?<ul style="list-style-type: none">- System enhancements, like improving coordinated access, level setting, grace and understanding as we move at the speed of relationships.	
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