



Continuum of Care Board Minutes

1/20/2025

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Attendance:

Board Members: Adriana Rangel-Ponce, Jessica Harper, Kat Salas, Ian Slingerland, Brandi Tuck, Trevor Nissen, Christina McGovney, Hannah Studer, Patrick Reynolds, Lizzie Cisneros, Steven Gilbert, Helmi Hisserich, JJ

[Absent – Tonya Jones, Xenia Gonzalez, Laura Golino de Lavato, Mark Morford, Jamar Summerfield, Casady Monroe]

JOHS & County Staff: Alyssa Plessner, Malka Geffen

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land & Labor Acknowledgment • Review Community Agreements • Review Racial Equity Lens Tool • Review Agenda 	
Vote on Final Community Agreements	<p>See meeting slides for language, with edits.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First bullet point - How are we actively seeking input? We need to look at who is not at the table and how our recruitment works to avoid this agreement being tokenism. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Additional language about burden to marginalized/underrepresented members? ○ Change "particularly" to "including"? ○ Actively seeking input refers to the members of marginalized/underrepresented community members already on the board ○ Continued outreach also requires definition; composition of the board is a different topic worthy of its own conversation ○ Change to "actively listening to and reflecting on the input from..." ○ Change to "seeking, listening to, and following up on feedback from..." ○ Add something about bringing other voices, so not asking the one disabled queer person in the space to speak for their entire community. ○ Add "patience" to... "Meet folks where they are. Do not assume knowledge on behalf of others. Be thorough, clear, patient, and transparent in our 	Community Agreements approved

	<p>dialogue."</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Change "non violent" communication to "compassionate" communication ● Fist-to-five vote to accept the Community Agreements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 4: Patrick Reynolds, Kat Salas, JJ, Lizie Cisneros, Adriana Rangel-Ponce, Hannah Studer, Jessica Harper, Trevor Nissen, Ian Slingerland, Helmi Hisserich, Christina McGovney 	
<p>New Administration Impacts</p>	<p>See meeting slides</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -FY2024 CoC Awards were announced but not yet obligated (handed out or contracted) -Funds were congressionally approved in FY24 budget, but HUD field office hasn't heard about starting the grant agreement process; don't usually see until April or May -By Monday, CoC Lead will send out impact analysis survey to all CoC providers to understand the real impact of funding loss; we can use responses to prepare to plan and to give info to federal lobbyists to show to congresspeople -As stopgap, JOHS match funds can be used by providers for rent, etc. <p>Q&A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● How do the fiscal years line up? A: When announcing awards, HUD uses the FY of when the competition was, and we submitted this competition in October '24; for the County fiscal year, this will effect providers in FY26 ● Scott Turner is a football player and business man; how will he make decisions as HUD Secretary? What will our approach be to consider people's actual needs? A: See County response slides. ● Is the public comment period open yet re: revoking the Equal Access Rule? A: not yet, but we'll let CoC Board know when ● What is the County's plan since it appears this funding is disappearing? A: Fed lobbyists saying re: FY24 funding that since it was awarded prior to this administration, courts will not uphold withholding the funding, but there is a real possibility the funding won't come to our community. We are in constant conversation about this. ● With cutting federal staff by 50%, what will be the local impacts? A: Fed can't cut positions at state or county levels; will take a lot of time to get funding out the door if there are not enough fed staff to execute contract agreements. 	<p>Re: H.R. 3405: https://nlihc.org/sites/default/files/Housing-First_Housing-PLUS.pdf</p> <p>Can get weekly updates about new admin: National Alliance to End Homelessness & National Low Income Housing Coalition</p> <p>Advocacy Actions: https://nlihc.org/news/nlihc-statement-trump-administrations-directive-terminate-half-all-hud-staff; https://www.banking.senate.gov/newsroom/minority/warren-murray-gillibrand-smith-and-schumer-demand-trump-and-musk-halt-cuts-to-hud-workforce-warn-that-cuts-could-jeopardize-seniors-homeless-veterans-and-huds-capacity-to-address-the-na</p>

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FY 2024 CoC Awards

See meeting slides for details.
Q&A:

- Seems like the funded priorities are no longer priorities for HUD, so how will that affect these awards? A: There may be language in new contracts, but we don't know now.
- More funding is a success, and fingers crossed it can be used, but it seems that in FY25 this new DV program could disappear, so providers may want to enter contract agreements knowing funding may not continue? A: These are 1-year grant terms, so that's always the expectation; in 2024 HUD changed to biannual funding, and we hope that'll hold up in court.
- Were the three unfunded projects in Tier 1? A: CoC Lead will follow up about their historical ranking.
- When is funding expected to be delivered? A: usually March/April/May
- Why did the three defunded projects lose funding? A: based on how their project performed compared to our others and compared to projects across the county; HUD eventually sends some scoring info with point values, which will be presented to the CoC Board. Our CoC fared better than most CoCs, who got zero Tier 2 funded.
- Do we know if the DV bonus awardee, Black Community of

	<p>Portland, is a qualified victim services provider (or intends to become one)? A: We're onboarding them and working with them to get qualified. They are tri-county qualified providers and receive other JOHS funding.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The three programs that lost funding are a total budget of \$625,000 or so - seems a shame for such a small amount compared to our total CoC budget. ● What planning is happening around folks currently served in those programs-- particularly the PSH program? A: The Clifford is a site-based project by Innovative Housing in need of redevelopment; with or without CoC funds, people would need to relocate for the redevelopment period of 18 months. We are working to make sure they're relocated into other programs that meet their needs through the Coordinated Access transfer process.. ● Will the cut RRH program be shortened? A: Yes, and we're working on gap funding to ensure folks will be eligible to enter into different RRH programs using coordinated access. ● Any provider can also extend their grant 6 months. ● When we run competitions, we are very transparent with providers about what it means to apply and accept this funding. But it is a deterrent to new providers that we want to help fill gaps in our system. 	
<p>Charter Revision Review</p>	<p>Co-Chair led board in review of Charter changes suggested at January retreat and the proposed new language. Goal is to set up for a vote to accept changes at next month's meeting. Then the Board will look at how it will implement the work in the responsibilities.</p> <p>See meeting slides.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● #1 & new #2: reactions 4s ● "Ensure" not correct word for responsibilities ● #3: reactions - it will be challenging to align local with federal going forward; need to clarify ● #4: no change; reactions 4s and a 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Should talk about how we are promoting visibility (the how) before we vote, in the future ○ The "how" will be figured out separately by the Board; cannot fully enumerate the actions in the responsibilities ● Old #4 to be removed from CoC Board charter and moved to Collaborative Applicant responsibilities (coordinated entry); reactions 5s ● #5: no change; also eliminate "ensure" and discuss the how; reactions a 3.5, 4s and a 5 ● #6 remove (already responsibility of Collab Applicant) ● New responsibility #6; in order for Board to operate well, it's 	

	<p>the board's responsibility to understand flow and intersections of funding; works with new #3 in charter; reactions 4s and 5s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● #7: no change; given current trajectory, what happens when the two (local and federal) contradict each other? A: our task is to establish priorities that may not be 50/50, but ensure our programs get funded... an issue of how <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Change "priorities that align" to "priorities that address" ● #8 moved to #1 	
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● CoC Lead will share updates between now and next meeting 	