



## Continuum of Care Board Minutes

7/17/2025

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

### Attendance:

Board Members: Casady Monroe, Laura Golino de Lavato, Brandi Tuck, Trevor Nissen, Lizzie Cisneros, JJ, Mark Morford, Xenia Gonzalez, Jamar Summerfield, Adriana Rangel-Ponce, Helmi Hisserich, Jessica Harper, Steven Gilbert, Kat Salas

[Absent – Ian Slingerland, Christina McGovney, Hannah Studer]

JOHS & County Staff: Alyssa Plessner, Malka Geffen

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Land &amp; Labor Acknowledgment</li><li>Review Community Agreements</li><li>Review Racial Equity Lens Tool</li><li>Review Agenda</li></ul>	
HSD Ongoing Recruitment Process	Community Advisory staff announced plans for an improved recruiting process for HSD community advisory & boards. Opportunity for feedback about the process at the August CoC Board meeting.	
Federal Updates	CoC Lead shared information about activities of the federal government. See slides. Q: Concerned that being part of court cases may hold up the CoC ESG funding renewal. A: Grants have not been rescinded or held up so far.	
FY 2025 CoC Competition	CoC Lead announced HUDs decision to run a FY2025 CoC NOFO Competition. See slides. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>NAEH advocating for HUD to reverse the reversal</li><li>So little information available so far</li></ul> Q: With the warehousing language being used by the federal government, will funding still be for PSH and housing units or more for warehousing? A: There seems to be a priority for street outreach which includes access to emergency shelter and a priority for transitional housing, signaling a departure from the Housing First model. We don't know if the competition will be funding RRH or PSH. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Funding will come from Continuing Resolution, which maintained flat funding from last year, which would represent a cut.</li></ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only way to fund new projects will be to defund current projects, which they do by decreasing Tier 1 projects.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Even those under project contracts for two years? A: Yes, because contracts are still one year.</p> <p>Q: Federal approach seems in direct contradiction to the County's approach, where do we stand? A: HUD is not directly saying we cannot use Housing First, just that they're no longer funding with that priority. We can still use the model locally.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Without information, we know we'll have to make very quick decisions.</li> <li>We have infrastructure in place to make this happen, but process usually begins in January.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Can you circulate the procurement guidelines and any new set of proposed scoring documents? A: Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CoC Lead can share how County and HSD are strategizing about the effects of the federal government at future meetings.</li> </ul>	
FY 2024 CoC Competition Score Debrief	<p>CoC Lead walked the Board through an overview of CoC's collaborative application scoring, including a review of the award. See slides.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We lost only 2.25 points out of 140, the remaining points lost were in the system performance measures category.</li> <li>We are scoring better every year.</li> <li>HUD is looking two-years behind at trends in system performance measures.</li> <li>We will explore how to get feedback from HUD, while we continue to use Homepage.</li> </ul> <p>Q: Are we using by-name count data in the PIT that is then used in the CoC Competition? A: We take a portion of the by-name list, narrow down to the month of the PIT count and deduplicate. Doing this shows a more accurate and higher count.</p> <p>Q: What are the next steps for the CAC? A: The CAC convenes before the NOFO drops. Once the competition is released, local solicitation for new projects goes out (goal is by August 6th). We will provide the Board updates along the way.</p>	CoC Lead will send the scoring overview to CoC Board members.
Focus Areas	<p>CoC Co-Chairs asked the Board whether we want to select a second focus area in light of the new NOFO, or stick with one.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We will be diving into understanding performance measures and applying for all CAC funding in the NOFO process.</li> <li>The new Sources and Uses report from ECONorthwest does a lot of the education needed for the first focus area: assessing multi-jurisdictional funding streams. Maybe we can have John Tapogna come speak with the Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is important to see what funding stream is funding what in the context of what the Board wants to</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<a href="https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/25994839-sources-and-uses-report-fy-2024-1/">https://www.documentcloud.org/documents/25994839-sources-and-uses-report-fy-2024-1/</a>

	<p>fund in the NOFO.</p> <p>Q: Will there be a new DV bonus project in the coming NOFO? A: We don't know. For context, we cannot reallocate DV project funds to a non-DV project, and the project that was funded last year still does not have a contract.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Board expressed support for having one focus area going forward to hold space for the NOFO.</li></ul>	
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