



Continuum of Care Board Meeting

July 17, 2025



Meeting Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
10 min	Welcome & Settle In - Land & Labor Acknowledgement	All Members
10 min	Federal Updates	Alyssa
30 min	FY 2025 CoC Competition	Alyssa
5 min	Break	
30 min	FY 2024 CoC Competition Score Debrief	Alyssa
30 min	Focus Areas	Co-Chairs

Land & Labor Acknowledgement

Credit to:
Dr. Aileen Duldulao &
Heather Heater,
Multnomah County

<https://native-land.ca/>

Ecotrust - Going
Beyond Land
Acknowledgements

Multnomah county rests on the stolen lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, and Clackamas Bands of Chinook Indian Nation; Tualatin Kalapuya; Molalla; and many others along the Columbia River.

This country is built on stolen Indigenous land and built by stolen African people. This land was not stolen and people were not enslaved by ambiguous entities and actors. The land was stolen by, and African peoples were enslaved by White settlers who had government support.

We also want to honor the members of over 400 tribal communities who live in Multnomah County. Many of these People and their cultures still survive and resist despite the intentional and ongoing attempts to destroy them.

Community Agreements (1/3)

- Account for power dynamics in the room and in the work. Make every effort to share power by actively listening to input from all members, particularly those who may be marginalized or underrepresented, and committing to following up on input provided or seeking further input from communities not in this space.
- Approach discussions with empathy and respect, allowing space for vulnerability.
- Assume best intentions while honoring impact. Acknowledge that intent does not override impact.
- Be accountable and transparent. Commit to acknowledging and working through harm caused.

Community Agreements (2/3)

- Be mindful of privilege, historical and current structures of oppression, specifically anti-blackness and Indigenous erasure. Approach the work with a shared goal to lead with a lens of equity, inclusion, diversity, and anti-racism.
- Strive for resolution, while also expecting and accepting non-closure.
- Honor the diversity in the room. Stay open to different perspectives and alternative approaches.
- Language matters. Use intentional, direct, compassionate language. Speak your truth in a way that respects all of our community agreements. Offer content warnings if appropriate.

Community Agreements (3/3)

- Make space, take space. Make space for those who are not speaking up as often, take space if you usually don't speak up.
- Maintain confidentiality. Share lessons learned while keeping names and identifiers confidential.
- Meet folks where they are. Do not assume knowledge on behalf of others. Be thorough, clear, patient, and transparent in our dialogue.
- Use people-first language and refrain from stigmatizing language.
- Listen to understand, don't listen to rebut.

HSD Ongoing Recruitment Process Announcement



HSD Ongoing Recruitment Process

HSD Advisory Committee Staff are excited to announce that we are in the preliminary stages of developing an improved recruitment process designed to streamline engagement and onboarding of new members to our advisory bodies.

We value your insights, and as we develop this process, we will have opportunities for feedback to our approach.

As of now, we are hoping to start begin this recruitment in October/November.

Federal Updates



Passage of the “Big Beautiful Bill”

On July 4th the “Big Beautiful Bill” was signed into law

- This is a Reconciliation Bill, which is a separate bill from the FY 26 Appropriations process (which has not passed either the House or the Senate).
- The Reconciliation Bill cut spending on Medicaid and food assistance programs for those below the poverty line. It also introduced work requirements and stricter residency verifications as conditions to receiving these benefits.
- No direct impacts to Homelessness Assistance Grants

FY 26 Appropriations Bill

The House Appropriations Committee is set to have final markups for the HUD budget by July 17th, though they may run a bit behind schedule.

The devastating and sweeping proposals to HUD's homeless assistance grants programs included in the President's FY2026 budget request were not included in the reconciliation bill passed last week; they are instead considered by House and Senate Transportation-Housing and Urban Development (THUD) subcommittees, which determine HUD's annual budget.

Congress is not under any obligation to adopt any of the proposals included in the President's request, which have raised bipartisan concern in Congress.

FY 2025 CoC NOFO Competition



FY 2025 CoC Competition

On July 3rd the SNAPS office sent an email to CoCs stating that that HUD has decided to run a national competition in FY 2025 (aka this summer). Although they previously stated that the FY 24 NOFO would be two-year NOFO and that grants would automatically be renewed, this may no longer be the case.

From the brief and vague email, it appears that there will certainly be a new project competition as part of this NOFO.

FY 2025 CoC Competition

We currently have very little information about what this NOFO will entail and what it will look like. What we do know is that HUD has the following priorities for this NOFO:

- Treatment and recovery
- Reducing unsheltered homelessness
- Reducing returns to homelessness
- Increasing earned income of participants

FY 2025 CoC Competition

We also know that HUD will be introducing two new(-ish) project types:

Street Outreach: offers services necessary to reach unsheltered homeless individuals and families to connect them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services and provide urgent non-facility-based care to those who are unwilling or unable to access emergency shelter, housing, or an appropriate health facility.

Transitional Housing: means housing, where all program participants have signed a lease or occupancy agreement, the purpose of which is to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families into permanent housing within 24 months or such longer period as HUD determines necessary. The program participant must have a lease or occupancy agreement for a term of at least one month that ends in 24 months and cannot be extended.

FY 2025 CoC Competition

What we don't know:

- What the NOFO will entail
- The timeline for the NOFO
 - We probably won't see a competition announcement until after the GIWs are due (July 29) and/or after HUD Desk Officers review edits (August 15)
 - We typically have ~90 days for a competition, but we have also had competitions that were only 60 days
- How much money will be at risk and how much money will be made available

FY 2025 CoC Competition

What we are doing to prepare:

Note: the preparation for a "regular" NOFO usually begins in January

- Reassembling the CAC
- Outreach to current providers and potential new providers
- Risk Analysis - Considering past scoring factors and solicitation language that will likely be a red flag under the new administration
- Creating local solicitation materials for new projects

FY 2024 CoC NOFO Competition Score Debrief



Background

Every year the SNAPS office provides a limited overview of how CoC's scored on the Collaborative Application.

The Collaborative Application is a set of ~100 multi-part questions that HUD asks about our homeless response system and its associated activities as a whole (i.e. not just CoC programs)

- Provides broad scores for each section
- Provides scores for what HUD deems to be "high priority" questions

HUD does not provide the scores to every question, nor do they provide feedback on how to improve scores.

Reminder: CoC Funding Award

We received **\$37,660,187** in CoC Funding in this application cycle.

Our community's funding increased by **7.38%** (mostly due to increases in Supportive Service and Rental Assistance). On average project budgets increased by 7.68%.

We were awarded a new DV Bonus Project with the Black Community of Portland:

- Culturally-specific DV program serving the Black Community
- 20 participant households - including families with children
- 3 FTE for case management and employment services

Scoring Summary

Overall our CoC is performing very well in almost all categories including what HUD defines as "high priority," such as:

- Addressing needs and challenges faced by survivors
- Street outreach
- Increasing RRH beds
- Partnerships with Public Health Agencies
- Coordinated Entry
- Project review, ranking, and selection
- HMIS
- Coordination with housing and healthcare

The greatest room for improvement is in the HUD System Performance Measures category

Scoring Summary

2. CoC Scoring Summary (from FY 2024 and FY 2025 CoC NOFO)

Scoring Category	Maximum Score (Points)	Your CoC Score (Points)
1B. Coordination and Engagement–Inclusive Structure and Participation	5	4.75
1C. Coordination and Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations	28	27
1D. Coordination and Engagement–Coordination with Federal, State, Local, Private, and Other Organizations–Continued	51	50
1E. Project Capacity, Review, and Ranking–Local Competition	28	28
2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)–Implementation	9	9
2B. Point-in-Time (PIT) Count	5	5
2C. System Performance	60	32
3A. Coordination with Housing and Healthcare	14	14
Total CoC Application Score*	200	169.75

Scoring Summary

3. Overall Scores for all CoCs

Highest Score for any CoC	185.5
Lowest Score for any CoC	54.5
Median Score for all CoCs	151.5

Our CoC's overall score was **169.75**

- **18.25** points above the median (in 2023 we scored 14.75 above the median)
- **15.75** points away from the highest score (in 2023 we were 19.25 points away from the highest score)

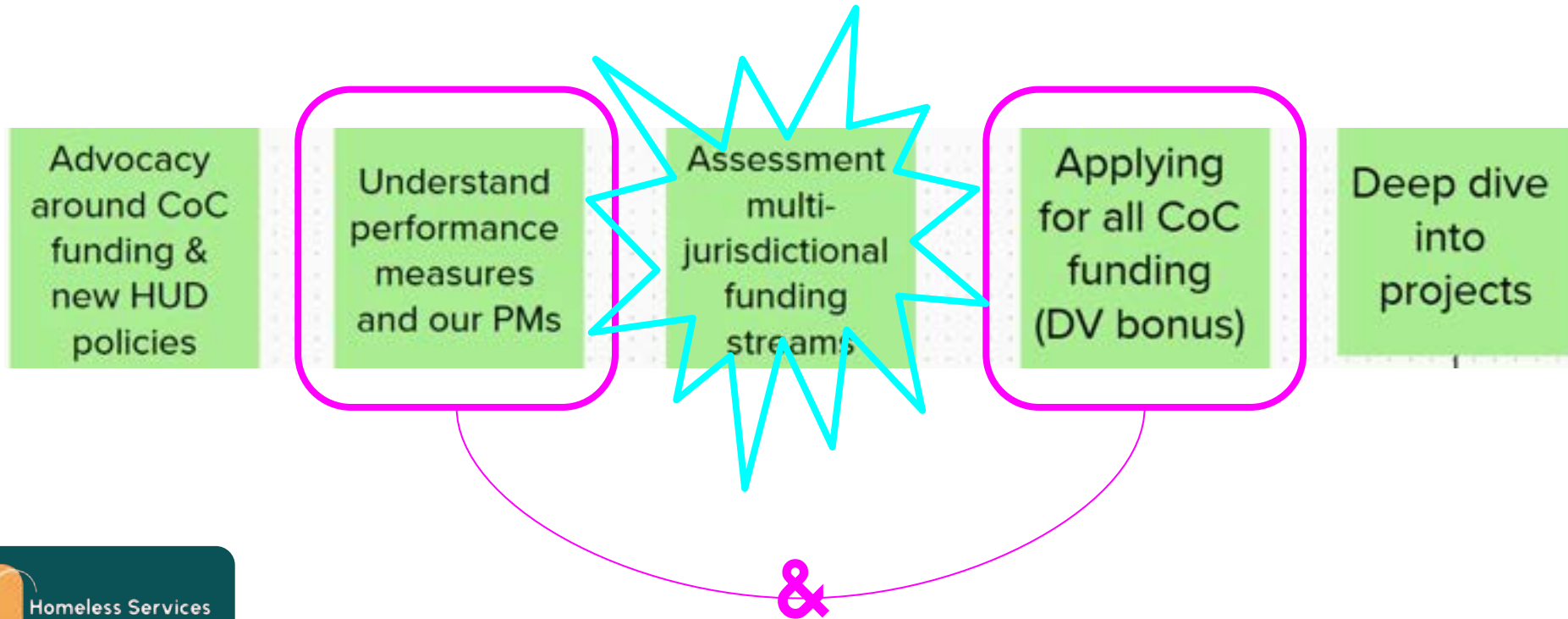
System Performance Measures

SPM Overview

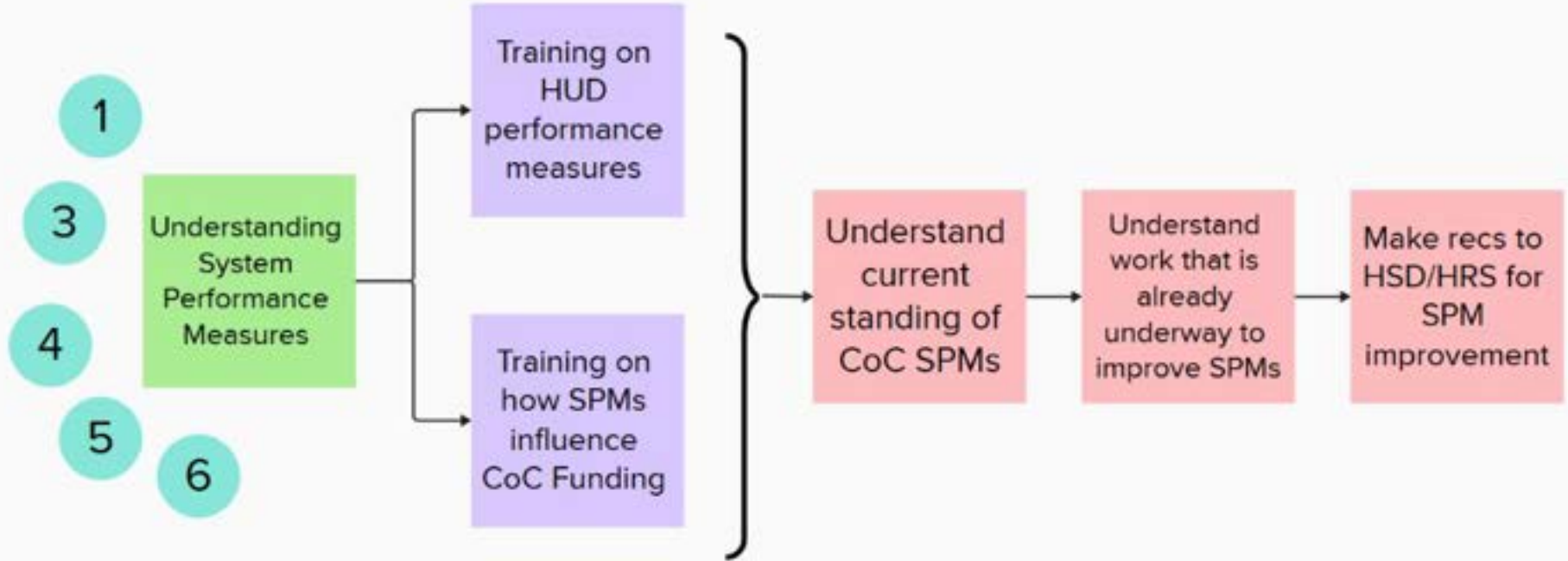
CoC Board Focus Areas



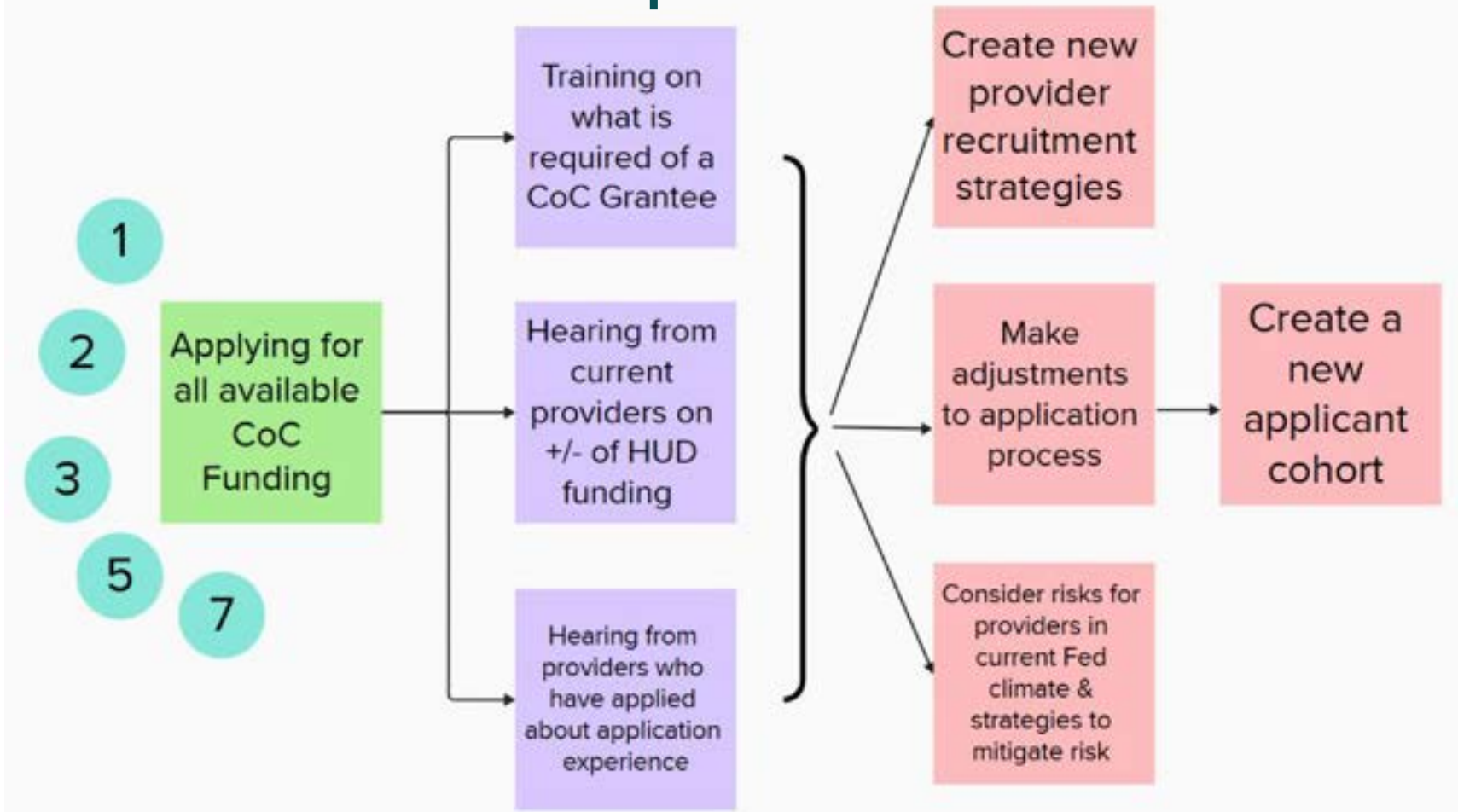
April Focus Area Brainstorm



CoC Board Focus Area: Option B



CoC Board Focus Area: Option D





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