



# Continuum of Care Board Minutes

3/19/2026

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

**Attendance:**

*Board Members:* Laura Golino de Lovato, Christina McGovney, Steven Gilbert, Brandi Tuck, Hannah Studer, Adriana Rangel-Ponce, Jamar Summerfield, Kat Salas, Mark Morford  
*HSD & County Staff:* Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen, Britni Esseler, Lori Kelley

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>	
Report out on this week's Portland visit by Robert Marbut, senior policy advisory on homelessness	<p>HSD staff and board members provided information from last week's meeting with Robert Marbut.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 55 people attended, from multiple jurisdictions and some provider organizations, were there for his presentation and Q&amp;A</li> <li>• Marbut was trying to sell people on HUD's approach; has drug &amp; alcohol treatment background</li> <li>• Discussed <a href="#">AHAR</a> data</li> <li>• Marbut said data proves Housing First/funding for PSH doesn't work</li> <li>• Said a more successful use of resources is to go back to before Housing First: using a third of our resources on shelter, a third on transitional housing, and a third on housing placement</li> <li>• Said housing costs has nothing to do with rates of homelessness, and 75% to do about drug addiction</li> <li>• FY27-28 grant period will require CoC boards include electeds and police in membership</li> <li>• No more multiple-year grants</li> <li>• There'll be more competition between CoCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Houston and Nashville were held up as models</li> <li>○ Portland funding could be awarded to different CoC through the NOFO</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Q: What were takeaways from the County? A: HSD Executive team believe the most important thing we can do is see how to maximize what we can get and our SHS funding; there's a high</p>	<p><a href="#">Trump homeless policy advisor tells Portland leaders they are 'more in agreement' than expected - oregonlive.com</a></p>

	<p>potential we can lose funding. Consider what kind of organizations can handle the yearly risk. Need to see if people are applying outside the CoC. HUD is intending to release a NOFO June 1 very similar to the one they released last November.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Marbut didn't mention Trump administrations, but did say the homeless problem goes back to Clinton, Obama and Biden administrations.</li> <li>● Commented that if we drop our lawsuit we can get our money. Used the lawsuit when he didn't want to answer questions.</li> <li>● Way to punish democratic cities</li> </ul>	
<p>Update on 2025 HUD CoC NOFO and looking ahead to 2026 NOFO</p>	<p>HSD staff shared a HUD and NOFO update. See presentation slides for details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● NAEH lawsuit against HUD continues; RI circuit court to make a decision about the preliminary injunction by the end of March</li> <li>● We hope to add a couple of new members to the Collaborative Applicant Committee (CAC)</li> <li>● NOFO Working Group focusing on CoC funded PSH providers; may open to Rapid Rehousing applicants later <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ May present its analysis to the CoC board</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Q: If/when 2025 funds will be released to providers from 2025 NOFO? A: Field office rep said they believe Q1-Q2 grants will be refunded</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PHB has heard similar timing re: entitlement funds for the end of this month</li> </ul>	
<p>CoC Board Recruitment</p>	<p>HSD staff explained the current board terms and a proposal for a new Recruitment committee (see presentation slides for details).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Co-Chair said we will need 'pedal to the metal' to have new members appointed in July, onboarded in August and have their first meeting in September.</li> <li>● Q: Is there anything first-term members need to do to renew for a second term? A: Let us know in writing via email.</li> <li>● We have 6 people from our ongoing recruitment process who are interested in serving</li> <li>● Board member said participation in recruitment and onboarding sounds awesome</li> <li>● Q: Does it make sense for board members terming out to be on this committee? A: A lot of input on onboarding could happen before folks term out</li> <li>● Fist-to-five decision making was used to approve the creation of the new committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Laura Golino de Lovato 4, Christina McGovney 4, Steven Gilbert 5, Brandi Tuck 4, Hannah Struder 4,</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Adriana Rangel-Ponce 5, Jamar Summerfield 4, Kat Salas 5, Mark Morford 4, Antoinette Pietka 4</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Let Bill know if you're interested in joining the committee</li> </ul>	
Charter Review	<p>CoC Board co-chair provided an opportunity to board members to suggest changes to the charter. See presentation slide for details.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● No suggested charter changes</li> </ul>	
Collaborative Application Committee - adding new members?	<p>HSD staff proposed expanding the CAC and asked for board feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Q: Who is currently on the CAC? A: 5 members, 3 from CoC Board and 2 from Lived Experience Advisory Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All three CoC board members set to term out in August</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Q: Are you adding members for the review of the 2026 NOFO? A: For the upcoming NOFO dropping in June - scoring should be done by August 1, 2026; the 2025 NOFO should be renewed</li> <li>● Work includes three hours of personal and meeting time; reading many proposals and thinking seriously about how to score them <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ HSD staff can share CAC onboarding material with people who are interested</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Home Base is offering a lot of technical assistance</li> <li>● CAC members cannot represent organizations that receive CoC funding</li> <li>● CAC work is the core work of the CoC by selecting the applicants for CoC funding; it helps board members understand the work and community impacts more deeply</li> <li>● Q: Where else could CAC recruit from? A: We're keeping it between the CoC Board and Lived Experience Committee</li> <li>● Email Britni with questions or interest: <a href="mailto:britni.eseller@multco.us">britni.eseller@multco.us</a></li> </ul>	
Closing and next steps	Next meeting is April 16, 2026	