



Continuum of Care Board Meeting

May 21, 2026



Zoom - Meeting

Today's CoC Board Meeting is using Zoom Meeting, instead of our usual Webinar format. It allows the public to be in the meeting with the same access as Board members.

Non-CoC Board member are welcome to observe this meeting. We do not take public comments during CoC Board meetings. Members of the public are welcome to enter questions using the chat. CoC Board members and HSD staff may not be able to respond, but HSD staff will attempt to follow up if you include your email/contact info with your question.

Meeting Agenda

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
10 min	Welcome & Settle In - Land & Labor Acknowledgement	All Members
10 min	Community agreements collective reading	All Members
10 min	Introductions	CoC Board Co-Chairs
15 min	HUD and/or NOFO Update	Britni Eseller/Alyssa Plesser
5 min	Break	
20 min	Proposed Charter Changes re: Committee make up and addition of the Collaborative Applicant Committee (CAC)	CoC Board Co-Chairs
15 min	New member recruitment/recruitment committee update	Bill Boyd
	Open discussion	CoC Board Co-Chairs
5 min	Closing and next steps	CoC Board Co-Chairs

Land & Labor Acknowledgement

Credit to:

**Dr. Aileen Duldulao
& Heather Heater,
Multnomah County**

[https://native-land.ca/
Ecotrust](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.

Welcome and Introductions

1. Name
2. Pronouns
3. Any connections or affiliations you wish to share (brief)

[optional] Check in question:

What part of Multnomah County do you consider your primary geographic home? That is, where do you live/work/exist/spend the most time?

HUD / NOFO Update



2025 Award Updates

Awards that expired in Q2 of 2026 have been announced. We had 12 programs announced at their full asking amount, with slight variations to account for the FMR decrease in our community and supportive services line COLA increase granted by HUD.

HUD's appeal to run a competitive competition for grants that expire in Q3 and Q4 of 2026 was dismissed, so ALL grants will be renewed.

Grant Agreements were sent out for grants expiring in Q1. These grant agreements included an "Addendum 1" which included all of HUD's Policy Requirements that were challenged in King County v. Turner. Multnomah County is not required to carry out these policies because we are covered under the preliminary injunction.

- **GOOD NEWS ALERT** - On 5/12 HUD agreed to revoke the entirety of Addendum 1 for ALL renewing grants, meaning that they will not apply to anyone in the country. HUD will be sending rescission letters to all recipients and any new grant agreements will not have Addendum 1.

Progress Towards the 2026 NOFO

There was a “predicted” NOFO timeline posted by HUD on [simpler.grants.gov](https://www.simpler.grants.gov):

- Estimated Post Date: May 29, 2026
- Estimated Application Due Date: August 26, 2026
- Estimated Award Date: December 1, 2026

NOFO Working Group has held two meetings

- Discussed potential FY 2026 competition scenarios, group’s purpose, high level provider concerns, and potential transfer process for defunded programs
- Agreed to meet monthly

First CAC meeting held

- Lizzie joined the CAC from the CoC Board (thank you Lizzie!)
- Discussed scoring tool changes ahead of NOFO release
- CAC is scheduled to meet bi-weekly

Proposed Charter Changes re: Committee Membership and the Collaborative Applicant Committee (CAC)



Proposed Charter Amendments

Draft language provided in the Board Packet attempts to address issues raised in the April CoC Board meeting.

1. Confirming CoC Board members are the majority of committee membership
 - a. Preserving the Board's ability to exempt this on a case-by-case basis
1. Adding a description of the Collaborative Applicant Committee as a standing committee, similar to the description of the Jurisdictional Committee

CoC Board can review and edit these suggested amendments.

Formal approval of CoC Charter amendments requires 30 days advance notice, so any vote to approve changes will happen at a future Board meeting.

New Member Recruitment/ Recruitment Committee update



Recruitment Update

- As of May 18, 2026:
 - 7 of 13 interested applicants completed the 2nd level application survey
 - Broad demographic representation EXCEPT age
 - Good range of “lived and learned” experiences
 - More interested folks are applying
 - Reaching out to Senior Services Network and Youth continuum to explore broader range of age demographic
 - Interviews in June
- The Recruitment Committee meets on June 15th and will review the responses, and make recommendations on next steps

Open Discussion



Thank you.