



Continuum of Care Board Meeting

July 16, 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

10 min	Welcome & Settle In - Land & Labor Acknowledgement	All Members
40 min	Vote on Governance Charter changes in response to the NOFO	CoC Board Co-Chairs
10 min	Vote to delegate responsibility to the Homeless Response System Steering and Oversight Committee (pending vote on charter changes)	CoC Board Co-Chairs
5 min	Break	
30 min	NOFO Update	Alyssa Plessner
15 min	New member recruitment/recruitment committee update	Bill Boyd
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 - 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.

Introductions

- Please share your name & pronouns



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NOFO RELATED CHARTER AMENDMENTS

Purpose of the Proposed Charter Amendments

The goal with the proposed amendments are to:

1. meet the expectations of the NOFO and maximize all possible points in the CoC funding competition
2. support as little disruption as possible to the current governance structure and membership
3. retain all current roles and responsibilities of the CoC Board and other Continuum governance bodies.

Updates based on last month's Board meeting discussion, input from a Board member and review from County Legal

Process for Charter Amendment:

Based on last month's precedent:

1. Ask for a motion to hold a vote to amend the Charter
2. Seek a "second," so someone else to support this motion
3. Hold discussion on the proposed changes
 - a. Review what has been proposed (as shared with the Board on July 9, 2026 email)
 - b. Discuss, take questions or accept any language edits
4. Vote!
 - a. Charter amendments are made by majority vote
 - b. You can vote "yes" or "no" or "abstain"

*Scroll through the proposed Charter Amendment language,
if requested*

Overview of Proposed Charter Changes

Section F: clean up some language and show full list of representations on the CoC Board

Section G: Add language to clarify Board's responsibility for setting and monitoring system-wide strategy, goals & Key Performance Indicators

Section H: adding law enforcement and court system rep as Ex-Officio members. Clarifies Electeds participate on Board through committees as delegated by the Board. Adjusts number of at-large members.

Section U: allows board to delegate system-wide responsibilities to the Homeless Response System's Steering and Oversight Committee (which has Elected representation)



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Formalizing Steering and Oversight role with system-wide responsibilities

Purpose of the proposed motion

With the (hopeful) passage of the Charter amendments, the Board can now formally decide to delegate its responsibilities around system-wide performance to the Homeless Response System's Steering and Oversight Committee

- This vote is a technical requirement to actualize the amendment in Section U *"The CoC Board may delegate its responsibilities with respect to system-wide strategy, goals and key performance indicators (KPI) to the Homeless Response System Steering and Oversight Committee..."*

Process for this proposed motion:

Based on previous precedent:

1. Ask for a motion to hold a vote to delegate system-wide responsibilities described in the charter to the SOC
2. Seek a "second," so someone else to support this motion
3. Hold discussion on the motion
4. Use Consensus Decision Making (fist to five) to gauge consensus
 - a. If there is consensus, motion passes
 - b. If no consensus, attempt to update motion to address concerns and find consensus
 - c. If consensus cannot be achieved after discussing concerns and updating the motion, then use majority vote for decision



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CoC NOFO Briefing

Litigation Updates

June 30: The court permanently ruled that HUD's FY 2025 NOFO(s) were unlawful. While this was a major victory, the court did *not* take up the arguments against the FY 2026 NOFO changes or the FY 2025 renewal funding delays.

July 2: NEAH + a coalition of state attorney generals (incl. Oregon) filed another lawsuit against the 2026 NOFO. Major complaints in the lawsuit include:

- Creating the \$1.3B new project set-aside without Congressional authorization
- Prioritization of TH, without HUD undertaking notice and comment period
- Risk Review and Certifications
- Service Participation Requirements and elimination of harm reduction in the NOFO
- Changing the statutory definition of "self-sufficiency"
- Preference for people with certain disabilities
- Post-Award conditions

Litigation Updates

The lawsuit asks that:

1. The 1.3B new project set-aside, safe drug use condition and certification, disability priority, self-sufficiency criteria, risk review, Tier 1 threshold review, and E.O. conditions be deemed unlawful and set aside (aka thrown out)
2. Lots of other nitty-gritty things related to the Administrative Procedures Act
3. The court to compel HUD to make final awards of FY 2025 funding for the CoC program expeditiously
4. **Declare unlawful, vacate, and set aside the FY 2026 NOFO by August 10**

CoC Local Competition

All local applications were due to CoC team on July 14th

The CoC received 42 applications, totalling \$32.5 million in funding asks.

- TH Applications: 13
- Outreach Applications: 16
- SSO-Standalone Applications: 13

CAC will begin their review and rank period July 17th.

CoC Local Competition - Preservation of

PSH Good news alert!

As you all know, the Collaborative Application Committee of the CoC Board approved a [ranking policy](#) that prioritizes Tier 1 funding for PSH projects.

The CoC team has worked with three of the largest PSH projects to negotiate a reduction in their budgets based on current utilization in order to save PSH projects on the cusp of Tier 1 and in Tier 2. In total, renewal PSH providers reallocated \$795,929 allowing us to save two full PSH projects.

We have worked with the HSD executive team to provide continued partial funding support to another PSH project that would have lost service dollars connected to special HCV vouchers. This means that as a community we are able to preserve nearly all of our community's CoC funded PSH!

New Member Recruitment/ Recruitment Committee update



Recruitment Update

- Interviews last and this week
 - Completed several (11 scheduled)
- HSD to review results, share recommended next steps with Recruitment subcommittee
- Subcommittee is providing a review of current onboarding materials

Thank you.