



Continuum of Care Board Minutes

9/17/2026

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Attendance:

Board Members: Trevor Nissen, Steven Gilbert, Whitney Myers, Iris Sexton, Andrea Hood, Phillip Johnson-Bey, Jenny Carver, Jessica Harper, Adriana Rangel-Ponce, Hannah Schmaltz, Timisha Wilson, Sahaan McKelvey, Paul Susi, Maria Morales

HSD & County Staff: Bill Boyd, Malka Geffen, Alyssa Plesser

Agenda Item	Discussion Points	Decision/Action
Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land & Labor Acknowledgment Review Community Agreements Review Racial Equity Lens Tool Review Agenda 	
Introductions	New members, continuing members, and staff introduced themselves.	
NOFO Updates: current state and review of CoC's response to potential impacts	<p>HSD's CoC Lead shared updates with the Board about the lawsuit: National Alliance to End Homelessness v. HUD and recent actions taken by HUD (see slides 10-12)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following the District Court's set aside of the 2026 NOFO because HUD did not follow the Administrative Procedures Act, HUD appealed the decision and applied for a motion for stay, so they can continue with what they're doing while the appeal lawsuit goes forward. The First Circuit Court reinstated the 2026 NOFO in its original form, and we'll continue with the competition. The court says HUD is likely to win the appeal. The deadline is not yet announced but it will be a quick turnaround. We are prepared and will be ready to submit in a timely fashion Plaintiffs could ask for a larger review (most success with this in the Ninth Circuit), but it's unclear if that will help. Could also ask the District Court to re-review the original case, which alleged other overreaches of authority <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlikely the NOFO will be reversed again.. 	<p>New slides were presented than originally shared with the Board; the new slides will be shared and posted online.</p> <p>2026 Multnomah County CoC Ranked Project Priority Listing: https://live-johs.pantheonsite.io/continuum-of-care/competition-resources/</p>

- As things develop with the court case, HSD will keep the Board informed.

Q: Do we know the timeline when the court will hear the case and make a final decision? A: Appeals court takes a long time so it could be many months (for example, King Co. v Turner case was appealed 8 months ago and we just heard the decision this week).

Q: DV providers were really concerned with the VAWA conflicts and violations HUD was asking them to agree to, will HUD be required to give more guidance on those?

A: No. The original lawsuit alleged that DV providers that braid funding with VAWA funding would be at a disadvantage because they could not apply for NOFO funds. HUD can still require DV projects to require service participation.

Q: There were two versions of the original NOFO: one had a 30% cap on PSH funding and the other a 60% cap; which one will the reinstated NOFO include? A: The 30% cap was in the 2025 NOFO, which is completely gone. The 2026 NOFO did not set a cap on PSH funding, but Tier one is set at 60%. Our CAC ranked all PSH and one TH in Tier one for renewals. RRH invited to transition to TH were in Tier two, and new projects after that.

HUD released a notice for public comment (see slides 13-15)

- Comments due 10/13/26
- Multco and HSD is planning on submitting a public comment
- CoC Board can choose to submit a public comment
- Many resources exist as guidance for effective public comment
 - Directly tied to information in the public comment
 - As much data as possible, including lived experience
 - Relevant to individual or community
 - Law says HUD has to respond individually to every comment, so the more individualized the comment is the better
- HSD and co-chair can organize the Board to develop a comment
 - The Board used fist to five to get a pulse for the Board's interest in submitting a comment: Phillip Johnson-Bey - 5, Trevor Nissen - 5, Whitney Myers - 4, Sahaan McKelvy - 5, Iris Sexton - 5, Maria Morales - 4, Adriana Rangel-Ponce - 4, Jenny Carver - 5, Timisha Wilson - 4, Hannah Schmaltz - 4, Steven Gilbert - 5
- Full Board will have a chance to approve the comment

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trevor, Steven & Sahaan express interest in helping craft the Board's comment; Phil, Whitney, Maria, Timisha, Jenny & Iris offer to help support/review the comment draft 	
CoC Board Response to NOFOs - review	<p>Co-Chair led the Board through high-level context about the 2025 & 2026 NOFOs and the CoC Board's responses to them (slides 16-18)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraged people to reach out between board meetings if they want clarification on anything 	
Onboarding Update	<p>HSD staff shared an update about the CoC Board onboarding of new members (see slides 19-20).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will focus on equity An opportunity also to ask questions We're looking to get together as a full board in person 	
Opportunities: Collaborative Applicant Committee and Board Co-Chair	<p>Co-Chair reminded Board members they can serve as a co-chair. Recruiting for more members of the Collaborative Applicant Committee, which includes the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reviews rubric, new projects, and ranked list submitted to HUD - Decides how funding is allocated for the CoC - Only non-conflicted members of the Board can serve - It's fun, most impactful re: funding decisions, learn a lot about CoC competition and community funding - Will begin meeting in January for next year's NOFO - Will need at least 4 representatives from the CoC Board; CAC has some representatives from the LEAC committee - When it's not NOFO season, meet once per month for an hour; more time required during NOFO season - CoC Lead will send a follow-up email. 	
Closing and next steps	<p>Bill and Trevor will reach out about public comment</p>	