



# Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## CT BOS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

CVH, Page Hall – Room 217

8/17/18

### 1. Introductions and Announcements

- a) Welcome and Introductions
- b) Review 7/20/18 SC minutes – minutes approved

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- c) Announcements - none
- d) HUD Updates – tabled, no FO staff present

### 2. NOFA

- a) Follow up on grant consolidations
  - Grants are permitted to consolidate and this year there are several consolidations
- b) Recommendations from the Scoring Committees on Regular and DV Bonuses (see below)
- c) Allocation and ordering of bonus projects (see below)

#### 2018 Ranking and Bonus Policy Decisions:

##### 1. General Ranking Order:

- Renewal Projects that have been evaluated in order of CT BOS CoC Evaluation Score, HMIS, reallocations and Coordinated Entry projects in Tier 1
- Followed by first time Renewal Projects that have not yet been evaluated ranked to provide the maximum score on the relative ranking factor (1-X), mostly in Tier 2
- Followed by New Projects - regular and DV bonuses in order of preferred mathematical advantage for the CoC, also in Tier 2

***Motion: To approve the general ranking order. Motion passes.***

##### 2. General Bonus Allocation: (\$2,056,022)

- Allocate the bonus funds in thirds
- The CoC will divide the bonus into three applications: two at \$685,341 each and one at \$685,340

***Motion: To approve the general bonus allocation. Motion passes.***

##### 3. Types of Bonus Projects for General Bonus

- Applications were received for PSH and RRH. Last year, BOS submitted two PSH projects and one was funded.
- ***Vote on whether to fund RRH, PSH or both. If SC decided to fund both models and has chosen Scenario 1 in decision above, determine allocation of funds into thirds.***

***Motion: To fund both RRH and PSH. The order of the applications to be 1) RRH 2) PSH 3) RRH. Motion passes.***

##### 4. Recommendations from the New Project Scoring Committee and Steering Committee for structure and programming in Regular (Non-DV) Bonus Projects:

- Fund only the top 4 RRH and/or top 3 PSH projects for the general bonus with no CAN receiving more than one project.

- Project budgets for new units should be allocated based on the BNL for each CAN or similar logic of need based on methodology determined by DOH.
- Project budgets for services only for *existing* tenants should be allocated based on a formula using a standard proportion of those unserved in the existing program or a similar equitable standard that can be applied across programs/CANs.
- The State of CT should be the applicant for funding with providers as sub-recipients.
- The rental assistance administrator for all new RRH projects should be the same entity that the State of CT uses to administer other federal and state rental assistance resources.
- All projects should be encouraged to request supportive services funding at a level that ensures quality services are provided and includes resources for supervision of direct care staff.

***Motion: To adopt the above recommendations from the Scoring Committee and Steering Committee. Motion passes.***

**5. Specific Recommendations for the DV Bonus from the DV Scoring Committee and Steering Committee:**

- Units for the project should be allocated according to need and based on the DV BNL for each CAN.
- DOH should apply as the grantee (like all new RRH) with CCADV as a subrecipient. CCADV could then contract with providers to provide the housing location and support services. RRH should be preferably provided by agencies with experience in providing RRH.
- Service providers in the project must commit to be active members of the CAN and attend CAN meetings. If awarded funds by HUD, CCADV should institute a formal process for service providers to apply for funds.
- For continuity and consistency, rental assistance for the DV bonus should be administered by the same rental administrator that is currently used by the State of CT for existing homeless services programs if permissible under VAWA and other applicable regulations.

***Motion: To adopt the above recommendations from the Scoring Committee and Steering Committee. Motion passes.***

d) VAWA Emergency Transfer Plan – **VOTE NEEDED**

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Emergency

**Motion: To adopt the VAWA Emergency Transfer Plan. Motion passes unanimously.**

**3. HUD Compliance - tabled**

- Follow up on inquiring about gender on application for housing and equal access/fair housing guidance
- Adding cost factor to 2018 Renewal Performance Evaluation

**4. HMIS updates - tabled**

**5. CAN Leadership and Coordinated Entry Updates - tabled**

- a) Discussion on issues in accommodating physical disabilities in PSH projects

**6. DOH Updates**

- DOH has open staff positions and is working on filing them

**7. YHDP**

- DOH and project applications submitted to HUD on 7/15/18 and is waiting for HUD response.

**8. Reaching Home and Federal Funding Workgroup Updates - tabled**

**9. Updates from Opening Doors Fairfield County**

- ODFC is working on responding to the HUD NOFA

**10. RRH Work Group update - tabled**

**11. Updates from Progressive Engagement Work Group - tabled**

**12. RRH entering expenditures in HMIS - tabled**

**13. Other items/issues**

**14. Next Meeting Dates: all meetings 11-1 (except Semi-annual meeting)**

- September 21, 2018 – Middlesex YMCA – 99 Union St, Middletown
- October 19, 2018 - Middlesex YMCA
- November 16, 2018 - Middlesex YMCA
- December 21, 2018 – Middlesex Community College – waiting on room confirmation