



Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care

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CT BOS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 4/26/19 - 1:00pm – 3:00pm

1. Introductions and Announcements

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- a) Welcome and Introductions -
- b) Review BOS Steering Committee 3/15/19 minutes - approved
- c) Announcements
 - New Project RFP – will be out next week and will be due 6/4/19
 - HIC/PIT RFP – CT BOS will accept one application per CAN – due 6/4/19
 - Steering Committee Chairs election will happen at June Semi-Annual meeting.
 - CAN reps will need to complete registration in May for CT BOS Steering committee. f/u : HI will send info out shortly
 - Competition updates – GIW sent to HUD Field Office 4/17/19, HUD to post updated GIW by 5/6/19
 - It was suggested that providers begin to work on grant amendments as soon as they get their award so that they are completed before the GIW is released.

f/u: HI to remind providers each January to do grant amendments as needed.

2. Review State of CT Consolidated Plan – Mike Santoro – Vote needed for letter of support - tabled <https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DOH/1819ActionPlanandAttachmentspdf.pdf?la=en>

3. CT BOS Renewal Evaluation

- 2019 CTBOS
Performance Report
- a) Results

<https://www.luminpdf.com/viewer/5d649c0a157112001932c7e8>

- Spending has improved from last year.
- Meeting eligibility has improved from last year.
- Providers continue to struggle with increasing tenant income.
- It was noted that it would be helpful to have more time for the consumer surveys.

f/u: HI to review renewal eval materials and schedule and consider using rolling surveys which are completed at annual re-certs.

- It was noted that RRH projects are struggling to meet the standard of 6 month length of stay. It was noted that because there is not enough PSH, people are staying in RRH as a bridge longer than 6 months.
- It was suggested that the CoC should revisit the RRH standard. It was noted that HUD's standard for LOS in RRH is 6 months, and the CoC tries to mirror HUD's standards when developing those for the CoC.
- It was suggested that in lieu of scoring the standard, the CoC could collect data on it to monitor but not have it factor into the score.

b) Corrective Action (CA)

- If a project is below 90% occupancy it is automatically in CA. There are 6 projects that are in CA for occupancy.
- In the past, the SC has decided to have 10% of projects in corrective action. This is made up of the lowest scoring projects and projects in CA because of occupancy.

- If the Steering Committee uses the 10% standard again, 11-12 projects would be in CA.
- Agencies with projects in CA may not apply for CT BOS CoC new funding until they are out of CA.

Motion: 10% of projects, consisting of projects that did not meet 90% occupancy and lowest scoring projects, will be in CA. Motion passes unanimously.

4. Discussion on Dedicated Plus for Renewing units

- It was noted that providers like the idea of serving people who are almost CH and are just waiting out the clock to become CH.
- It was reported that having Dedicated Plus would help serve people who are not quite CH and get them off the BNL faster.
- It was noted that some CANs do not have any CH persons and are taking people based on HUD prioritization criteria for when there are on CH persons.
- There was discussion around making the change voluntary for each program. It was noted that this could create confusion in the CAN housing placement process.
- Can projects convert from CH to Dedicated Plus thru a grant amendment for their current grant?
f/u: HI to research this with HUD.
- CAN reps should bring back the idea of doing mandatory Dedicated + for all projects and be prepared to vote at the next meeting. This decision may affect the new project RFP.

f/u: HI to send out Dedicated Plus brief again. HI to talk to communities that made the change to Dedicated Plus. CAN reps to discuss at local meetings.

5. HIC/PIT Updates

- Overall unsheltered and sheltered numbers are down.
- RRH beds have increased.
- Steve DiLella will submit HIC/PIT in HUD HDX by 4/30/19.

6. Standing Items – Updates as Needed

- Reaching Home Campaign
 - Group had a retreat to restructure and streamline committees. Reduced committees to 4 working groups and a Coordinating Committee.
- CAN Leadership and Coordinated Entry Updates
 - Strategic plan was discussed, worked on performance benchmarks that DEN put together
- Federal Funding Workgroup Updates - tabled
- DOH Updates
 - Medicaid – option in the Governor’s budget, under this proposal, a 1915(i) state plan home and community-based services benefit would be developed to provide supportive housing to up to 850 individuals who experience homelessness and whose average Medicaid costs exceed \$40,000 per year. At the CCEH Annual Training Institute, there will be a workshop on Medicaid.
- Updates from Progressive Engagement Work
 - Group will begin to pilot a new assessment tool by 7/1.
- Collaborative for Racial Equity
 - Listening sessions are on-going.
 - NAEH has a new Racial Equity Tool:
<https://endhomelessness.org/resource/the-alliances-racial-equity-network-toolkit/naeh-racial-disparities-tool-041719/>
- Updates from Opening Doors Fairfield County
 - ODFC is putting in YHDP application.
 - Each year ODFC reallocates 5% of the CoC funding to new projects.
 - CoC is also working on how to improve outreach.
- YHDP - Youth are being matched and getting housing and services.

7. Other items/issues - none

8. Next Meeting Dates - May 17 – 11-1, July 19 – 11-1, August 16 – 11-1 at The Connection - 100 Roscommon Drive, Suite 203 Middletown, CT.

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21 – 11-1 - Semi-Annual Meeting – MCC – Chapman Hall – Room 808