**CT BOS SC Minutes 8/16/19**

1. **Welcome, Introductions and Announcements**

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1. **Review Minutes – approved unanimously**

**3. 2019 NOFA** – **VOTES NEEDED - handout**

* The embedded *2019 CoC Ranking and Bonus Policy* document was reviewed. It reviews the purpose and history of ranking decisions in the CoC, recommendations from the 2019 CT BOS Scoring Committee and decisions to be made for the 2019 CoC Application including the allocation of bonus funds and priorities for housing models.



* + It was suggested that moving ahead, in order to make decisions on CoC PSH and RRH needs, data on gaps and needs should be brought to the SC for consideration and review prior to deciding on which model type to prioritize.

**F/U: a simple gaps analysis will be prepared for the 2020 application by HI**

* + It was noted that it would be helpful to have a tally of votes included in the minutes.

**F/U: Going forward, vote tallies will be included in the minutes.**

* + There was discussion around whether to use a 40/60 or 50/50 split in the bonus funding amount.
  + **Motion: To accept the recommendations for the General Ranking Order as presented. Motion passes unanimously.**
  + **Motion: To allocate the bonus funding to two projects allocated at 50%/50% (Scenario A2 in the document). Motion passes 11-10.**
  + **Motion: To rank PSH first in the order of bonus projects followed by RRH. DOH, ACT, DMHAS and CAN Representatives recused themselves. Motion passes unanimously by vote of non-conflicted members.**
  + **Motion: To accept the Scoring Committee recommendations as presented in the Ranking and Bonus Policy document. Motion passes unanimously by vote of non-conflicted members.**

**4. Revisions to Grievance Policy - vote**

* Policies were reviewed last month and sent out to the SC to review and share with CANs.

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**Motion: To receive the policy as presented. Motion passed unanimously.**

**f/u: Send policy out to email list, post to website**

**5. Dedicated Plus Implementation**

Schedule was presented to SC:

* + 1. Fall 2019 - Revise CAN Policies – DOH w/HI assistance
    2. Fall 2019- Winter 2020 - Plan adjustments to CAN operations/by-name list management - DOH w/HI assistance
    3. Winter 2020 - Revise Homelessness Verification Tools – HI
    4. Winter 2020 – Conduct training on new eligibility criteria and documentation requirements
    5. Spring 2020- Fall 2020 Conduct training on new CAN procedures – DOH w/HI assistance
    6. Fall 2020 – Adjust monitoring standards – HI/CSH
    7. January 2021 – Begin Dedicated Plus referrals to PSH projects (All projects are converted to Dedicated Plus through 2019 project applications)

**6. Unifed Funding Agency (UFA) discussion – handout**

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* The UFA FaQ’s document was reviewed with the group.
* Th CoC is reviewing this information to determine if it might be advantageous to apply for the UFA designation in a future HUD competition.
* In a UFA, responsibilities are moved from HUD to the UFA. The UFA could be a government or nonprofit entity.
* CoC gets more money to fund UFA activities and there is more flexibility on reallocations and spending.
* Project based underspending – more flexibility and address issues like this, money is pooled differently.
* In order for CoC to move to this model, all grantees need to say yes for it to be approved.

**f/u: More discussions will be had at future meetings. CAN Reps should bring this info bak to their CANs.**

**f/u: UFA questions should be sent to: ctboscoc@gmail.com**

**7. HUD Immigration Documentation Requirements**

The following information was provided to clarify requirements around serving documented and undocumented immigrants.

* Non-profits are not required to verify immigration status for CoC or ESG Programs, though they are permitted to do so.
* Non-profit and govt providers of street outreach, emergency shelter, safe havens, TH (except where RA is provided) and RRH, must make CoC/ESG assistance available to participants regardliess of immigration status.
* Government agencies providing RA for PSH or TH must verify immigration status and may serve only those in accordance with PRWORA (Personal Responsibility and Work Opprtunities
* Nonprofits providing RA for PSH or TH may assist both documented and undocumented immigrants.
* Questions were raised:
  + Does everyone in the HH need to have documentation or just the head of HH?
  + If government agencies must ask immigration status, what agencies does the policy that was passed at the last meeting apply to? If a non-profit is a sub-recipent to a government agency, is the non-profit required to ompley with PRWORA.

**f/u: HI will research these questions and report back at next SC mtg.**

**7. 2019 Cost Effectiveness Key findings – handout**

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* Suzanne Wagner, Housing Innovations presented the key findings and noted that the CoC will continue to review to ensure efficient use of resources

**8. Standing Items – Updates as Needed**

* Opening Doors Fairfield County
* Launching Progressive Engagement
* Received Melville funding for prevention with Sacred Heart and Yale
* Reaching Home Campaign
* Restructuring work groups and recruiting for WG members
* CCEH mtg next week with Head Start – every CAN has a rep going
* Sustainability/Fed Funding
* DOH applying for mainstream vouchers, looking to apply for HUD Trafficking NOFA w/CCADV
* CAN Leadership and Coordinated Entry
* Working on legislative priorities – each CAN is being asked what the legislators should be done – policies added, or changed
* Stength-based Assessment Workgroup
* Draft Assessment document complete and now working on scoring and training
* Collaborative for Racial Equity
* Listening Sessions have been going on throughout the state. CSH working on a write-up.
* YHDP - tabled

**9. SC Meeting Schedule for 2019**

* September 20, 2019 - 11:00 am -1:00 pm
* October 18, 2019 - 11:00 am -1:00 pm
* November 15, 2019 - 11:00 am -1:00 pm
* December 20, 2019 - 11:00 am -1:00 pm (Steering Committee and Semi-Annual Meeting)
* **Dates for Q1 2020 were established** 
  + **January 17, 2020**
  + **February 28, 2020 (2/21 is NAEH Conference)**
  + **March 20, 2020**

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