



# Connecticut Balance of State Continuum of Care

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## CT BOS Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes

6/19/2020

1. Welcome – BOS Semi-annual meeting final.pdf
2. Announcements
3. Steering Committee 2020-2021 Updates
  - Chairs election
    - The current Steering Committee Co-Chairs, Alice Minervino, DMHAS, Steve Dilella, DOH, and John Merz, ACT were nominated to continue in their roles. There were no other nominations. The Steering committee voted to approve Alice Minervino, DMHAS, Steve Dilella, DOH, and John Merz, ACT as the slate of Steering Committee co-chairs.
    - There was a discussion regarding adding a fourth Co-chair to expand diversity within the SC officers and to incorporate a person of color as a Co-chair. There was agreement from the group that the SC should move in this direction and people interested in nominating themselves or someone else for the fourth chair position should be sent to [ctboscoc@gmail.com](mailto:ctboscoc@gmail.com)
  - CAN Representation
    - Each year the Steering Committee asks each CAN to have two representatives be part of the BOS SC.
    - The CAN registration form has been sent out. Registration forms should be returned to [ctboscoc@gmail.com](mailto:ctboscoc@gmail.com) by 6/30.
    - CANs are encouraged to have at least one representative who is a person of color.
    - Anyone new to the CoC or who wants a refresher on BOS CoC, on BOS website, there is a CoC Overview training.  
<http://www.ctbos.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Intro-to-CoC-webinar-2020-PDF.pdf>
4. HUD Updates and Compliance
  - 2019 CoC Competition – Score Analysis
    - BOS received 185.5/200 points.
    - Points were lost on: no reduction in veterans homelessness; insufficient growth in employment and non-employment income; no reduction in returns to homelessness; HMIS bed coverage rates; an insufficient growth rate of permanent housing placements from ES/SH/TH/RRH
  - 2020 CoC Competition updates
    - The HUD CoC NOFA has not yet been released and HUD has not indicated when it will come out.
  - Policies and procedures
    - Providers are reminded to update their policies and procedures as they relate to COVID-19. Information on waivers and policies can be found on the BOS website:

CoC Appl Score  
Analysis 2019 CT BOS

5. Planning Grant

- DMHAS announced that CCADV was chosen to provide DV training to RRH/PSH providers.
- RFQ results for Consumer Involvement to be announced shortly.

6. CT BOS Housing Inventory

- Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing units are down from 2019 to 2020
- PSH and RRH units are up from 2019 to 2020

7. Updates from CCEH

- Point-in-time count (PIT) of homeless persons
  - BOS 2020 PIT was down 4.8% compared with 2019 PIT
  - Chronic homelessness was down 15.8% from 2019 to 2020
- System Performance Measures
  - For the first quarter of 2020, there was a spike in returns for ES between the last quarter of 2019 and the first quarter of 2020.
  - The number of persons with increased income has remained relatively stable. However, there were many blank responses; it is important that data are collected for all necessary components.
  - Exits from or retention in PH remain extremely high.
- COVID-19 in HMIS
  - HMIS is collecting COVID data on all consumers in HMIS and has held numerous trainings for providers on how to collect and enter these data.
  - CCEH reminded providers that there are two ways to enter the COVID test results:
    - Enter it manually one client at a time via the COVID-19 menu option
    - Upload an Excel spreadsheet with HMIS Id, Test Date, Test Result (Positive/Negative) to our secure Dropbox:  
<https://ncom.egnyte.com/ul/jLLeo11zE4>

8. SC Meeting Schedule for 2020 (generally 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month)

- July 17, 2020
- August 21, 2020
- September 18, 2020
- October 16, 2020
- November 20, 2020
- December 18, 2020

9. COVID-19 Office Hours

- 7/10 -12-1
- 7/24 – 11-12