

CT Balance of State
(CT BOS)
Continuum of Care
(CoC)
Steering Committee
Meeting

February 19, 2021



Agenda

- Welcome
- Announcements
- Reallocation for 2021 HUD CoC Competition
- Creating Intentional Space
- Conflict of Interest
- Discussion on Possible Reallocation Projects
- New Project Priorities 2021
- Upcoming Steering Committee Meetings and COVID-19 Office Hours







New CT BOS Steering Committee Member
Robert Bongiolatti, Operations Coordinator
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Administration Unit



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CoC Competition



- FY20 CoC awards announcement released.
 - Awards based on 2021 FMR
 - BOS Award amount: \$46 million; ODFC: 14.5 million; total CT: \$60.6
 - Increase of \$2.4 million compared to last year
 - All renewals fully funded
 - Most renewal amounts went up due to FMR increases
 - HUD anticipates grant agreements will be available shortly– prioritizing grants expiring in CY20 Quarter 1
 - No reallocations or consolidations
 - No timeline yet for new DV bonus funds application

CoC Competition (2)

- FY21 CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) – HUD anticipates: May NOFA, consolidated application due in summer, awards announcement in December
- CT BOS completed FY21 CoC Competition Registration



Webinar: Converting Project-Based RA Projects to Sponsor Based to address underspending

3/18/21 - 10am-11:30am

◦ [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 853 8844 1201

Passcode: 242622

646-876-9923

3/18/21 - 10am-11:30am



Webinar: Intro to CT BOS

3/30/21 – 10:00-11:30

[Link for Meeting](#)

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Basic orientation for people new to the CoC or to those who want a refresher on how the CoC works

Reallocation for 2021 HUD CoC Competition



Concerns raised by Steering Committee Representative/CAN

- More discussion was needed prior to most recent vote.
- Process for making reallocation decisions needs to be mapped out.
- More exploration of possible methods/best practices from other communities would have been helpful.
- There are outstanding questions among CoC members.



Reallocation Process Overview

- October Steering Committee (SC) meeting: Review and discussion of Draft Reallocation Policies
- November SC meeting: Vote to approve Reallocation Policies – policy indicates SC makes the decision but not details on how: [CT BOS Reallocation Policy Link](#)
- December SC meeting: Discussion around how to vote for reallocation
- January SC meeting: Additional discussion around how to vote for reallocation
- January 29 – Reallocation vote due



Overview— Reallocation Policy

- Establishes criteria used to identify projects for possible reallocation
- Establishes procedures for reallocation:
 - Chairs identify projects for referral to SC
 - SC determines if to reallocate
 - Grievance Committee considers appeals
 - CT BOS team/chairs offer TA
 - SC decides how to allocate funds for new projects



Results of Vote on How to Make Reallocation Decisions

Steering Committee makes the decision to reallocate the funding **WITHOUT** knowing the projects to be reallocated





Creating Intentional Space

Discussion Encouraged During All Meetings!

- Please unmute at any time or use the chat feature.
- Please turn cameras on so that we can see each other.
- If time pressure is impacting space for discussion, we can extend time allocated for meetings.





Please Share Ideas
to Ensure
Deliberative
Decision- Making
and Voting Process

Reminders - Conflicts of Interest

- A conflict of interest is a situation in which a person has competing commitments, obligations, duties or goals.
- Can result in real or perceived lack of independence or impartiality
- A conflict of interest occurs, for example, when a Steering Committee member, a member of his/her immediate family, or his/her business associate has an interest, financial or otherwise, in any program or agency that receives Continuum of Care funds.
- SC Members must avoid situations where their personal interests or relationships interfere with acting in good faith on behalf of the CT BOS CoC.



Conflict of Interest Policy – Examples Relevant to Reallocation Decision

If one of the following statements applies to you, a member of your immediate family (e.g., a parent, spouse, domestic partner, child, or sibling) or a business associate please recuse:

- Employed by an agency that is seeking or considering seeking new project funds in FY21 CoC Competition
- Employed by an organization that has an investment in such an agency (e.g., a government agency or intermediary organization that provides match, capital funding, or tax credit syndication)
- On the Board or provides consulting services to such an agency

You may have another reason to recuse not included in these examples.





Reminder – CT BOS Conflicts of Interest Policy

“All individuals and representatives of organizations who have, are seeking, or considering seeking funds under the endorsement of the CoC must adhere to the following:

- A. He or she shall disclose to the CoC any conflict or appearance of conflict which may or could be reasonably known to exist.
- B. He or she shall not vote on any item that would create a conflict or appearance of conflict.
- C. He or she shall not participate in or influence discussions or resulting decisions concerning the award of a grant or other financial benefits to the organization that the member represents.
- D. He or she shall not lobby or seek information from any other member of the Continuum if such action would create a conflict or the appearance of a conflict.”

Questions about Conflicts of Interest?



Discussion on Projects Referred by Chairs for Possible Reallocation



Are we ready to move forward?

What information would be helpful for you to have when we have the reallocation discussion?



Discussion of BOS New Project Priorities 2021

Chairs' Proposal - New Project Priorities

Assuming no changes from HUD:

- Given that the State has received substantial Rapid Rehousing (RRH) funding due to the pandemic, ***fund Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) with any funds available for new projects.*** DV bonus not included and TBD.
- Indicate in RFP that the primary target pop is singles. Allow applicants to express intention to serve families.
- Allocate units among the highest scoring applications based on:
 - *total funding available*
 - *determine type of households and the number per CAN based on By-name list data*
- NOTE: CT BOS team anticipates that new project applications for the 2021 competition will be submitted in a new Zengine application portal.





Steering Committee CAN reps:

- Share information & upcoming votes from Steering Committee meetings with CAN membership
- Encourage CAN members to sign up for CT BOS e-mails: [Click here to sign up for BOS e-mails](#)

CT BOS Meeting Schedule Steering Committee & COVID-19 Office Hours



SC Meeting Schedule for 2021

- March 19, 2021; 11-12
- April 16, 2021; 11-12
- May 21, 2021; 11-12
- June 18, 2021; 11-12
- July 16, 2021; 11-12:30
(Semi-annual meeting)
- August 20, 2021; 11-12
- September 17, 2021; 11-12

Zoom Info for all SC mtgs

- [Meeting link](#)
- Meeting ID: 956 4487 8479
- Password: 414595
- Call-in number: 646-876-9923

BOS COVID Office Hours

- March 5, 2021; 11-12
- April 1, 2021; 11-12
- May 7, 2021; 11-12
- June 4, 2021; 11-12

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