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CT BOS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 8/21/2020



BOS 9.18.20
Steering Committee

1. Welcome

2. Announcements

- 2020 CoC Competition
 - HUD is looking into a very basic auto-renewal process for existing CoC projects and has indicated that there will be no NOFA, no reallocation, no new projects, and no new funding except for FMR adjustments to existing projects; requires congressional action and is held up in the coronavirus negotiations.
- New Project RFP for 2020 Competition
 - BOS had released the RFP for new projects but given the above info, BOS encourages organizations that are considering applying for new project funds to review the RFP so that you are familiar with what would be required in the event that the information above changes, but you may not want to spend time writing applications.
- Consumer Involvement Update
 - CSH is creating an advisory group and John Merz and Alice Minervino will serve on the committee.

3. Renewal Evaluation



2021 Draft Criteria
version 17.pdf

- 2021 Proposed Criteria - YHDP
 - DOH worked with YHDP providers to propose 2021 renewal evaluation criteria for YHDP projects. Proposed criteria are very similar to the usual CT BOS Renewal Evaluation criteria. Details of the proposal are below.
 - Performance for YHDP RRH, TH, and Diversion/Rapid (DIV/RE) Exit to be analyzed but not scored in 2021.
 - As with other types for Supportive Services Only grants that provide Coordinate Entry Services, YHDP Youth Navigators will not be evaluated in 2021.
 - Proposed adjustments to the usual CT BOS criteria:
 - At least one Adult Participant per household with previous residence that indicates qualified literal homelessness or Category 2 for YHDP
 - Div/RE only YHDP TH Only: LOS for participants is 60 days or less
 - YHDP RRH Only: LOS for participants is 9 months or less
 - YHDP projects excluded from some criteria: Consumer Surveys (DIV/RE), By-name list (DIV/RE & TH), Occupancy (DIV/RE)
 - The Steering Committee opted to vote on the proposal at this meeting instead of waiting until October, since the proposed criteria are very similar to the general

criteria which were discussed already in August. **Motion to accept the changes presented for YHDP. Motion approved.**

- Greater New Haven CAN (GNH CAN) Recommendations
 - The GNH CAN submitted a proposal to make the changes detailed below.
 - PSH & RRH Only: Average length of time from matched to housed Standard was 85% but none of the RRH projects met that standard. Actual performance was 46%. GNH CAN suggested to change to 50% housed within 30 days has been incorporated into the criteria. **Motion to accept this change approved.**
 - % of adults who have Earned income (non-youth and youth programs): GNH CAN suggested not scoring this in 2021 due to the COVID crisis. During the discussion it was noted that this measure is evaluated by HUD in System Performance Measures (SPMs). The SPMs are scored by HUD each year in the CoC Competition. Because increasing income can be challenging, these measures were added to help providers with an easier standard of including any income at all, as opposed to increasing income. There was discussion around the impacts of COVID on the economy and providers noted that many clients have lost income.
Motion: To only track adults who have earned income (for youth and non-youth programs) and do not score. Motion approved.
 - Percentage of adult participants who increased OTHER INCOME (NON-EARNED) from entry to exit/follow-up. GNH CAN propose reducing the benchmark for PSH to 40% from 50%. Providers noted that 50% for PSH seemed difficult to attain given the current situation with COVID.
 - **Motion: To change the standard to 45% instead of 50%. Motion approved.**
- Reminder - 2021 Consumer Survey Now Available <https://www.ctbos.org/renewal-evaluation/> Providers are not required to conduct the surveys at this time; they have been distributed to give providers additional time. Due dates for 2021 renewal evaluation documents will be provided in the fall.

4. Update on Election of 4th Steering Committee Co-Chair

- CT BOS SC made a decision previously to expand diversity within the Executive Committee and to incorporate a person of color as a Co-chair. CT BOS is seeking candidates for the 4th Steering Committee (SC) Co-Chair, and we will vote at the September meeting.
 - We ask that candidates send a brief bio and brief answers to these questions:
 - Why are you interested in being a co-chair?
 - What skills and experience will you bring to the position?

Send to ctboscoc@gmail.com no later than 9/10. The info on candidates will be sent out to SC in advance of the 9/18 meeting.

5. Discussion on racial equity in BOS

- Time was not available for a full discussion.
- It was noted that CT BOS continues to explore strategies to ensure racial equity on decision-making bodies, in access to and outcomes of projects, and throughout all CoC processes.
- Suggestions for action steps are welcomed and can be sent to the chairs and/or CT BOS Team.

6. SC Meeting Schedule for 2020

(generally 3rd Friday of each month)

- September 18, 2020; 11:00 am – 12:00 pm
- October 16, 2020; 11:00-12:00
- November 20, 2020; time TBD
- December 18, 2020; time TBD

7. COVID-19 Office Hours

- September 11 – 12:00-1:00