



CT BOS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 4/16/21

1. Welcome



BOS SC 4.16.21
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2. Announcements

- There was a BOS 101 Webinar held on 3/30/21. Click for slides: [Intro to BOS CoC](#).
- HUD extended COVID-19 Waivers: [CT BOS HUD COVID-19 Waiver Memo 4.12.21](#)
 - Grantees must notify HUD of intent to use extensions: CPD_COVID-19WaiverHAT@hud.gov
 - DMHAS & DOH notified HUD already; Subrecipients of
 - DOH/DMHAS should not submit waiver notification.
 - Agencies receiving CoC funds directly from HUD need to submit their own notification.
- HUD's Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPS) New Listservs
 - Register for both: [SNAPS Competition Information listserv Sign-up](#) & [SNAPS Program Information listserv Sign-up](#)
- CT BOS CoC new project Request for Proposals (RFP) for Permanent Supportive Housing and Joint Transitional/Rapid Rehousing will be coming out soon.
- CT BOS will use the title "Community Representative" instead of "Persons with Lived Experience" for the representatives on the CT BOS Steering Committee.
- At the March SC mtg, there was discussion regarding the discontinuation of funding for two CoC funded projects in CT BOS. Those projects have decided to relinquish their funding.

3. DOH Presentation on Con Plan Action Plan

- Mike Santoro from DOH presented the Action Plan to the Steering Committee. The Annual Action Plan provides a summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.
- He described the federal funding coming to CT and how the funds would be expended.
 - Emergency Shelter Grant - \$2 million (along with \$6 million in state funds) to fund shelter beds and RRH case management.
 - Housing for Persons living with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA) - \$271k to fund housing development and housing stability activities.
 - National Housing Trust Fund - \$8.5 million to create housing for extremely low income households.
 - Small Cities Grant - \$8.3 million to fund preservation activities.
 - American Rescue Plan - \$35 million in HOME funds to address homelessness through creation of housing.
 - Additionally, CT will be receiving between 500-1000 Section 8 vouchers. DOH will

receive the majority of them but all PHAs will get vouchers.

4. Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP) Updates

- The goal of the CLIP project is to increase the quantity and quality of meaningful engagement of persons with lived expertise (PWLE) in CT BOS.
- Stephanie Lazarus has been hired as the new CLIP Fellow. Stephanie shared that she is looking forward to having PWLE play a greater role in BOS and providing input into the policies and structure of the CoC.
- The recruitment strategy includes: incorporating a representative from each Coordinated Access Network; representation will be inclusive of the diversity of PWLE. It was noted that, ideally, participants should not be employed by agencies funded by CT BOS but this should not exclude their participation.
- There was a discussion around PWLE being employed by CANs. It was reported:
 - CANs are not currently employing PWLE.
 - The Youth Engagement Team Initiative (YETI) has a small fund to compensate PWLE.
- There will be trainings for Steering Committee members in the fall including:
 - Race and Racism 101
 - Conscious Conversations about Race
 - Interrupting and Re-Directing Microaggressions
 - Creating Intentional Space

5. Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) Written Standards

- Updates to the YHDP written standards were presented at the March Steering Committee meeting.
- **Motion: to approved the updated YHDP Written Standards. Motion approved by consensus**

6. Feedback from CANs on DedicatedPLUS rollout

- In the 2019 CoC Competition, all BOS PSH projects converted to DedicatedPLUS. The purpose of the conversion was to enable BOS to serve people who are highly vulnerable but not currently experiencing chronic homelessness.
- Beginning 1/1/21, all CANs began making DedicatedPLUS referrals.
- Feedback from providers was positive. It was noted that the CANs are managing well and there have been no noted issues.
- One provider noted that the broader eligibility requirements have made it easier to get people into housing.

7. SC Meeting Schedule for 2021

(generally 3rd Friday of each month)

- May 21, 2021; 11-12:30
- June 18, 2021; 11-12:30
- July 16, 2021; 11-12:30 (Semi-annual meeting)
- August 20, 2021; 11-12:30
- September 17, 2021; 11-12:30
- October 15, 2021; 11-12:30
- November 19; 11-12:30

- December 17; 11-12:30

8. COVID-19 Office Hours

- June 4 – 11-12