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# CT BOS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 5/21/21

#### 1. Welcome



## Attendees:

### 2. Announcements

- Attendance Record for Steering Committee Meetings will be generated out of Zoom.
  Participants should ensure that their full names appear on Zoom. If a participant joins by phone, they should e-mail their name to <a href="mailto:lisaacs@housinginnovations.us">lisaacs@housinginnovations.us</a> so that they can be included in the attendance list.
- There is a new project RFP for CT BOS HUD CoC funding. The Bidders' Conference was 5/11, and slides/recording of meeting are on BOS website: <u>Link to Website</u>
- The CT BOS CoC Semi-annual meeting is on 6/18/21.
- The Chairs' Election will be held during the Semi-annual meeting.
- CANs are requested to submit CAN reps for CT BOS Steering Committee Member registration to <a href="mailto:ctboscoc@gmail.com">ctboscoc@gmail.com</a> by 6/10/21.
- HUD Updates
  - 548 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) are coming to CT and will be administered through Public Housing Authorities. The CoC and PHAs must enter into an MOU no later than 7/31/21.

#### 3. CT BOS Renewal Evaluation

2021 Updates



- CoC-Wide Project Performance Results
  - SC reviewed key findings
- Cost Effectiveness Key Findings
  - o CT BOS analyzed costs per household served and found:
    - For Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), the median annual service cost/household was \$2,891.
    - For Rapid Rehousing (RRH), the median annual cost/permanent housing exit was
      \$8.892
    - For Transitional Housing (TH), the median annual cost/exit to permanent housing was \$7,690.
    - For Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) TH, Median annual cost/exit to permanent housing was \$5,334.
- Consumer Survey Results BOS, Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services & YHDP
  - Feedback received from survey respondents was overwhelmingly positive. Consumers reported that they are satisfied with services and that the programs have improved their quality of life.

 One area where there was less satisfaction was consumers ability to have input into the program. It was suggested that we look at the survey question regarding input into programs to ensure that the correct information is being captured.

f/u: HI team to review consumer survey question on consumer input.

- Consumer Survey Equity analysis
  - Overall both CoC non-YHDP & YHDP participants reported a high degree of satisfaction across all domains, races and ethnicities analyzed.
  - Black and Hispanic/Latinx respondents reported less satisfaction than other respondents on having the opportunity to provide input into the program.
  - People who identify w/multiple races, reported less satisfaction than other respondents on the following: having service needs met, being treated with dignity, selfdetermination, feeling safe in the program, and having the opportunity to provide input into the program.
- Project Scores
  - There were 112 projects scored. The median score was 86.3.
- Corrective Action Threshold Discussion
  - It was decided by consensus that any renewal evaluation project that scored below 70 would be in corrective action.
    - f/u: Providers in Corrective Action will receive Correction Action letters requesting them to submit a Corrective Action Plan.
- 2022 Planning Process for Establishing Criteria
  - At the 6/18/21 Semi-annual meeting, 2022 Renewal Evaluation Criteria will be presented and at the 7/16/21 Steering Committee meeting, members will vote on the criteria.

#### 4. Time-Sensitive Decision Report from Chairs

- Following is the language from BOS By-Laws on Co-Chairs decision-making:
   "At the Steering Committee meeting that follows such a decision, the Co-chairs will make a
   report regarding a) the reasons why a decision needed to be made promptly by the Co-Chairs,
   b) the outcome of the Co-Chairs' decision, and c) the rationale for that decision. Such a report
   shall be documented in Steering Committee minutes."
- The Chairs needed to make a time-sensitive decision regarding Point-in-time data submission to HUD. The 2021 chronically homeless (CH) numbers reported were three times as high as the 2020 CH numbers. In an effort to provide a more accurate picture of the CH numbers and more closely follow the methodology, the CoC Co-Chairs unanimously decided to use the verified By-Name List number for the night of the count for both sheltered and unsheltered persons.

#### 5. By-laws Updates

The proposed By-Laws updates were approved by consensus.



#### 6. HUD Equity Demo Data Presentation

- Preliminary review of data show:
  - Black and Hispanic persons make up a greater percentage of persons experiencing homelessness compared to the total population.
  - Number of days homeless for Asian and Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander is greater compared to other groups.

 White/Non-Hispanic/Latino, White Hispanic/Latino and African Americans had comparable outcomes with regard to exits to permanent housing and returns to homelessness.

## 7. SC Meeting Schedule for 2021

- 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, 2021; 11-12:30
- December 17, 2021; 11-12:30

#### 8. COVID-19 Office Hours

- July 2 11-12
- August 6 11-12
- September 3 11-12