

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

October 15, 2021



Agenda

- Welcome
- Adopt Meeting Minutes
- Announcements
- 2022 Annual Homeless Point-in-Time Count Update
- 2021 CoC NOFO Updates
- LGBTQIA+ Policy – Vote
- Proposed Bylaws Change to increase Representation by Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness on the Steering Committee
- DOH Waiver Request
- Upcoming Meetings



Approve CT BOS Steering Committee September 2021 Meeting Minutes



CT BOS September 2021 SC Meeting Minutes

Announcements





CT BOS Semi-Annual Meeting: 2/18/2022

Partnership for Strong Communities Updates



- Advocacy Update
- Regional hubs for minors experiencing unaccompanied homelessness
- Save the date for January 26, 2022 for the Collective Impact Summit
- Individuals interested in joining one of the Campaign's working groups can now fill out an [on line application form](#)
- Save the date: Partnership for Strong Communities will host the second annual [Connecticut Affordable Housing Conference \(CAHC\)](#) virtually, across Nov 15, 16 and 17, 2021.

BOS Representative to Reaching Home Campaign Advocacy Strategies group





Round Table Discussion for CoC Partners

State of CT HOME – American Rescue Plan (ARP) Allocation Plan

Monday, October 18, 2021
10:00 am to 11:00 am
Teams Meeting

Microsoft Teams meeting:
[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Or call in:

[+1 860-840-2075](#)

Phone Conference ID: 954 548 296#



HUD Expired Waivers 9/30/21

- Participant self-certification of income
- Use of owner certification in lieu of initial Housing Quality Standards (HQS) inspection
- HQS Annual Re-Inspection of Units
- Suspension of Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Monthly Case Management requirement



Equal Access Training

October 26, 2021

10:00 am - 11:00 am

- CT BOS Policy and HUD's Equal Access Rules
- Laws prohibiting discrimination
- Promote strategies to provide all individuals in CT BOS w/a safe, healthy, inclusive, affirming and discrimination-free environment.

Join Zoom Meeting:

- [Click to join webinar](#)
- Meeting ID: 850 6687 1741
- Passcode: 267959
- Phone: 646 876 9923

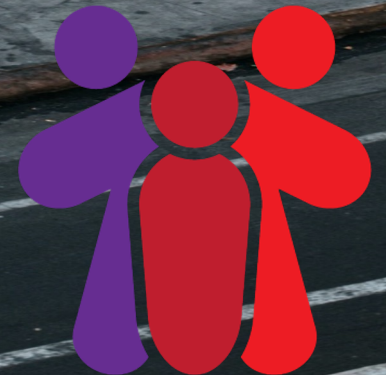


2022 Point-in-time Count of Homeless Persons
Update from Advancing Connecticut Together (ACT)



2022 Point in Time Count Methodology

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Homeless Count Methodology

Overview: Point In Time (PIT Count): 1/25/21

Sheltered Count

- Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, & Safe Haven from HMIS data
 - Will be auto-populated from HMIS
 - Non-HMIS projects enter data into the PIT Database

Unsheltered Count

- Street Outreach (SO) from HMIS Data*
- No statewide canvassing by volunteers
- SO projects not in HMIS will be added to PIT Database. Staff will input aggregate data
- **New:** Service Based Count to be used as a check on the unsheltered numbers



2022 PIT Count

On **Tuesday, January 25, 2022**, the State of Connecticut will conduct its annual statewide Point-in-Time (PIT) Count of people experiencing homelessness

- The PIT Count will consist of people experiencing **unsheltered** homelessness
- In addition, the PIT Count of people experiencing **sheltered** homelessness; and the Housing Inventory Chart



High level methodology summary

- There will be a modified version of an in-person count using outreach staff and volunteers
- The methodology uses a sample of in-person outreach data, as well as HMIS data.
- In addition, data from agencies that currently do not use HMIS, will be entered in aggregate format in the PIT Database



What is staying the same?

- CT PIT database
- Use of HMIS data
- Data extrapolation
- Regional Coordinators Collaboration



Key differences from previous counts

- New Contractor - ACT will be overseeing this year's PIT count
- Service based count & HMIS data

Traditional community canvassing methodology shift to random sampling for unsheltered individuals

- Condensed data collection from unsheltered individuals
- Integration of PATH outreach and local CANs data in unsheltered count (HMIS & Non-HMIS) Although this was used before, it will be executed in a different way



Upcoming PIT Count (Unsheltered)

- The collection of aggregate de-identified client data from HMIS to the PIT database for street outreach
- The collection of HUD required Sub-Population
- The collection of HUD required demographic data



Upcoming PIT Count (Unsheltered)

- HMIS Data+Service Based Count with verification questions
- First 3 letters of person's first & last name+month and birth year

| FFF+LLL+MMDDYYYY | Did you sleep in: the Street, Sidewalk, vehicle, inhabitable location? | Did you sleep in: transitional housing, motel, hotel, jail, hospital, treatment program, emergency shelter, with a friend, house or apartment, or in jail? | Did any other person ask you these questions? |
|------------------|--|--|---|
| BRE+COL+11301988 | Yes | No | No |

- The service-based count will take place over seven days (1/26/2022-2/1/2022)
- Verification lists (HMIS)
- CAN outreach
- Programs that use HMIS: Outreach Program staff can add if person was experiencing unsheltered homelessness on night of count using assessment in HMIS
- Programs who do not use HMIS:
 - Outreach Program staff will add aggregate data in the PIT database
 - Nutmeg will add programs to PIT database who are not using HMIS
 - Additional data entry may be required to de-duplicate data



Youth Count

- There will not be a specific youth count in 2022, but Youth will be included in HIC-PIT
- ACT will solicit and collect information from youth-serving organizations
- The 2022 count will include all youth under 25 years of age in collected data



Housing Inventory Count

- ACT to work with Nutmeg IT to ensure PIT database is accurately updated
- ACT to work with Regional Coordinators to verify and update HIC data



Data Quality Assurance Strategies

- ACT will provide COCs with updates on data provided by agencies
- ACT will work with Nutmeg to ensure duplicates are fixed
- ACT will ensure that all data quality concerns are promptly remediated



Next Steps, Comments, Questions?

- We have a bi-weekly coordination meeting with HIC/PIT leadership
- We have regular meetings/trainings with Regional Coordinators
- The next RC meeting is taking place at the end of October 2021



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2021 HUD Notice of Funding Opportunities (NOFO) Updates





New Projects

Bonus and Reallocation Funding:

- 11 PSH projects to be submitted as 5 PSH applications
- 66 new rental assistance units with support services
- Support services only to 187 households
- Supportive Services Only - Coordinated Entry Expansion (SSO-CE)

Domestic Violence Bonus

- TH/RRH – 5 new TH units and 10 new RRH units
- RRH – 33 new units
- DV Supportive Services Only (SSO) – Coordinated Entry (CE)

Ranking of CT BOS New Projects

Report on Vote: Ranking order electronically voted on/approved by Non-Conflicted Steering Committee Members:

1. PSH new project that scored highest by the Scoring Committee in Tier 1.
2. Rank in Tier 1 a small (approximately \$40K) PSH project that will fit nearly entirely in Tier 1 and earn the CoC 5 bonus points on BOS CoC Application for leveraging non-CoC Housing Subsidies.
3. Bulk of remaining funds in a PSH project at approximately \$2.038M.
4. Remaining funds in a PSH project at approximately \$190.5K.



Reallocation – CREDO, 0150 PSH Project



- **Report on Vote: Non-conflicted SC members voted electronically to reallocate 0150**
- Seven PSH units in Waterbury
- Monitored in 2016 and declined to provide plan to address significant findings, including: coordination w/CAN; documentation of eligibility; and ensuring that CoC operating funds are not utilized on units supported by a federal rental assistance subsidy.
- Performed poorly on renewal evaluations and was in Corrective Action for three years in a row (2019, 2020, & 2021).
- Renewal Evaluation Corrective Action Plans consistently inadequate to address performance issues.

Reallocation – CREDO, 0150 PSH Project (2)



- Agency notified of the intent to propose reallocation to the Steering Committee in March 2021
- Over past 7 months, Co-Chairs provided the agency specific actions to resolve issues and met 3 times w/agency.
- Provided multiple opportunities to correct issues and agency has been unable to address performance and compliance concerns.
- DOH offered Rental Assistance Program subsidies (RAPs) to be used in project in lieu of CoC funds. Agency rejected the offer.
- DOH remains committed to providing RAPs to the existing tenants to enable them to move out of the building with a housing voucher.

2021 Planning Grant Application 7/1/22 – 6/30/23

- CoC Operational Support
 - *Includes: Steering Committee, Chairs & Semi-Annual Meetings, Office Hours, Trainings, On-line Training Platform, Renewal Evaluation, Monitoring, Policy Development, Compliance TA, Electronic Document Accessibility*
- Annual CoC Consolidated Application
- HIC/PIT (including CAN Support)
- Agency and System HMIS Reporting
- Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP)

Ideas always welcome. More discussion on new priorities at the February 2022 CT BOS Semi-Annual Meeting





CT BOS LGBTQIA+ Draft Policies

Policy on Ensuring a Safe, Healthy, Inclusive, Affirming and Discrimination-free Environment for LGBTQIA+ Individuals



DISCRIMINATION

Background

- Connecticut law prohibits discrimination in employment, housing, public accommodations and credit transactions on the basis of sex, transgender status, gender identity, gender expression, sexual orientation and civil union status.
- HUD's Equal Access to Housing Rules prohibits certain forms of discrimination



Goals of Policy

- Support compliance HUD's Equal Access Rules and with laws prohibiting discrimination against LGBTQI individuals
- Promote strategies to provide all individuals who interact with CT BOS and agencies funded by CT BOS with a safe, healthy, inclusive, affirming and discrimination-free environment.



Non-Discrimination and Non-Harassment Policy

Complaints of harassment, discrimination, retaliation, or the creation of a hostile work environment may be reported to any of the following:

The [CT Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities](#)

Phone: [860-541-3400](#)

Connecticut Toll Free: [1-800-477-5737](#)

TDD: [860-541-3400](#)

CT BOS Grievance Committee in writing via e-mail (ctboscoc@gmail.com) or by phone at (917)449-3918.

Motion: To approve the CT BOS Policy on Ensuring a Safe, Healthy, Inclusive, Affirming and Discrimination-free Environment for LGBTQIA+ Individuals



CT BOS Governance Charter Change

CoC Steering Committee Member Selection (pg.6)

Current Language:

- The CoC Steering Committee is comprised of up to two consumers (homeless/formerly homeless persons)

Proposed Language:

- The CoC Steering Committee is comprised of up to six Community Representatives (i.e., Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness)

Electronic Vote will be sent out to SC



DOH Waiver Request - Vote

Motion: To approve DOH's request for a waiver for their 2021 Project Application for CT 0339 RRH to exceed the CT BOS \$7500 per household cap on supportive services funding with the understanding that DOH will consolidate the grant in the 2022 Competition with one or more other RRH projects in their portfolio, thereby bringing the consolidated supportive services budget line item in line with the cap.



Upcoming Meetings

SC Meeting Schedule

- November 19, 2021; 11-12:30
- December 17, 2021; 11-12:30
- January 21, 2022; 11-12:30
- February 18, 2022; 11-12:30*
*Semi-Annual Meeting
- March 18, 2022; 11-12:30
- April 22, 2022; 11-12:30
- May 20, 2022; 11-12:30
- June 17, 2022; 11-12:30

COVID Office Hours

- November 5, 2021; 11-12
Moving On from Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- December 3, 2021; 11-12
CLIP Training (Consumer Leadership Involvement Project)

Zoom Info for all meetings:

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



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