

**CT BOS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

**10/15/21**

1. **Welcome**
2. **September Steering Committee Meeting Minutes**

* Minutes were adopted by SC.



1. **Announcements**

* CT BOS Semi-Annual Meeting – 2/18/22
* There will be time to talk about new project ideas, BOS strategic planning, HUD Planning Grant and more.
* Parternship for Strong Communities (PSC) Update
  + Coordinating Committee is looking at legislative priorities for upcoming session that begins in 2/2022.
* By-name-list is in development for Youth; currently underway in Eastern CAN, Stamford and Manchester.
* PSC is actively recruiting for working groups, and groups are open to everyone.
* BOS Participation in Reaching Home Campaign Advocacy Strategies group
  + Alyssa Eckstein from Liberty Community Services is the BOS rep.
* Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP)
* Training on 12/3: CLIP Cohort members and CSH staff will facilitate a conversation to help identify structural barriers to participation for persons with lived expertise and begin to create culturally inclusive environments.
* Round Table Discussion for CoC Partners
  + State of CT HOME – ARP Allocation Plan – 10/18/21
  + There will be 4 meetings; ultimately goal is to get community input on HOME American Rescue Plan funding. CT DOH received about $30 million in funding.
* HUD Expired Waivers
* 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 CaseManagement requirement
* Equal Access Training
  + Training will be held 10/26 at 10am.

1. **Update from ACT on PIT**

* Count will take place 1/25/22
* PIT Methodology
  + Sheltered Count
* Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, & Safe Haven counts derived from HMIS data
* Non-HMIS projects enter data into the PIT Database
  + Unsheltered Count
* Street Outreach (SO) derived 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

1. **2021 NOFO**

* 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
* Results of Ranking Scenario Vote by Non-Conflicted Steering Committee Members
  + Non-conflicted members voted to approve proposed scenario.
* PSH new project that scored highest by the Scoring Committee in Tier 1.
* 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.
* Bulk of remaining funds in a PSH project at approximately $2.038M.
* Remaining funds in a PSH project at approximately $190.5K.
* Results of Reallocation Vote by Non-Conflicted Steering Committee Members
  + Non-conflicted members voted to reallocate CREDO project (CT0150).
* 2021 Planning Grant Application
  + Reviewed what is included in the application.
  + People can send comments/suggestions in to [ctboscoc@gmail.com](mailto:ctboscoc@gmail.com) and we will discuss at Feb Semi-annual meeting.

1. **LGBTQIA+ Policy – Vote**

* Discussed last month at Steering Committee & incorporated comments submitted since then.
* Motion: To approve the CT BOS LGBTQIA+ Policy. Motion passes.

[Draft LGBTQIA+Policy](https://www.ctbos.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/LGBTQI-Policy-CT-BOSv3.pdf)

1. **CT BOS Governance Charter Change**

* 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)”
* It was suggested to change language to: “at least two PWLE and up to six.”
* An electronic vote on this motion including the suggested change will be sent out in accordance with by-laws requirement that Steering Committee receives at least 10 days notice of proposed changes.

1. **DOH Waiver Request**

* **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. Motion passes.

1. **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

1. **COVID-19 Office Hours & CLIP Training**
   * November 5, 2021; 11-12
   * December 3, 2021; 11-12 – CLIP Training