



CT BOS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes

4/17/26 - 11:00 am – 12:30pm

For more detail on the agenda items below, please see the slides, which start on page 3.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Welcome new Steering Committee Members

3. Guidelines for BOS Meetings

4. Adopt March Steering Committee Meeting Minutes -Minutes adopted by consensus

5. Announcements

- Debrief post-Steering Committee mtg
- CT Homelessness Training LMS: There are currently 30 courses up on the Learning Management System (LMS). After establishing the LMS this year and building the catalogue, next year the focus will move to creating training tracks for different system roles. If you haven't done so already, [please register here](#) for access.
- Administration & Indirect Costs Webinar: Wednesday, April 22, 10 - 11:30 a.m.
- Eligibility Webinar: Wednesday, May 20, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- CT BOS CoC Geography: Opening Doors Fairfield County (ODFC) has started a discussion about transferring Northwest Coordinated Access Network (NW CAN) grants from CTBOS to ODFC COC. ODFC reports that the question has come up over the years as to whether combining the CANS with the same backbone agency would create some efficiencies and allow for more support.
 - The potential risks and benefits to clients, providers, and systems were discussed, especially the impact on CTBOS.
 - It was noted that this move would have to be voted on and approved by ODFC, NW CAN, and CTBOS. No CT BOS vote is currently scheduled.
 - In a vote this past week, the NW CAN decided that they want to explore the options and process before potentially moving forward.

6. CT Department of Housing (DOH) Updates

- Presentation of State of CT Action Plan: DOH has opened public comments on the [2026-2027 Action Plan](#) until 5/15. They would like input on policies and priorities of the Department and how they are planning to spend the money. Please send your comments to ct.housing.plans@ct.gov
- Public Act 25-44 states that beginning 4/1/26, landlords must include a standardized [Rental Summary Form](#) as the coversheet of all housing leases signed in CT. All landlords have to provide this form regardless of funding source or housing type.

7. Break Out Groups

8. CoC Competition and Lawsuit Updates

- CoC Builds Ruling: The Court found the CoC Builds NOFO was unlawful and voided

the results. CoC Builds funds remain available for HUD to award lawfully.

- CoC FY25 NOFO Appeal Ruling: Court declined HUDs request to move forward with the FY25 NOFO.
- CoC FY25 Awards: HUD announced first quarter annual renewals, the second quarter renewals have to be processed now as well, but HUD seems to be waiting until 6/30/26. HUD will have to renew quarters three and four as well if there is no NOFO with awards made by July 1st, which seems to be the case.
- CoC FY26 Competition: HUD is required to release 2026 NOFO by 6/26 and they have said it will be identical to the December FY25 NOFO. Make sure your e-snaps applicant profile is updated and at least two users have active e-snaps access. More guidance will be coming on the PH to TH conversion process.

9. CT BOS Governance/Elections

- Votes:
 - Updates to Governance Policies
 - A motion was passed to allow the Youth Action Board (YAB) to designate one person to the Steering Committee who will serve as a voting member as the “YAB Representative”.
 - Steering Committee Nomination
 - A motion passed to accept the nomination of Michelle Anderson, Director of Early Childhood and Family Programs, McKinney-Vento Liaison, EdAdvance Early Childhood to the CT BOS Steering Committee

10. Data Strategy Board Updates

- The DSB is reviewing the responses to the RFP for an HMIS vendor and plans to have a decision by the end of May.
- HMIS compliance monitoring starts in May.
- There are two vacant slots on the DSB—one for a homeless service provider and 1 for ODFC or CAN backbone organization. Please apply [here](#).


11. Partner Announcements & Other Business

- DHMAS has been working with Nutmeg on the street outreach Engage app. In an effort to increase usage they are asking anyone who does homeless outreach work to take 2-3 minutes to answer this anonymous [survey](#).

12. Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

- May 15, 2026; 11-1 – Semi-annual Meeting
- June 12, 2026; 11-12:30
- July 17, 2026; 11-12:30
- Aug 21, 2026; 11-12:30
- Sept 18, 2026; 11-12:30
- Oct 16, 2026; 11-12:30
- Nov 20, 2026; 11-12:30
- Dec 18, 2026; 11-12:30

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



April 17, 2026

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Agenda

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- Break Out Groups
- CoC Competition and Lawsuit Updates
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- Steering Committee Meeting Schedule



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Welcome New BOS
Steering Committee
Members!

Elected Official:

- Nick Menapace, State Representative, 37th District

Law Enforcement:

- Brian Wright, Chief of Police, New London Police Department

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CT BOS Group Agreements for Meetings

Developed by Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP)

- Be present and listen actively
- Choose courage over comfort
- Participate to the fullest of your ability
- Take space, make space
- Assume good intent, but also acknowledge impact
- Challenge ideas, not people
- Use "I" statements
- Recognize emotional tax, extra labor, and burden that Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders (AAPI), Latino/a/x, LGBTQ+, persons with Behavioral Health issues, DV survivors, Veterans and people with lived expertise/experience of homelessness face in some conversations
- Honor the Conflicts of Interest Policy



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Approve March Steering Committee Meeting Minutes



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Reminder: Post Steering Committee Debrief

- Anyone who has questions or comments about Steering Committee business can stay on at the end of the monthly zoom meeting.
- As always, questions/comments can also be sent CTBOSCoC@gmail.com or call a team member any time!



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Webinar: Administration & Indirect Costs Training

Webinar: 4/22: 10 - 11:30


- [Zoom Link](#)
- Meeting ID: 824 3955 8723; Passcode: 997663; Phone: 309-205-3325

Audience: Program Directors, Finance Staff, Staff responsible for overseeing compliance

Content: Documenting staff time, Direct vs Indirect, de minimis rates, Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC), and Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreements (NICRA), project admin costs and more



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Eligibility Documentation Training

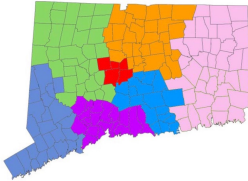
Webinar: May 6, 2026 | 10:00 - 12:00
Zoom Link - Meeting ID: 823 6890 1012 | Passcode: 476140 | Dial-in: 309-205-3325

What We'll Cover:

- HUD eligibility requirements for all CT BOS CoC & YHDP program types
- Types of documents meeting each requirement
- Using the New HMIS Homelessness Verification View
- Other Tools and templates to fulfill requirements
- Safety considerations
- Question and answer

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CT BOS Geography



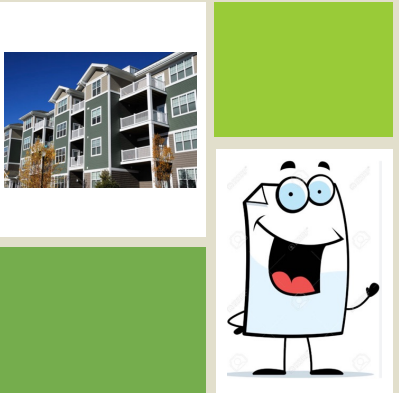
- ODFC has started discussions about transfer of NW CAN grants from CT BOS to ODFC CoC
- Meetings are in progress and NW CAN is currently voting on this
- Process:
 - CT BOS CoC, ODFC CoC and the NW CAN all need to vote to agree to change in geography
 - The NW Council of Governments would also need to support the change
 - Would move all direct HUD grants in the NW to ODFC
 - Would require 2-year NOFO process to move NW funding in statewide grants
 - HUD confirmation needed to ensure transfer of all funds is allowable
 - NW CAN is currently voting on this. ODFC has voted to approve this transfer.
 - More discussion will be had at future BOS SC meetings

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CT Department of Housing (DOH) Updates

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Rental Terms Summary Form

- Complete Rental Terms Summary Form and include as first page of any new or renewed lease
- Form is required for any written lease entered into on or after April 1, 2026

[Standardized Rental Terms Summary Form](#)

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**State of Connecticut
Department of Housing**


**2026-2027 Annual Action Plan for
Housing and Community Development**



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2026-2027 Action Plan: Anticipated Timeline

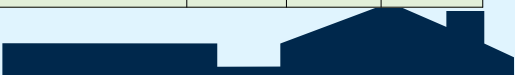
Timeline		
Public Input (Pre-Plan)	Community Input	3/17/2026 – 4/1/2026
	Public Meeting	3/17/2026
	State Round Table	3/18/2026
	Community Round Table	3/19/2026
Public Input (Draft Plan)	Community Input	4/7/2026 – 5/7/2026
	Public Meeting	4/7/2026
	State Round Table	4/15/2026
	Community Round Table	4/16/2026
Legislative Hearing		Anticipated May 2026
Final Submission		Anticipated May 15, 2026



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2026-2027 Action Plan: Anticipated Federal Funding

Anticipated Federal Funding for Development and Housing Support			
Housing (DOH)	HUD FY 2024-25	HUD FY 2025-26	HUD FY 2026-27
RHP	\$ 1,209,615	\$ 1,205,697	\$ 938,224
HOME	\$ 11,932,147	\$ 10,505,134	\$ 10,257,272
SC/CDBG	\$ 13,912,108	\$ 13,960,891	\$ 13,902,275
Housing Trust Fund	\$ 4,510,425	\$ 3,134,373	\$ 3,134,373
Emergency Solutions Grant	\$ 2,257,349	\$ 2,398,279	\$ 2,383,432
Housing Opportunities for Persons with Aids	\$ 312,736	\$ 294,456	\$ ----
TOTAL	\$ 34,134,380	\$ 31,498,831	\$ 30,615,577



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Priority Needs: 2026-2027 Action Plan


- Development of Affordable Housing
- Preservation of Affordable Housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing for Special Needs Populations
- Homelessness Prevention
- Non-Housing Community Development
- Eliminating Lead Based Paint Hazards
- Fair Housing and Housing Choice



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**State of Connecticut
Department of Housing**

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Discussions



- Introduce yourself, your role, and how long you have been attending Steering Committee meetings
- Discussion for today:
 - What comments do you have on the CT DOH Plan?
 - Please record and submit - share suggestions in the chat or email to ctboscoc@gmail.com


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CoC Competition and Lawsuit Updates

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CoC Builds Ruling




- Court found that HUD:
 - Unlawfully changed CoC Builds funding rules last minute
 - Had already reviewed applications and selected projects before changes
 - Had no good reason for adding immigration, drug, homelessness, & sex/gender requirements
 - Was not allowed to deny funding based on local government policies
 - Must follow established legal processes when making policy changes
- Court ruled:
 - To void the September 2025 CoC Builds NOFO and all newly added rules
 - CoC Builds funds remain available until lawful decisions are made by HUD

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CoC FY25 NOFO Appeal Ruling

- **2025 CoC Competition NOFO**
 - Lawsuits filed to stop FY25 CoC NOFO
 - Federal District Court in Rhode Island blocked HUD from implementing FY25 CoC NOFO
 - HUD appealed
- **Appellate Ruling**
 - 4/1/26, the U.S. Court of Appeals declined HUD's request to undo the district court decision
 - HUD cannot move forward with FY25 NOFO while the case continues



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CoC FY25 Awards

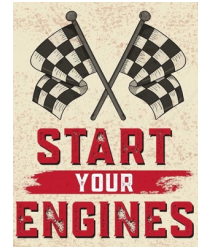


- HUD announced \$349,205,436 in FY 2025 CoC Program renewal funding for projects that expired in the calendar year **quarter 1** of 2026
- Reminder: if HUD does not conclude the FY2025 CoC Competition and announce awards:
 - Prior to April 1, 2026, HUD must renew grants that expire in **quarter 2** of Calendar Year 2026 (4/1 – 6/30)
 - HUD representative has indicated they have until 6/30 to get grants out
 - Prior to July 1, 2026, HUD must renew grants that expire in **Quarters 3 and 4** of Calendar Year 2026 (7/1 -12/31)
 - Recent appeals decision increases likelihood all FY25 projects will be renewed non-competitively

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CoC FY26 Competition



What we know

- HUD is required to release 2026 NOFO by June 2026
 - Have said will be identical to Dec FY25 NOFO
- CoC Program Registration is open and due 4/23/26 – this is first step of competition

I'm a provider, how can I get ready?

- Ensure you have at least two e-snaps users
- Update Applicant Profile in e-snaps (only for grantees)
- For PH projects slated to convert to TH:
 - COMING SOON – Updated PH to TH conversion guidance

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Reminders:
Previous Steering Committee Decisions

- [Engagement Principles](#)
- [Guiding Principles for FY2025 CoC Competition Track Decisions](#)
- [Permanent Housing Retention Guiding Principles](#)



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CT BOS Governance Votes

VOTE TODAY! ALL STEERING COMMITTEE REPS CAN VOTE.

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Vote - Governance
Proposal: YAB Rep on Steering Committee


Motion: The Youth Action Board (YAB) designates one person to the Steering Committee to represent them as a voting member



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Vote on Steering Committee Nomination



Vote: To accept the nomination of Michelle Anderson, Director of Early Childhood and Family Programs, McKinney-Vento Liaison, EdAdvance Early Childhood, to the BOS Steering Committee

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Data Strategy Board Updates

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Data Strategy Board Updates- April 2026

- RFP for HMIS software vendor
 - Received 5 proposals
 - Meeting with vendors in the new few weeks for demos
 - Scoring criteria created
- KPI subcommittee
 - Focusing on inflow/outflow dashboard
 - Scope of work will be sent to BOS co-chairs and CCEH
 - Will be presenting at the ATI (in addition to a short session on HMIS reporting)



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Data Strategy Board Updates- April 2026

HMIS compliance monitoring starting in early May

Review of HMIS Disaster Recovery Plan is in process

Vacant DSB slots: 1 homeless service provider, 1 ODFC or CAN backbone org

• You can apply here:

<https://forms.gle/9EuxMHZ2eo5sNkwA7>



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Partner Announcements

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Other Business?



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Upcoming CT BOS SC Meetings



Meetings are from 11:00-12:30 unless otherwise noted

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Zoom Info for all SC meetings:

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

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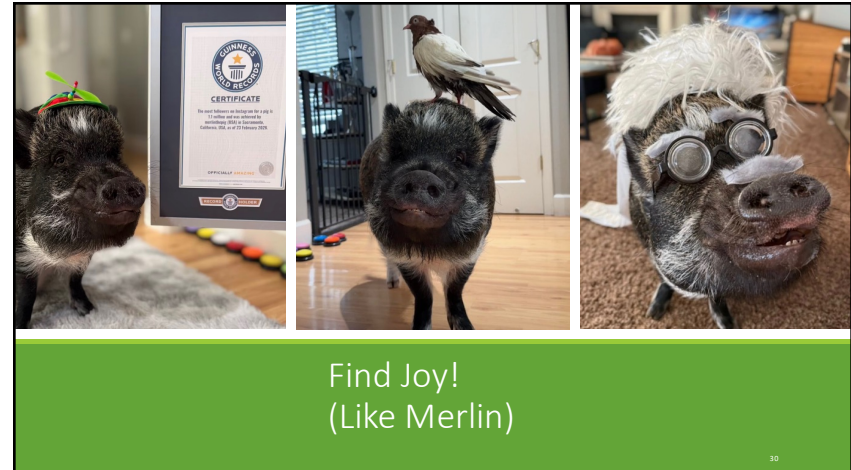
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