

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

June 12, 2026





Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Guidelines for BOS Meetings
- Adopt May Meeting Minutes
- Announcements
- DSS Presentation:
 - Updates to Medicaid and SNAP
- HUD Updates & CoC NOFO
 - Notice of Funding Opportunity
 - Upcoming Votes
- Data Strategy Board Updates
- Partner Announcements
- Other Business
- Meeting Schedule

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



Approve May Meeting Minutes



Draft BOS May 2026 Semi-annual Mtg Minutes

Announcements



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!





Good News!
No Renewal Evaluation Corrective Action this year!



DMHAS & BOS Participant Surveys

DMHAS Surveys are due
6/30/26

- Surveys are submitted directly to DMHAS

BOS survey due date TBD
(late fall/winter 2026)

[Link to Paper Participant Survey – English](#)

[Link to Paper Participant Survey – Spanish](#)

H.R. 1 (the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”) SNAP & Medicaid Impacts

**BOS Steering Committee
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- There are several parts of the federal law that was signed on July 4, 2025, that will impact Connecticut residents who receive SNAP and HUSKY/Medicaid services:
 1. SNAP work requirements for able-bodied adults without dependents (ABAWD)
 2. SNAP & Medicaid eligibility changes for non-citizens
 3. Medicaid community engagement/work requirements
 4. Medicaid eligibility verification frequency
 5. Medicaid changes in retroactive coverage

Prior State:

- Many classifications of non-citizens qualified for SNAP, including:
 - Lawful permanent residents
 - Cuban/Haitian entrants
 - COFA citizens*
 - Refugees / asylees / parolees
 - Victims of trafficking
 - Victims of domestic violence
 - Afghan or Iraqi Special Immigrants (SIV)**

Current State:

- Restricts SNAP eligibility to only:
 - Lawful permanent residents
 - Cuban/Haitian entrants
 - COFA citizens

* COFA (Compacts of Free Association) citizens are those individuals from Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau who lawfully reside in the U.S.

** Afghan or Iraqi SIVs are individuals admitted under Section 101(a)(27) of the Immigration and Nationality Act which grants special immigrant status to individuals who worked with the U.S. government for a period of at least 1 year.

Prior State:

- Adults 19 to 54 must prove that they are engaged in 80+ hours per month of work or community engagement
- Exempts adults with children under age 18
- Exempts veterans, those experiencing homelessness, and those under 24 who aged out of foster care at 18
- Allows waivers for certain towns/areas that lack sufficient jobs

Current State:

- Adults 19 to **64** must prove that they are engaged in 80+ hours per month of work or community engagement
- Changes exemption to adults with children under age **14**
- **Removes exemptions** for veterans, those experiencing homelessness, those under 24 who aged out of foster care at 18
- **Limits geographic waivers** to towns/areas that have an unemployment rate > 10%

- Receive any temporary or permanent disability benefit such as SSI, SSDI, or Veteran's Benefits regardless of rating
- Physically or mentally unable to work
- Have applied for or receiving unemployment
- Going to school, college, or a training program at least half time
- Participating in a drug addiction or alcohol treatment and rehabilitation program
- Already meeting work requirements for TFA
- Parent/caregiver of an individual with a disability
- Certain Native American populations

Current State:

- No work or community engagement requirements for Medicaid eligibility in Connecticut

Future State:

- Starting January 1, 2027, HUSKY D enrollees will need to meet work requirements or community engagement rules to get or keep coverage
- Work/income: Proof of at least 80 hours/month of work or income of at least \$580/month (federal minimum wage x by 80 hours)
- Community engagement: Proof of at least 80 hours/month of community service or a qualified work or training program; enrolled at least half-time in an education program; or any combination of community engagement and work totaling at least 80 hours per month

- Veterans with 100% rated disabilities (*different from SNAP*)
- Medically frail (e.g., blind, disabled, children with serious emotional disturbances, adults with serious mental illness, chronic substance use disorders, serious and complex medical conditions)
- Participating in an approved drug or alcohol treatment or rehabilitation program.
- Already meeting work requirements for SNAP and/or TFA
- Caregiver of a child under age 14 or someone who needs help with daily activities
- Individuals recently released from incarceration for 90 days post release
- Certain Native American & Alaska Native populations
- Foster and former foster youth
- Short-term hardship waiver (e.g., individuals receiving medical care out of state)

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Verification Frequency

Current State

- Individuals on HUSKY D must renew their eligibility every 12 months

Future State

- Effective date: January 1, 2027
- Individuals on HUSKY D must renew their eligibility every 6 months

Retroactive Eligibility

Current State

- Coverage can be granted retroactively up to 90 days prior to the date of application

Future State

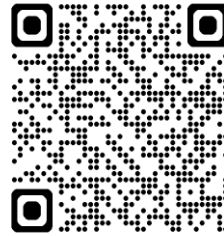
- Effective January 1, 2027
- Limits retroactive coverage to one month prior to application for coverage for HUSKY D; two months for HUSKY A, B, C

H.R. 1 & Connecticut Partners

How can we help our fellow CT residents?

- Make sure residents have current contact information so they don't miss any important information! If they are unsure where to update their info they can go to:

<https://portal.ct.gov/updateusdss>



How can we stay up to date?

- As guidance is released, we will update our H.R. 1 Main Page

<https://portal.ct.gov/dss-hr1>

How can we help families know if the work rules apply to them?

- DSS Work Rules Pre-screener

<https://portal.ct.gov/husky/huskydprescreener>

<https://portal.ct.gov/snapworkrules>



DSS Benefits and H.R.1



What is H.R.1?
A federal law known officially as H.R. 1, in Congress, is also known as The One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

- H.R. means this bill started in the U.S. House of Representatives.
- 1 means it was the first bill introduced during that session.

How the Law Was Passed
Congress used a process called budget reconciliation to pass this law. Budget reconciliation is used to:

- Make changes to federal programs
- Adjust how much money those programs receive
- Move budget-related laws through Congress more quickly

Review the full details of the H.R.1 changes >

What programs are affected?
The new law changes some public benefit programs that DSS oversees, including:

- SNAP (helps people buy food)
- HUSKY Health (health care for people in Connecticut)

These changes may affect how people get benefits, who can qualify, or how the programs are funded.


What should I expect?
If you receive SNAP or HUSKY and the law affects your benefits:

- DSS will send you a notice
- Notices will include next steps, dates, and anything you need to do

You do not need to act until you receive information directly from DSS.

How can I stay informed?
For updates:

- Visit the Connecticut DSS website often
- Check your mail, email, or MyDSS account for messages from DSS
- Add DSS to your contacts today! Text messages will come from the DSS short code number (6532) or the DSS Benefits Center number 1-855-628-4632
- Keep your information updated

 **I get benefits**
Read about the changes to your benefits and when they might happen.

 **I am a Community Partner**
Read about changes that may affect providers and other stakeholders. The updates cover provider taxes, SNAP error rates, and Covered CT.





HUD Updates & CoC Competition Discussion & Votes

FY2025 CoC Quarter 3 & 4 Grant Awards Announced

- Grants expiring 7/1-12/31/26 have been awarded
- [Link to Q3 & Q4 Awards](#)
- All FY2025 awards have now been announced



2026 NOFO - Funding

- Total funding: \$4.04B nationally
 - Tier 1: 60% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD)
 - Estimated Tier 1: \$47,648,776; Estimated Tier 2: \$41,765,851
 - CoC Bonus: 15% of Final Pro Rata Need (FPRN)
 - CT BOS capped at \$5M (was \$14.7M in 2025)
 - DV Bonus: \$104M nationally
 - CT BOS likely capped at \$5M (HUD info pending)
 - Planning: CT BOS Capped at \$1.5M
 - Total Estimated CT BOS Application: \$90,914,627
- Set asides: DV Bonus, New TH and SSO in Tier 2, Permanent Housing (PH) for Families
 - More on this later



2026 NOFO Highlights - HUD Policy Priorities



- HUD’s core policy priorities are the same but additions:
 - “Reintroduce competition into the NOFO”
 - Change in funding strategy from previous NOFO
- “Rebalance” CoC funding, directing more \$\$ to Transitional Housing (TH) and Support Services Only (SSO)
 - ✓ Essentially caps PH
 - ✓ No new funds for Permanent Housing
 - ✓ All renewal projects can be either retained or transitioned to TH
 - ✓ PH participants eligible for TH
- Prioritizes treatment and recovery (not Housing First)
- Supportive services required (except for VAWA)
- Reduce unsheltered homelessness

2026 NOFO Highlights - HUD Policy Priorities (2)

- Provide 20 hours/week of customized services for each TH new project participant – reduced proportionately for those employed (exemptions for some groups)
- Promote self-sufficiency by increasing employment income and accessing unsubsidized housing
- Partner with law enforcement and first responders to advance public safety
- Prohibitions on activities related to safer substance use
- Reduce encampments





2026 NOFO Highlights – Set Asides

- DV Bonus funds: \$104M nationally; \$5M (estimated) CT BOS
- **New TH and SSO projects at \$1.3B for projects in Tier 2 (32% of total funds nationally).**
- \$430M for new or renewal PH for families (11% of total funds nationally)
 - Unlikely to be meaningful
 - Highly likely to be exhausted before HUD begins selecting Tier 2 projects
- No set aside for new PH funding (change from 2025 NOFO).

HUD's Project Selection Order



1. CoC Planning and UFA
2. Tier 1 Projects
3. HUD determines how much new DV Bonus funding was awarded in Tier 1.
 - If less than \$104M, fund additional DV Bonus projects
4. HUD determines how much new/renewal PH for families funding was awarded in Tier 1.
 - If less than \$430M, fund additional PH for families projects
5. New TH and SSO projects in Tier 2 up to \$1.3B set aside
6. Other types of new projects ranked in Tier 2 until \$1.3B is exhausted
7. Renewal Projects in Tier 2 – **HIGH RISK OF NOT BEING SELECTED**

HUD's Selection Process for Tier 2 Projects

1. Threshold Review

- Eligibility requirements, eLOCCS, APRs, subjective criteria at HUD's discretion

2. Risk Review

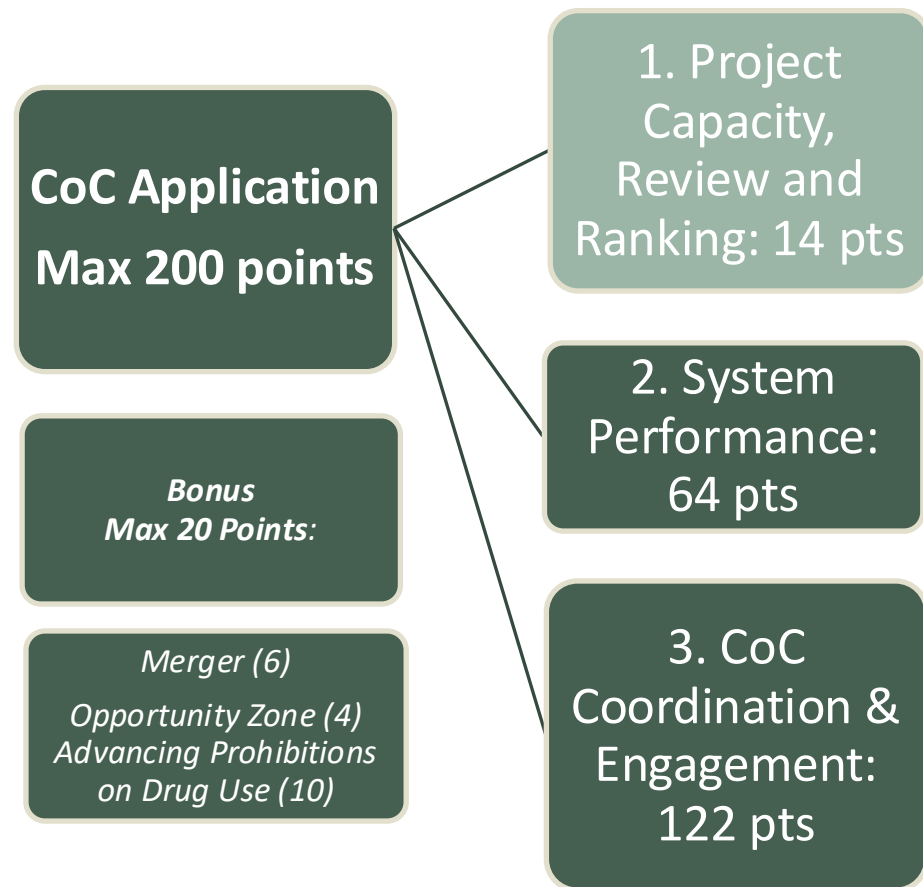
- News reports, Inspector General findings, past audits, performance history

3. Tier 2 Project Score using a 100-point scale

- CoC Score – up to 50 points based on the application score
- CoC Ranking & Project Size – up to 40 points
- Service Participation Requirements – up to 10 points (applies to housing projects only)



Coc Application Scoring



Will be reviewed in detail at the July meeting

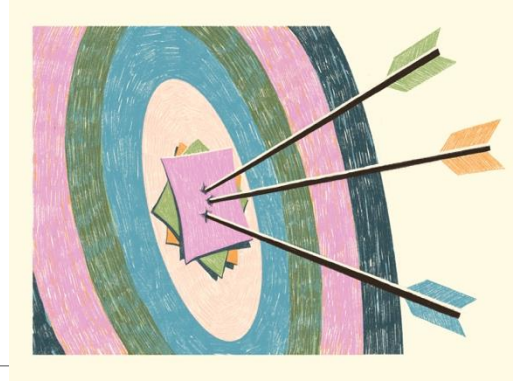
Big focus:

Performance (64 pts)

- Reductions in # of Homeless Persons (20 pts)
- Reduced Encampments (8 pts)
- Successful exits to PH (6 pts)
- Reduced Returns to Homelessness (6 pts)
- Job and Income Growth (12 pts)

Community Coordination (72 points)

- Tx provider participation
- Support service requirements
- Coordination with law enforcement
- Focus on safe streets and encampment decommissioning



Funding Selection Process Takeaways

- A large portion of funding is earmarked for set-asides – DV Bonus, PH for Families, new TH & SSO
 - Projects in Tier 2 that do not qualify for these set-asides will likely not get funded
 - Set-aside for new TH & SSO projects amounts to a back-door cap on PH

Strategies:

1. Rank all high priority projects that do not qualify for the \$1.3B set aside in Tier 1.
2. Separate Services funds from PH rental assistance/leasing to create new standalone SSO projects
3. Transition remaining renewal PH to TH as necessary to qualify for set-aside funds.
4. Apply for new TH/SSO and DV bonuses to qualify for set-aside funds.
5. Adjust as necessary based on new information that becomes available.



Discussion of Votes:

- 1) PH Retention Guidelines
 - 2) Project Ranking Policy for the 2026 NOFO
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Discuss today and vote electronically.

Votes due 6/16/26

Votes

Revised CT BOS CoC PH Retention Guiding Principles

- Already voted on, voting on revisions
- Revised based on changes to the NOFO and provider feedback
- Added (in document in yellow highlights):
 - “Retain RRH if feasible” and “separate RRH Services into standalone SSO grant if project is retained”.
 - “Align retained PSH and RRH units on the basis of an objective measure of need across the CANs”
 - A single service provider will be awarded the service grant for each congregate PSH project.



Votes (2)

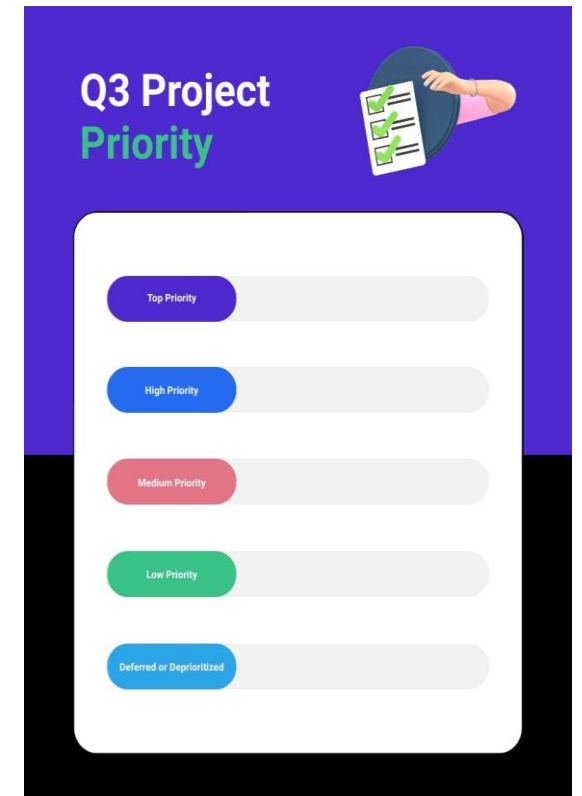
Ranking Policy 2026

HUD requires CoCs to rank all renewal and new projects as part of the NOFO competition.

- Ranking includes 2 Tiers & must be based on performance and local priorities.
- **Tier 1.** As long as the CoC submits a sound application and projects meet threshold, **60% of the funds needed for existing projects will be awarded.**
- **Tier 2** includes the rest of the funding for renewal projects and all bonus funds. Projects in Tier 2 are scored on a 100-point basis and compete against every Tier 2 project across the nation until HUD runs out of \$.

As noted earlier, HUD has been more directive about how they will select projects in 2026 and is using an entirely new approach.

While there are some unknowns, the proposed ranking strategy aims to minimize disruption to clients and programs, preserve PH and systems resources, and secure new funding for the CoC.





Motion #1: Carry Forward Past Ranking Strategies

- Rank using a combination of performance scores, application scores, model type and the best scoring advantage to maximize funds received.
- Rank renewal projects above new projects in order of evaluation score.
- Renewal projects not evaluated ranked below evaluated projects, but before new projects.
- Renewal Coordinated Entry (CE) and HMIS placed in Tier 1 to ensure funding.
- New projects ranked in Tier 2.



Motion #2: Adopt the Following Ranking Order for 2026

General:

- Rank all high priority projects that do not qualify for the \$1.3B set aside in Tier 1.
- Transition remaining renewal PH to TH as necessary to qualify for all set-aside funds according to the [CT BOS CoC PH Retention Guiding Principles](#)
- Adjust as new information emerges in accordance with principles - maximize likelihood of retaining existing and securing new funding

Motion #2: Adopt the Following Ranking Order for 2026 (2)

PRIORITiES

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



Tier 1*:

1. PSH units in renewal projects retained as PSH in Tier 1 (in accordance with CT BOS PH Retention Guiding Principles).
2. Any RRH units in renewal projects that can be retained as fits in Tier 1 (in accordance with updated [CT BOS PH Retention Guiding Principles](#))
3. SSO – Renewal Street Outreach
4. YHDP (Youth Navigators, Crisis Housing) Renewals
5. HMIS and Renewal SSO-Coordinated Entry at the bottom of Tier One

**Ranked within each renewal bucket based on renewal evaluation scores. Projects with identical scores ranked based on budget from the largest to the smallest. Projects not evaluated ranked at the bottom of the relevant bucket.*

Motion #2: Adopt the Following Ranking Order for 2026 (3)

Tier 2:

6. SSO with Services/Admin/HMIS funding for retained PSH and RRH units at the top of Tier 2 – (eligible for set-aside funding)
7. Any PSH, RRH and Joint TH/RRH renewals transitioning to TH (using scores from the reallocated project; eligible for set-aside funding)
8. New Interim Housing/TH Projects, SSO Street Outreach, and SSO Coordinated Entry projects (up to the amount eligible for set aside funding)
9. New DV Bonus projects in order of application score up to maximum established by HUD; (eligible for set-aside)



Motion #3: Carry Forward Established Principles for New Projects

- Ranking order within project cohorts determined by application score, followed by unscored projects (adjustments made to secure the most funding)
- DMHAS is the applicant for new Street Outreach project(s) and new SSO projects funding services in retained PSH*
- DOH is the applicant for new RRH, CE and new SSO projects funding services in retained RRH*

* Funds will be competitively awarded to subrecipients after HUD announces awards



Motion #3: Carry Forward Established Principles for **New** Projects (2)

- Rental assistance administered by same administrator used by State
- New PSH and RRH projects request \$9,000 annually for supportive services per household
- Funding allocated using formula based on data/need in each CAN such as BNL or a similar equitable standard



Who Can Vote?



- Community Reps: Melissa Dzierlatka, Theresa Miles, Cami Hawkins, Ernest Saunders, Tracy Samuel, Ramon Garcia, Kelvin McCullough
- CT Department of Labor: Robert Bongiolatti or Heriberto Cajigas
- CT Department of Social Services: Cassandra Norfleet-Johnson or Theresa Rivera
- CT Department of Correction: Joy Zavarella
- CT Department of Children and Families: Kim Somaroo-Rodriguez or William Seals
- U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs: Maureen Pasko or Jen Moriarty
- Partnership for Strong Communities: Danielle Hubley or Carline Charmelus
- Public Health Representative: Maria Lorenzo
- Elected Officials: Arunan Arulampalam or Jonathan Cabral, Laurie Sweet or Thomas Togneri, and Nick Menapace
- Law Enforcement: Jasmine Sanders and Brian Wright
- Education Sector: Michelle Anderson or Karen Pascale

Discuss today and vote electronically.

Votes due 6/16/26

Policies for discussion in July



Substance Use Policy:

Up to 10 points on CoC Application:

- Policy already adopted: Ensures that housing projects will not operate safe consumption sites, distribute drug paraphernalia, permit the use of illegal drugs on property under their control, or permit or encourage these activities.

Policy must (NEW):

- Describe remedies to be taken for violations, Encourage SUD treatment and recovery housing, Not restrict/prohibit CoC funded housing projects from requiring sobriety or participation in treatment.

Guidance on Service Participation Requirements:

HUD introduced strong incentives for service participation requirements

This guidance for implementing service participation requirements promotes:

- accountability
- participant choice
- housing stability
- recovery-oriented practice



Data Strategy Board Updates

- ▶ HMIS RFP Decision will be finalized shortly and communication will follow.
- ▶ HMIS Monitoring work has started. The results of monitoring will help inform technical assistance to providers where needed.
- ▶ DSB was accepting applications to fill the open slots on the board through the end of May. New members will be onboarded for July.
- ▶ New Inflow/Outflow report and dashboard project forthcoming. KPI Subcommittee worked with Nutmeg to define and refine specifications to ensure the information coming out of the report reflects correct universes of people served.
- ▶ Agencies with access to the Data Warehouse will receive commitment forms and subsequent invoices for the upcoming state fiscal year beginning in July



Partner Announcements

Other Business?



Upcoming CT BOS SC Meetings



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

- July 17, 2026
- Aug 21, 2026
- Sept 18, 2026
- Oct 16, 2026
- Nov 20, 2026*
- Dec 18, 2026
- January 15, 2027
- February 19, 2027
- March 19, 2027
- April 16, 2027
- May 21, 2027*
- June 11, 2027

*Semi-annual Mtg tentatively scheduled

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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