



CT BOS Steering Committee Meeting Agenda 3/20/26 - 11:00 am – 12:30pm

For more detail on the agenda items below, please see the slides, which start on page 4.

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Welcome new Steering Committee Members

3. Guidelines for BOS Meetings

4. Words matter

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5. Adopt February Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – approved by consensus

6. Announcements

- Debrief post-Steering Committee mtg
- How to get BOS e-mails: [Link to Sign-up for BOS e-mails](#)
- Introduction to BOS Slides & Recording (held 3/18): [Introduction to BOS Recording](#) & [Introduction to BOS Slides](#)
- Eligibility Webinar – Webinar will be held on May 6: 10-12.
- 2026 Renewal Evaluation Reminders – Nutmeg is currently working on known issues in RED and we will let you know once they have been resolved.
- Administration & Indirect Costs Webinar: Webinar will be held on Wednesday, April 22 from 10 - 11:30 a.m..
- Substance Use FAQs available
 - It was suggested that we use the term substance use.
- [Homelessness Contributing Factors Dashboard](#)
 - If users have any questions, you can click the questions button and a ticket for Nutmeg is created.

7. CoC Competition Business

- FY 2025: Updates on NOFO & Lawsuits
 - It was reported that 1st quarter grant agreements (1/1/26-3/31/26) should be out next week. NAEH asked that providers notify them when they get their agreements.
 - It was noted that 2nd quarter grants will certainly be delayed given that 1st quarter grants are not out yet.
 - HUD CoC registration has been released for the 2026 NOFO. This is a standard step in the annual CoC Competition process. There is nothing that providers need to do related to this. Housing Innovations will work with the chairs to

submit the registration.

- **VOTE** – Guiding Principles for Tracks 1 & 2 Strategy (non-conflicted members only)
 - The guiding principles were discussed at the last Steering Committee meeting. A motion passed to approve the Guiding Principles for Tracks 1 & 2 as described in the slides below.

8. Data Deep Dive

9. Break Out Groups

10. CT BOS Governance/Elections

- **Votes:**
 - Updates to Governance Policies
 - A motion was passed to add one Educational Sector Rep to the Steering Committee in addition to CT State Department of Education.
 - A motion was passed to have the following types of organizations with seats designated on the Steering Committee opt to name an alternative representative in addition to a primary representative. Designated named alternatives may cast votes in the absence of the primary representative with each organization entitled to a single vote.
 - Government agencies
 - Nonprofit intermediaries/advocates
 - Public health
 - Elected officials
 - Law enforcement
 - Business community
 - Elected Official and Law Enforcement Motion
 - A motion was passed to accept the nominations of Elected Official Representative, Nick Menapace, State Representative, 37th District and Law Enforcement Representative, Brian Wright, Chief of Police, New London Police Department to the Steering Committee.

11. Semi-annual Meeting Topics Discussion

- We will be convening the BOS Semi-annual meeting on 5/15/26 on Zoom. We like to have a presenter/discussion on a topic of interest to the BOS community.
- Meeting participants provided the following suggestions:
 - Legislation needed to help remove barriers to housing
 - Deep dive into Transitional Housing including HUD requirements
 - Employment
 - Strategies to address racial/ethnic disparities in housing and services
- Housing Innovations will send out a survey so that BOS Steering Committee members can weigh-in on the topic.

12. Data Strategy Board Updates

- ACT will be doing HMIS compliance monitoring in April to assess provider compliance with the HMIS MOU.

- The DSB has two vacant DSB slots - 1 homeless service provider and 1 ODFC or CAN backbone organization. Persons with lived experience of homelessness are encouraged to apply. [Link to apply](#)

13. Partner Announcements & Other Business

14. Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

- April 17, 2026; 11-12:30
- May 15, 2026; 11-1 – Remote 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
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CT Balance of State (CT BOS) Continuum of Care (CoC) Steering Committee Meeting

March 20, 2026



Agenda

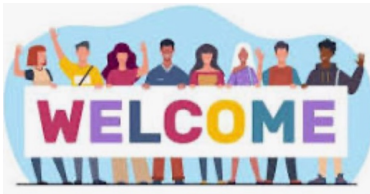
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- Announcements
- CoC Competition
- ACT Data Deep Dive
- Break-Outs
- BOS Governance
- CT CAN End Homelessness Updates/Advocacy
- Data Strategy Board Updates
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- Steering Committee Meeting Schedule



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Welcome New BOS Steering Committee Members!



Elected Officials:

- Arunan Arulampalam, Mayor of Hartford
- Laurie Sweet, CT State Representative

Law Enforcement:

- Jasmine Sanders, Sergeant, New Haven Police Department

Business Community:

- Russ Cormier, Nutmeg Consulting

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 Feb Steering Committee Meeting Minutes



[DRAFT Feb 2026 BOS Steering Committee 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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Missing out on BOS e-mails?

SIGN-UP HERE:
[LINK TO SIGN UP FOR BOS E-MAILS](#)


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Introduction to BOS Webinar Slides & Recording

- [Introduction to BOS Recording](#)
- [Introduction to BOS Slides](#)

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2026 CT BOS Renewal Evaluation Key Dates

March

- Deadline to submit RED [support](#) requests: 3/23

April (watch for email notifications)

- TBD: Final deadline to:
 - Make all data changes in RED
 - REFRESH in RED!
 - Submit score Change requests in RED
- Change Request results visible in RED
- Results from Grievances visible in RED

[Link to BOS Renewal Evaluation Page](#)

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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 to fulfill requirements
- Other Tools and templates to fulfill requirements
- Safety considerations
- Question and answer

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HUD Policies on Substance Use FAQs

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Homelessness Contributing Factors Dashboard

- Dashboard presents contributing factors captured during Emergency Shelter enrollment
- Shows data from a rolling 30-day window based on the latest refresh
- Includes both active enrollments and those closed during this period.
- Report provides timely view of recent ES entries to support monitoring, planning, and service coordination

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Homelessness Contributing Factors Dashboard (2)

Homelessness Contributing Factors Dashboard - Last 30 Days

Last refreshed (EDT): 17-Mar-2026 12:54 PM

Program Name: All | Coordinated Access Network: All | Continuum Of Care: CT-505 Connecticut Balance of Stat... | Program Type: All

Total Enrollment	Total Assessment	Primary Factor	HUD HMIS Contributing Factors	Additional Contributing Factors
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HUD HMIS Contributing Factors (% of Assessments)

% Physical Disability	% Developmental Disability	% Chronic Health Condition	% Mental Health Issue	% Domestic Violence
14.81%	7.66%	20.79%	29.49%	11.04%

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CoC
Competition

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FY 2025 Notice
of Funding
Opportunity
(NOFO)


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Updates on FY25 and FY26 CoC Competitions

- Two lawsuits in progress regarding rescission of 2-year NOFO and replacement with FY 2025 NOFO
- HUD filed an emergency motion allowing them to proceed with FY25 NOFO
 - ✓ For grants with CY Quarter 3 & 4 end dates
- Court denied motion
- HUD appealed the decision.
- If HUD does not make FY25 awards by July 1, they must non-competitively renew all grants.
- HUD is required to publish the FY26 NOFO by June and to make awards by December 2026.

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Brief Background Review - Revised 2025 NOFO

(Issued 12/19/2025)

Aggressive timeline likely due to Congressional deadlines.

Change: Permanent Housing (PH) **renewals** capped at 30% of Annual Renewal Demand (ARD). Revised NOFO applies PH cap to renewals only (**not new projects**)

Significant change in the competition - Two application tracks:

1. Track 1 (*Normal Track*)
 - \$2.66B nationally = approx. 2/3 of total. All project applications except new PH
2. Track 2 (*Extended Track*)
 - \$1.26B nationally = approx. 1/3 of total. New PH applications only – can only serve households with a disability (no restrictions on disability type)

✓ Tracks ranked separately

Steering Committee decided already: retain as many PSH units as possible

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Proposed Guiding Principles for CoC Competition Track Decisions – Vote Today

General Principle: Align CT BOS Track 1 and Track 2 application amounts with national percentages set aside for each track



Track 1 Ordering

1. Previously determined renewal PSH units retained as PSH
 - (adjusted as necessary and in accordance with CT BOS PH retention Guiding Principles to reflect any changes in the NOFO and/or CT BOS projects non-competitively renewed)
2. SSO with Services/Admin/HMIS funding for retained PSH units
 - (previously decided: services will use a model where services follow eligible CoC participants across projects – H2H model)

[DRAFT Guiding Principles for FY2025 CoC Competition Track Decisions](#)

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Proposed Guiding Principles for FY2025 CoC Competition Track Decisions (2)

Track 1 Ordering (continued)

3. Renewal system infrastructure projects (Planning, HMIS, CAN and DV SSO Grants)
4. Renewal SSO Street Outreach
5. YHDP grants (YHDP Youth Navigators, Crisis Housing, RRH transitioning to TH)
6. RRH projects with 30% or more of units designated for families transitioned to TH (both CoC and DV) families are less likely to include a person with a disability.
7. Prioritize for remainder: PSH renewals transitioning to TH in order based on original renewal score



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Proposed Guiding Principles for FY2025 CoC Competition Track Decisions (3)

Track 2 Ordering

1. All reallocation funding resulting from renewal projects that will not fit in Track One
(i.e., renewal RRH with less than 30% of units designated for families, and lower scoring PSH renewals)
2. All DV & CoC Bonus funds for new PH for people with disabilities



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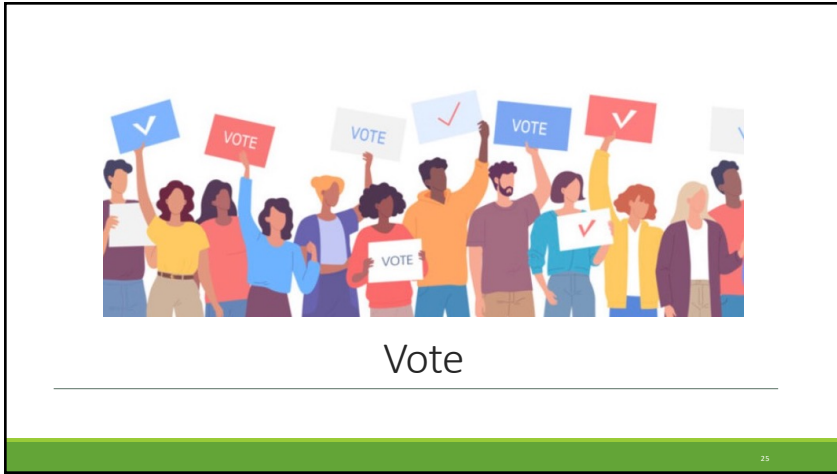
Who Can Vote?



- **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 and Laurie Sweet
- **Law Enforcement:** Jasmine Sanders

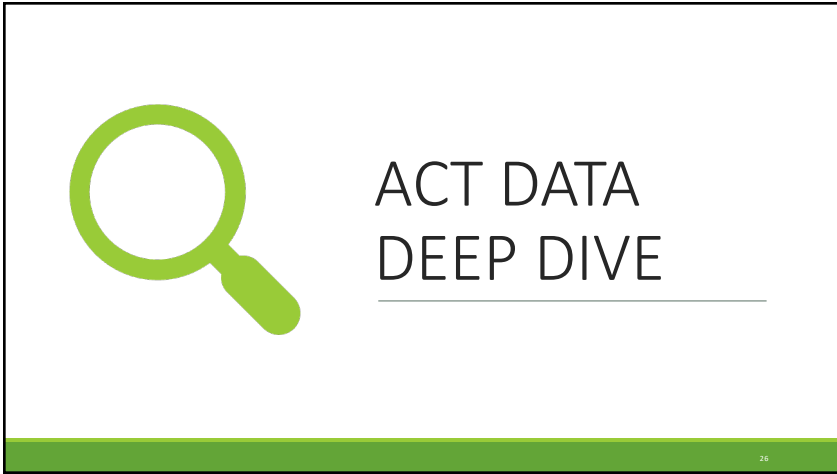
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Vote


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ACT DATA
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Discussions



- Introduce yourself, your role, and how long you have been attending Steering Committee meetings
- Discussion for today:
 - What were the most compelling data presented?
 - What are steps we can take at BOS to address any disparities?
- Please share suggestions in the chat or email to ctboscoc@gmail.com

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CT BOS
Governance
Charter
Proposals

VOTE TODAY! ALL STEERING
COMMITTEE REPS CAN VOTE.

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Vote - Governance Proposal:
Education Sector Representative
to the Steering Committee

Motion:

- Add one Educational Sector Representative to the Steering Committee in addition to CT State Department of Education

(Louis Tallerita, CT State Department of Education, has stepped down)

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Vote - Governance Proposal: Alternates

Motion: The following types of organizations with seats designated on the Steering Committee may opt to name an alternative representative in addition to a primary representative:

- Government agencies
- Nonprofit intermediaries/advocates
- Public health
- Elected officials
- Law enforcement
- Business community.

Alternates may cast votes in the absence of the primary representative with each organization entitled to a single vote.



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Vote Today on Steering Committee Nominations



Elected Official:

- Nick Menapace, State Representative, 37th District

Law Enforcement:

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

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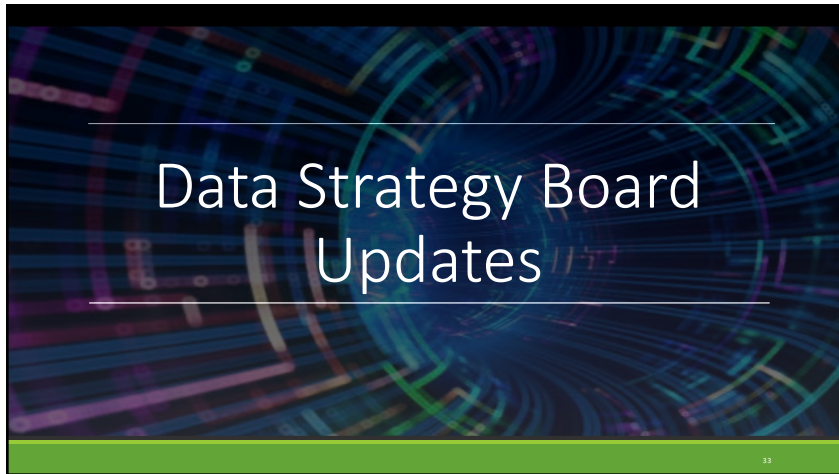
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Semi-annual Meeting Topics?

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Upcoming CT BOS SC Meetings

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

- April 17, 2026
- May 15, 2026-
Semi-annual (11-1)
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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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