



CT BOS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 2/21/25 - 11:00 am – 12:30pm

1. Welcome

[BOS SC Participants 2.21.25](#)

2. Guidelines for BOS Meetings

3. Adopt January Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – minutes approved by consensus

4. Announcements

- 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!
- Welcome new Community Rep, Sandra Cobb & Public Health Rep, Kasey Harding
- HUD CoC Awards
 - The total award amount for CT BOS is \$68,628,281 ODFC received approximately \$26,000,000.
 - All BOS renewal projects were funded with an increase of \$5,527,961.
 - There were five new projects awarded which include two CoC Bonus Projects PSH: DMHAS -Capital Region Mental Health & Mercy: Expansion (services & units) and Killingly Housing Authority & Access Agency: Expansion (services only) and Three Domestic Violence Bonus Projects (DOH) including Friendship Service Center & Access Agency RRH; CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence: RRH Expansion – services and units; Safe Futures Joint TH-RRH – services and units
 - We have not yet received the CoC application score and the Field Office has not yet starting issuing contracts.
 - Providers having budgeting issues during these difficult times can reach out to Alice Minervino at DMHAS and Steve DiLella at DOH.
- New Project RFP
 - It is unlikely that there will be new money this year from HUD. Time providers spend on responding to an RFP would likely be wasted.
 - In 2024 CTBOS applied for & did not receive \$6,253,800 (15 projects) in bonus funding. If there are available CoC Bonus Funds providers will have the opportunity to resubmit 2024 new project applications.
 - BOS will incorporate Steering Committee funding priorities (e.g., CAN equity) when ranking.
 - If DV Bonus funding is available, BOS will issue an RFP.
- HUD System Performance Measure (SPM) reporting has been put on hold. This may be because of routine updating or the recent Executive Orders.
- SEAT (Skill, Educate, Act, Transform) Board Training

- SEAT is currently [recruiting](#) Black and Latino residents in Hartford and Danbury interested in non-profit Board service for a 10-week training. Non-profits interested in getting connected to trained Board candidates can [apply](#).
- Renewal Evaluation Reminders
 - Score Change Requests are due by 3/7/25 in RED. Projects dissatisfied with their score may request a score change using the “Change Request or Grievance” feature in RED.
 - Per CT BOS Policy, Committee will not consider changes based on: data changes made after the deadline; disagreements with the evaluation standards, circumstances that are commonly experienced across projects (e.g., housing market or staffing challenges), an insufficient number of applicants experiencing homelessness
 - CT BOS team reviews change requests, makes adjustments, and notifies providers of the outcome.
 - Score change requests not resulting in a score adjustment, will be referred to the Grievance Committee.
 - Provider can request review by the Grievance Committee if not satisfied with final score
 - Grievance Committee issues written decision(s) once the committee has met (target: April 2025)
- Shared Housing Information
 - The Shared Housing Institute and C4 Innovations are collaborating with national shared housing experts to lead each a series of trainings. The primary training partner will be Bay Area Community Services (BACS). Trainings will be held from March-Dec 2025. See link for more information: [Link to Shared Housing Certificate Program 2025](#)
- Trainings
 - Housing Requirements trainings - Part 2: 4/1; 10am - 12pm
Target audience includes Continuum of Care grantee staff, including Supervisors overseeing housing activities and Housing Coordinators as well as others in leadership positions and Case Managers; [Zoom Link for Trainings](#)
Meeting ID: 851 7878 0207; Passcode: 855813
 - Grants Management: 4/22; 10am-12pm
Target Audience includes senior staff and supervisors responsible for CoC grant management at both agencies that receive CoC funds directly from HUD and those that receive CoC funds through a contract with a recipient agency; [Zoom Link for Training](#); Meeting ID: 890 6252 6081; Passcode: 321551
- DMHAS Housing Stabilization Services (HSS)
 - The DMHAS Housing Stabilization Services (HSS) grant provides funding to assist individuals in securing or maintaining safe, decent, and affordable housing as part of their recovery. This program replaces Homeless Assistance Fund (HAF) Program.
 - HSS funds must be used to assist persons meeting DMHAS Housing & Homeless Services target population (individuals working w/a DMHAS funded

- housing or homeless program) and may cover security deposits and/or utility payments. The program is administered by Advanced Behavioral Health, Inc.
- Payments are made directly to landlord or utility company. It can be used for moving-on clients. It is not limited to CoC projects.

5. Reminders and Resources for Providers

- Handouts were provided in the chat for providers.

6. Break Out Groups

- Introduce yourself, your role, and how long you have been attending Steering Committee meetings
- Discussion for today:
- What additional information, resources or training do you need regarding the reminders and resources discussed today?
- How are you taking care of yourself in these trying times?
Please share suggestions in the chat or email to ctboscoc@gmail.com

7. Love 146 Presentation

- Tamarra Clark presented to the group. Her e-mail is tamarra@love146.org
- See presentation: [Love146 Presentation](#)

8. Partnership for Strong Communities (PSC) Legislative agenda

- Danielle Hubley from PSC presented. She can be reached at: Danielle@pschousing.org
- PSC is focused on 4 pillars: Affordability, Creation, Choice, Stability
- Following are links to their legislative advocacy:
 - <https://pschousing.org/governor-lamonts-fy26-27-proposed-budget-summary-of-housing-resources/>
 - Support Increases to Rental Assistance Program Funding!
 - <https://pschousing.org/policy-and-advocacy/legislative-testimony/>

9. Partner Announcements

10. Other Business

11. Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

- March 21, 2025; 11-12:30
- April 11, 2025; 11-12:30
- May 16, 2025; 11-1:00 – Semi-Annual Meeting
- June 20, 2025; 11-12:30
- July 18, 2025; 11-12:30
- August 15, 2025; 11-12:30
- September 19, 2025; 11-12:30
- October 17, 2025; 11-12:30
- November 21, 2025; 11-12:30
- December 19, 2025; 11-12:30