



CT BOS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 4/11/25 - 11:00 am – 12:30pm

1. Welcome

[April 2025 SC Mtg Participants](#)

2. Guidelines for BOS Meetings

3. Adopt March Steering Committee Meeting 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!
- Semi-annual Meeting Reminder
 - CT BOS Semi-annual meeting will be held on 5/16 from 11-1
- CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence (CCADV) Member Organizations Map
 - Check out this map to find the CCADV Member Organizations and the regions they serve throughout the state: [CCADV Map](#)
- Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP) RFQ results
 - CT Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) was chosen to lead the CT BOS CLIP Project. They will begin July 1, 2025.
- Upcoming CT BOS Trainings
 - Grants Management – 4/22 – 10am-12pm
 - Target Audience: 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
 - Policy and Admin Requirements - 5/7/25 - 10am-12pm
 - Topics will include: Overview of Federal and Local Requirements, Buy America Build America (BABA) requirement, Equity & Equal Access, Participant Rights & Notices, Additional Required Policies & Other Administrative Requirements
 - Target audience: staff responsible for overseeing CoC projects in either a recipient or subrecipient agency.
 - [Link to webinar](#); Meeting ID: 860 7081 9338; Passcode: 173358; 646-876-9923
- Quality Improvement Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Trainings
 - Corporation for Supporting Housing (CSH) and Housing Innovations are conducting all-day PSH trainings for CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS) funded projects in each of the seven Coordinated Access Networks (CANs) in April and May. See: [Registration](#)

Information

- National Low-Income Housing Coalition's Our Homes, Our Votes *Tenant Fellowship* will convene 20 tenant leaders that are committed to the mission of NLIHC's nonpartisan *Our Homes, Our Votes* campaign: to increase voter turnout among low-income renters and elevate housing as an election issue. Applications are due on April 18, 2025, at 11:59pm ET. Applicants are encouraged to review the program expectations and questions at www.nlihc.org/tenant-leader-guide before filling out the form.
- CT Coalition to End Homelessness Annual Training Institute – 5/21/25
 - The Annual Training Institute (ATI) is a capacity building event for the Homeless Response System. CCEH will host hundreds of provider staff, municipal leaders, state and federal legislators, business principals, community members, and national experts for a full day of cutting edge, actionable workshops designed to educate, inspire, and empower.
 - Link to register: <https://cceh.org/ati-2025-registration/>

5. Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP) presentation & break out room discussion.

- CLIP made a brief presentation, and there was an opportunity to discuss the information they provided in break out rooms. Participants were encouraged to share suggestions in the chat or email to ctboscoc@gmail.com.

6. DOH Con Plan Presentation

- Mike Santoro, CT Department of Housing (DOH) presented the draft State of CT, FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan - Year 1 Annual Plan - 7/1/25-6/30/26, [Link to slide presentation](#) & [Link to plan](#)
- Priorities include providing housing for people exiting the Correctional system, seniors and people living with disabilities.
- Plan addresses challenges such as: lack of available, affordable housing, long wait times for housing and shelter, inadequate wrap-around services, 211 capacity issues, lack of infrastructure in rural areas, sewer and rodent issues.
- Plan seeks to: create more PSH, increase pre-development funding for rural and suburban areas, use hotels, strip malls, old schools, mills for housing and shelter, focus on transit activities and develop housing around the Department of Transportation hubs, and create more community land trusts.
- DOH encourages public comment on the plan during upcoming public meetings or by email. Contact for comments or questions: ct.housing.plans@ct.gov.

f/u: Mike requested a CoC letter of support for the plan. HI to provide.

7. CT HMIS Data Strategy Board (DSB) Update

- Lauren Sheehan and Meredith Clay presented on DSB updates. The DSB has replaced the HMIS Steering Committee as the statewide governance body for HMIS. It was noted that both CoCs adopted the DSB charter in Oct 2024. HUD TA was provided to create the DSB structure.

- The DSB helped create the recent HMIS RFP. The DSB is working closely with ACT, the new HMIS lead and Nutmeg to help ensure a smooth transition.
- The DSB is responsible for management and prioritization of HMIS enhancement requests.
- Upcoming priorities include: standardizing Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) as outcomes, improving data visualization (making sure that dashboards make sense and one can see how system is working), making sure DSB is communicating and engaging partners, adding new funds to improve HMIS, and building additional HMIS capacity.
- There are positions available on the DSB. Applications are due 4/30/25: [Link to applications](#)

8. Federal Updates

- 2024 Awards and 2025 Competition
 - The week of 3/31/25 HUD resumed processing grant agreements for projects awarded through the 2024 NOFO. Grant cycles start as early as January 2025. HUD is prioritizing projects with start dates early in the calendar year. Grantees must execute the agreement to access funds and continue CoC grant operations.
 - HUD is currently registering all CoCs for 2025; stay tuned for details.
- Contract Renewals/Grant Agreements
 - The following is included in the new HUD grant agreements:
 - The prohibition of the promotion of gender ideology as defined in [E.O. 14168](#)
 - Recipient must certify it does not operate any programs promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion that violate federal anti-discrimination laws (laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, genetic information, or national origin in all programs or activities that receive Federal funds).
 - The prohibition of promoting or funding elective abortions
 - HUD will not enforce provisions of the Grant Agreement that use a Housing First model
 - “Subject to the exceptions provided by PRWORA” the recipient must use SAVE or an equivalent verification system to prevent undocumented individuals from getting Federal public benefits.
 - Grant funds may not be used by State or Local Governments to facilitate the subsidization or promotion of undocumented immigrants or support “Sanctuary” policies to shield such individuals from deportation.

9. Hartford Con Plan Presentation

- Sheryl Horowitz from the City of Hartford presented the 2025-2029 5-year Consolidated Plan (draft). [Link to slide presentation](#) & [Link to draft plan](#)
- Housing priorities in the plan include:
 - Expanding the availability of housing

- Improving the accessibility and quality of the residential housing stock
- Constructing new units and adaptive reuse of existing properties
- Assisting renters to become homeowners
- It was reported that there were many provider applications to fund programs providing that provide basic needs such as food for seniors. In addition, applications from agencies serving special populations (e.g. HOPWA, ESG) focused on helping their clients progress toward independence through accessing employment and housing.
- The City of Hartford encourages public comment on the plan during upcoming public meetings or by email. For questions or comments: sheryl.horowitz@hartford.gov

10. Partner Announcements

- CCEH is continuing to advocate during this legislative session for: annualized cold weather funding, funding for CANs, HUBs, diversion and prevention and case management. See website for more information on how to join advocacy efforts: [Link to CCEH Advocacy](#)
- HIV/AIDS Advocacy Day is 4/15/25.

11. Other Business

12. Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

- May 16, 2025; 11-1:00 – Semi-Annual Meeting
- June 27, 2025; 11-12:30 – new date
- 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