

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

January 17, 2025



Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Group Agreements for Meetings
- Adopt December Steering Committee Meeting Minutes
- Announcements
- Steering Committee Membership
- Process for Adding Public Health Representative to the Committee
- Vote - New Project Priorities
- CT CAN End Homelessness Updates
- Break-out groups
- Vote - YHDP RRH Standards Proposed Changes
- Partner Announcements
- Other Business



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 December Steering Committee Meeting Minutes



Draft December 2024 Steering Committee Minutes



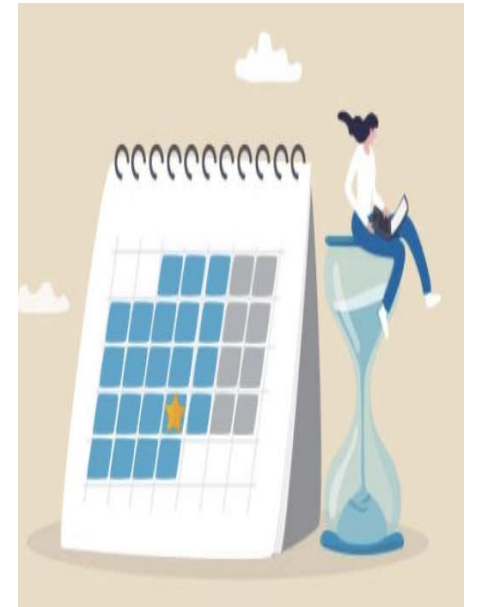
Reminder: Post Steering Committee Debrief

- 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!



2025 Renewal Evaluation Process Updates

- Consumer Surveys have been submitted
 - For surveys entered in Survey Monkey, refresh your data to see updated score
 - For surveys submitted to CT BOS for entry, watch for an email indicating that all surveys are entered and scores updated
- **2/19/25:** Deadline to make data changes and refresh data in RED
- [2025 CT BOS Renewal Evaluation Instructions](#)
- Renewal Evaluation Webinar: [Slides](#) & [Recording](#)



Upcoming BOS Trainings

CoC Fiscal Requirements Trainings

Part 1: 2/20 & Part 2: 3/6

10-11:30am

Target Audience: CoC grantee leadership, fiscal office staff and program leadership

[Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 850 5801 5252

Passcode: 394502

646-876-9923





Upcoming BOS Trainings (2)

Housing Requirements trainings:

Part 1: 3/18; 10am – 12pm

Part 2: 4/1; 10am - 12pm

Target audience: 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



Upcoming Trainings (3)

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



Point-in-time (PIT) Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness

Important dates!

- Count Date: 1/28/25
- PIT data due: 2/4/25

Trainings

Sheltered:

- [2025 PIT Sheltered Training Recording](#)
- [2025 PIT Sheltered Training Slides](#)

Unsheltered:

- [2025 PIT Unsheltered Training recording](#)
- [2025 PIT Unsheltered Training Slides](#)

Request for Proposals - Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Administration Lead



Request for Proposals (RFP) For Issued by the State of Connecticut Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (DMHAS)

MANDATORY BIDDERS' CONFERENCE: Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 10:00

RESPONSES Due: Thursday, March 6, 2025, 3:00 PM

[Link to RFP](#)



2025 CT BOS Steering Committee Membership



CT BOS Community Representatives

New Reps:

- Angel Morrison
- Dani Guy

Current and Continuing
Reps:

- Jayse Frost Payton
- Cami Hawkins
- Theresa Miles
- Tania Banks
- Melissa Dzierlatka



Coordinated Access Network (CAN)

Representatives

Avery Lenhart*	Eastern CAN
Ray Bellows*	Eastern CAN
Manssour Hanne	MMW CAN
Deanna Bencivengo	MMW CAN
Myles Dubay	Western CAN
Nancy Cannavo	Western CAN
Amanda Garcia*	Central CAN
Catellia Casey*	Central CAN
Nikki Barnofski	New Haven CAN
Cathleen Meaden	New Haven CAN
Theresa Nicholson*	Greater Hartford CAN
Amanda Gordon	Greater Hartford CAN

CT BOS CAN Steering Committee Reps

* new reps

CT BOS Not-for-Profit & Government Agencies Steering Committee Members



CT DMHAS
Alice Minervino
Lisa Callahan

ACT
John Merz

CSH
Phylcia Adams
Stephanie Lazarus

CT Dept of Housing
Steve Dilella
Leigh Shields

United Way-211
Annette Buckley
Ronette Daniels

CT DSS
Cassandra Norfleet-Johnson
Theresa Rivera

US Dept of Veterans Affairs
Maureen Pasko
Jen Moriarty

CT Dept of Education
Louis Tallarita

**CT Judicial Branch Court
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Michael Aiello
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CT Housing Finance Agency
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CT Dept of Correction
Joy Zavarella

**CT Dept of Children &
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Kim Somaroo-Rodriguez
William Seals

CT Dept of Labor
Robert Bongiolatti
Heriberto Cajigas

**Partnership for Strong
Communities**
Danielle Hubley
Carline Charmelus

CCEH
Sarah Fox

CT Coalition Against DV
Meghan Scanlon
Yolanda Potter

Public Health
Vacant

CT CAN End Homelessness
Amber Freeman



Process for Adding a Public Health Representative to the Steering Committee

- Applications due 1/31/25
- Link to application: [BOS Steering Committee Application for Public Health Rep](#)



2025 New Project Priorities

New Project Priorities: Who Can Vote?



- Community Reps: Angel Morrison, Dani Guy, Jayse Frost Payton, Cami Hawkins, Theresa Miles, Tania Banks, Melissa Dzierlatka
- CT Department of Labor: Robert Bongiolatti or Heriberto Cajigas
- CT Department of Social Services: Cassandra Norfleet-Johnson or Theresa Rivera
- CT Department of Education: Louis Tallerita
- 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

Proposal: Allowable Types of New Projects - 2025 Regular CoC Funds



Proposed new priorities underlined in black

- **Geographic Equity**: Prioritize Projects in the Central and New Haven CANs
- **New PSH Units** for Dedicated PLUS qualified individuals (including youth) who meet the HUD definition of disability*
- **New RRH Units** for individuals and families (including youth) who meet the HUD category 1 & 4 definitions of homelessness**
- Set aside (amount TBD) for PSH & RRH with at least 25% of new units designated for people **aged 60 and over**
- Set aside to fund **enhanced services in existing CoC-funded PSH & RRH units** (up to the funding cap) with a preference for PSH projects with no designated services funds



REMINDER: Projects with No Designated Case Management Provider

Greater Hartford CAN: 169 units

- Capitol Region Mental Health Center (CRMHC)
 - CT0022 Greater Hartford Rental Assistance Consolidated

Greater New Haven CAN: 182 units

- Community Services Network (CSN)
 - CT0164 New Haven Rental Assistance

Note:

- *Above numbers reflect ARPA units with services set to expire in 2025*
- *Information on 2024 HUD Awards pending*

REMINDER: Projects with No Designated Case Management Provider (2)



Northwest CAN: 70 units

- Western Connecticut Mental Health Network
 - CT0151 Waterbury Housing Plus
 - CT0200 Torrington Rental Assistance WHO
 - CT0204 Waterbury Rental Assistance
 - CT0211 Waterbury Step-up

MMW: 20 units

- River Valley Services (RVS) & Community Health Center
 - CT0054 Middletown Rental Assistance

Note: Information on 2024 HUD awards pending

Proposal: Allowable Types of New Projects – Regular CoC Funds (2)



Proposed new priorities underlined

- **New RRH Diversion/Rapid Exit Units** (i.e., short-term rental assistance - up to 3 months) for individuals and families (including youth) who meet the HUD category 1, 2 or 4 definitions of homelessness**
- Set aside to fund **services in congregate PSH projects in development** set to open within the timeframe specified by HUD and that do not have sufficient funding already secured - up to the funding cap; preference for projects opening in 2026***
- **Coordinated Entry - Supportive Services Only** (CE-SSO; not via RFP)

**DMHAS will be applicant and provide match only for units for participants who meet the DMHAS definition of disability.*

***DOH will be the applicant; provider responsible for match*

****Requires a letter of support from the property owner/manager/PHA indicating participant eligibility requirements & referrals exclusively from the CAN; funded projects will be required to obtain an MOU*

Proposal: Allowable Types of New Projects- 2025 DV Bonus Funds

- RRH
- Joint TH/RRH
- CE- SSO (not via RFP)
- Any other project types HUD indicates in NOFO are allowable (not via RFP)





2025 New Project Priorities
(non-conflicted members only)



CT CAN End Homelessness Updates

Discussions



- Introduce yourself, your role, and how long you have been attending Steering Committee meetings
- Discussion for today:
 - What goals of the campaign are a priority for you?
 - Can you envision ways we can support those priorities?

Please share suggestions in the chat or email to ctboscoc@gmail.com

*Reminders: To join a group, accept the invitation.
Any issues, return to the main session for assistance.*

Vote - Proposed Changes – YHDP RRH Standards

Allow YHDP providers to use either the YHDP rental calculation or the standard RRH rental calculation

- Each provider must consistently use one tool or the other. See [RRH Operations Guide](#) for details
- Goal is flexibility for providers to determine which method works better for youth they are serving
- Key differences:
 - YHDP RRH subsidy is largely calculated as a percent of rent **not** income - more incentive to increase income
 - Standard RRH subsidy is calculated at a percent of income





Partner Announcements

Other Business?





Upcoming CT BOS SC Meetings

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

- February 21, 2025
- March 21, 2025
- April 11, 2025
- May 16, 2025 – Semi-annual (11-1)
- June 20, 2025
- July 18, 2025
- August 15, 2025
- September 19, 2025
- October 17, 2025
- November 21, 2025
- December 19, 2025

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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