



CT BOS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 1/17/25 - 11:00 am – 12:30pm

1. Welcome

[List of Meeting Participants 1.17.25](#)

2. Guidelines for BOS Meetings

3. Adopt December Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – minutes adopted by consensus

4. Announcements

- Post Steering Committee Debrief
 - After each Steering Committee meeting, the CT BOS Co-Chairs stay on the zoom to answer questions, get additional input and provide any needed clarification on the meeting topics.
- Renewal Evaluation Deadlines & Key Dates
 - To date, providers have submitted CT BOS consumer surveys to CT BOS; completed the initial submission process in [RED](#); and submitted [support](#) requests
 - **2/19/25**: Deadline to make data changes and refresh data in RED
 - Resources: [2025 CT BOS Renewal Evaluation Instructions](#) & Renewal Evaluation Webinar: [Slides](#) & [Recording](#)
- Upcoming Trainings
 - CoC Fiscal Requirements Trainings - Part 1: 2/20 & Part 2: 3/6 - 10-11:30am
Target Audience includes CoC grantee leadership, fiscal office staff and program leadership; [Zoom Link](#); Meeting ID: 850 5801 5252; Passcode: 394502; 646-876-9923
 - Housing Requirements trainings - Part 1: 3/18; 10am – 12pm - 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
- HIC/PIT Updates
 - The Point-in-time Count is 1/28/25 and PIT data are due on 2/4/25
 - Recorded PIT Trainings:
 - [2025 PIT Sheltered Training Recording](#)
 - [2025 PIT Sheltered Training Slides](#)
 - [2025 PIT Unsheltered Training recording](#)

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- HMIS RFP

- There is a Request for Proposals for a Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) Administration Lead
- There is a mandatory bidders' conference on Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 10:00. Responses are due Thursday, March 6, 2025, 3:00 PM
- [Link to RFP](#)

5. Steering Committee Membership

- BOS has elected two new Community Reps: Angel Morrison & Dani Guy
- New CAN reps include: Avery Lenhart and Ray Bellow from Eastern CAN; Amanda Garcia and Catellia Casey from Central CAN and Theresa Nicholson from Greater Hartford CAN
- A warm welcome was extended to all!

6. Process for Adding Public Health Representative to the Committee

- At the December Steering Committee, the group voted to add a Public Health Representative to the Steering Committee.
- Applications are due 1/31/25.
- Link to application: [BOS Steering Committee Application for Public Health Rep](#)

7. Vote - New Project Priorities

- Each year the Steering Committee votes on new project priorities. Proposed priorities were presented and discussed at the December Steering Committee meeting.
- Following are the proposed priorities for 2025 projects funded through the CoC Bonus/Reallocation. Proposed new priorities underlined
 - **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
 - **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)

- Proposal for allowable types of new projects for 2025 Domestic Violence (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)
- Agencies need not be a DV specific service provider to apply for DV Bonus funds. To ensure a competitive application, applicants will need to demonstrate experience providing trauma-informed services to survivors.

Motion: To approve the proposed new project proposal. Motion passes by consensus.

8. CT CAN End Homelessness Updates

- CCEH presented their legislative agenda: [CT CAN End Homelessness Legislative Agenda](#).
- The campaign is looking for new members and is asking each CAN to nominate individuals for the committees.

9. Break-out groups on CT CAN End Homelessness

- What goals of the campaign are a priority for you?
- Can you envision ways we can support those priorities?
- [Feedback on CT CAN End Homelessness Legislative Agenda](#)

10. Vote - YHDP RRH Standards Proposed Changes

- At the December Steering Committee meeting the group discussed allowing YHDP providers to use either the YHDP rental calculation or the standard RRH rental calculation (each service provider must consistently use one tool or the other).
- **Motion: To approve the change. Motion passes by consensus.**
- **f/u: HI will update the RRH Operations Guide.**
- It was suggested that there be a comparison to get a sense of how this impacts the financial situation of program participants. It was decided that we will see who uses this and then make a plan to compare. **f/u: YHDP providers to let HI and DOH know if they make the change to the standard RRH calculation.**

11. Partner Announcements

- HUD CoC renewals are all funded, and there were 5 new grants funded – 3 Domestic Violence Bonus and 2 CoC Bonus projects expanding existing grants.
- The Governor announced that the Cold Weather Protocol will be in effect from Sunday, 1/19 until Friday, 1/24.
- DOH is exploring ways to improve sheltering options in cold weather, e.g., pre-booking hotels.
- The Partnership for Strong Communities shared their 2025 Policy Priorities: [PSC 2025 Policy Priorities](#)
- The Connecticut Opioid Settlement Advisory Committee (OSAC) approved more than \$67 million of funding recommendations today, which includes unanimous passage of \$58.6 million in funding over four years to support an innovative

program designed to provide stable housing and recovery support for individuals facing both homelessness and opioid use disorder (OUD).

12. Other Business - none

13. Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

- February 21, 2025; 11-12:30
- March 21, 2025; 11-12:30
- April 11, 2025; 11-12:30
- May 16, 2025; 11-1:00 – Semi-Annual
- 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