

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

October 16, 2026





Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Guidelines for BOS Meetings
- Approve September Minutes
- Announcements
- Vote – BOS SC representative
- Data Strategy Board Updates
- System Performance Measures
- Federal Updates & CoC Competition
- CT CAN End Homelessness Updates
- Partner Announcements
- Other Business
- Meeting Schedule



BOS Co-Chairs

Alice Minervino
Steve DiLella
John Merz
Stephanie Lazarus

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 September Meeting Minutes



Draft September 2026 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!





2027 Point-in-time Count Methodology

2027 PIT Methodology

Minor Changes from 2026:

- Engage mobile app will be used for DOH Funded cold weather shelters, warming centers, and DMHAS funded street outreach programs
- The use of Smartsheet is discontinued for this year



Reminder!
Housing
Inventory Chart
(HIC) Bed
Change due
date: 10/21/26

[PIT Log-in](#)

[PIT Instruction Page](#)



CT Coalition Against Domestic Violence Training: Recognizing Domestic Violence & Supporting Survivors

Training Description

- 10/22 from 1pm-3pm
- [Registration Link](#)
- This interactive foundational training introduces participants to domestic violence, coercive control, and the patterns and tactics used to maintain power and control in abusive relationships
- Training describes the many forms of abuse and highlights impact of violence on survivors and children exposed to domestic violence
- Participants learn how to support survivors and connect them with available resources in CT₁₀



Semi-Annual Meeting Announcement

CT State Community College Middlesex – Chapman Hall

- **Thursday**
- November 19, 2026
- 11:00 am -1:00 pm
- Parking available
- Lunch will be served
- 100 Training Hill Rd, Middletown, CT 06457

NSPIRE



- HUD indicated intent to publish guidance on which NSPIRE standards apply to CoC/ESG projects.
- Guidance remains pending.
- HUD has not yet extended the 10/1/26 CoC/ESG compliance deadline.
- CT Field Office has indicated:
 - HUD is Working on getting approval to extend
 - HUD won't be enforcing NSPIRE at this time

BOS CoC Vote - Vote for BOS SC Representative

CT BOS Steering Committee voted to add Representative from the Probate, Mental Health or Drug Treatment Court systems.

MOTION

To appoint to new seat **Chris Pleasanton**, Program Manager, State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, Court Operations Division, Criminal Matters Unit





Data Strategy Board Updates

System Performance Measures-In Progress

Review of System Performance Data During Cleanup Phase
Presented to CT BOS Steering Committee October 16, 2026

Jackie Gardner, HMIS Director
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Introduction to the SPM Data Review

- Slides will review the System Performance Measures for 10/1/25-9/30/26 as they appear now before data cleanup
- Several measures can be improved with relevant data cleanup
- ACT & Nutmeg will coordinate reaching out to providers with data quality issues and/or questions about the data
- Please be prepared to respond to these requests in a timely manner

Metric 1-Length of Time Homeless

1.a. is based on client's entry, exit and bed night dates strictly as entered in HMIS system.

Metric 1a - Length of Time Homeless

	Ppl in ES & SH	Average	Median	Ppl in ES, SH & TH	Average	Median
FFY 2022	4451	83	57	4822	89	59
FFY 2023	4670	89	55	5119	94	58
FFY 2024	4784	96	58	5206	100	62
FFY 2025	5147	96	59	5526	101	63
FFY2026	5325	99	52	5679	104	55

1.b. is based on data element 3.17 + time spent in PH projects between project start and move-in.

Metric 1.b. Length of Time Homeless - Including Element 3.17

	Ppl in ES, SH, & PH	Average	Median	Ppl in ES, SH, TH, & PH	Average	Median
FFY 2022	5613	426	200	5913	420	200
FFY 2023	5712	410	205	6087	400	203
FFY 2024	5809	451	229	6160	440	223
FFY 2025	6453	418	221	6750	413	221
FFY 2026	6325	455	231	6607	448	231

- Review your client rosters in HMIS for Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, and Transitional Housing projects.
- Exit people who should be exited with the correct exit date and destination
- Review Homeless Episode Start date and ensure accuracy
- HUD Resource about homeless episode start date available [Here](#)

Metric 2-Returns to Homelessness

Metric 2a - The Extent to which Persons who Exit Homelessness to Permanent Housing Destinations Return to Homelessness											
	Program Type	Total # ppl who exited to a PH Destination (2 yrs prior)	# Returning to Homelessness in Less than 6 mos. (0-180 days)	% of Returns in Less than 6 mos. (0-180 days)	# Returning to Homelessness from 6-12 Months (181-365 days)	% of Returns from 6 to 12 mos. (181-365 days)	# Returning to Homelessness from 13-24 mos. (366-730 days)	% of Returns from 13 -24 mos. (266-730 days)	# of Returns in 2 Years	% of Returns in 2 Years	
FFY 2022	Exit was from SO	126	11	9%	11	9%	11	9%	33	26%	
FFY 2023		113	5	4%	12	11%	15	13%	32	28%	
FFY 2024		190	17	9%	21	11%	11	6%	49	26%	
FFY 2025		231	15	6%	12	5%	12	5%	39	17%	
FFY 2026		281	16	6%	22	8%	21	7%	59	21%	
FFY 2022	Exit was from ES	1735	170	10%	114	6%	144	8%	428	24%	
FFY 2023		1314	181	14%	98	7%	147	11%	426	32%	
FFY 2024		1266	175	14%	87	7%	80	6%	342	27%	
FFY 2025		1552	169	11%	133	9%	127	8%	429	28%	
FFY 2026		1632	137	8%	98	6%	134	8%	369	23%	
FFY 2022	Exit was from TH	185	8	4%	5	3%	13	7%	26	14%	
FFY 2023		169	9	5%	12	7%	10	6%	31	18%	
FFY 2024		178	27	15%	11	6%	11	6%	49	28%	
FFY 2025		210	15	7%	9	4%	19	9%	43	20%	
FFY 2026		195	19	10%	8	4%	22	11%	49	25%	
FFY 2022	Exit was from SH	8	1	13%	1	13%	0	0%	2	25%	
FFY 2023		4	1	25%	1	25%	0	0%	2	50%	
FFY 2024		9	0	0%	0	0%	1	11%	1	11%	
FFY 2025		10	3	30%	2	20%	0	0%	5	50%	
FFY 2026		11	2	18%	1	9%	0	0%	3	27%	
FFY 2022	Exit was from PH	1649	71	4%	65	4%	102	6%	238	14%	
FFY 2023		1907	116	6%	82	4%	129	7%	327	17%	
FFY 2024		1938	91	5%	74	4%	107	6%	272	14%	
FFY 2025		1927	105	5%	90	5%	131	7%	326	17%	
FFY 2026		1715	92	5%	69	4%	94	5%	255	15%	
FFY 2022	Total Returns to Homelessness	3703	261	7%	196	5%	270	7%	727	20%	
FFY 2023		3507	312	9%	205	6%	301	9%	818	23%	
FFY 2024		3578	309	9%	193	5%	208	6%	710	20%	
FFY 2025		3930	307	8%	246	6%	289	7%	842	21%	
FFY 2026		3834	266	7%	198	5%	271	7%	735	19%	

- Review the exit destinations for exited clients in HMIS
- Ensure people who've exited to Permanent Housing have the appropriate exit destination selected
- Ensure all clients who should have an active enrollment in projects are enrolled

Metric 3-Number of Homeless Persons

Metric 3 - Number of Homeless Persons				
	Universe: Unduplicated Total Sheltered Homeless Persons	ES Total	SH Total	TH Total
FFY 2022	4977	4577	50	455
FFY 2023	5560	5081	61	531
FFY 2024	5610	5148	74	488
FFY 2025	5928	5514	76	448
FFY 2026	6314	5951	56	452

- Ensure all clients who should have an active enrollment in ES, SH, and TH projects are enrolled

Metric 4-Income for Stayers

Metric 4.1 - Change in Earned Income for Adult System Stayers during Reporting Period

	Universe: # of Adults (system stayers)	# of Adults w. Increased Earned Income	% of Adults who Increased Earned Income
FFY 2022	2043	112	5%
FFY 2023	2087	130	6%
FFY 2024	2073	111	5%
FFY 2025	2183	127	6%
FFY 2026	2324	118	5%

Metric 4.2 - Change in Non-Employment Cash Income for Adult System Stayers during Reporting Period

	Universe: # of Adults (system stayers)	# of Adults w. Increased non-employment Cash Income	% of Adults who Increased Non-Employment Cash Income
	2043	878	43%
	2087	923	44%
	2073	894	43%
	2183	924	42%
	2324	954	41%

Metric 4.3 - Change in Total Income for adult system stayers during Reporting Period

	Universe: # of Adults (system stayers)	# of Adults w. Increased Total Income	% of Adults who Increased Total Income
FFY 2022	2043	957	47%
FFY 2023	2087	1019	49%
FFY 2024	2073	979	47%
FFY 2025	2183	1018	47%
FFY 2026	2324	1032	44%

- Complete annual assessments and during program assessments to ensure all income data is accurately captured in HMIS
- Pay close attention to income from employment data—be sure earned income is entered correctly in HMIS in the assessments

Metric 4-Income for Leavers

Metric 4.4 - Change in Earned Income for Adult System Leavers

	Universe: # of Adults who Exited (System Leavers)	# of Adults who Exited w. Increased Earned Income	% of Adults who Increased Earned Income
FFY 2022	965	153	16%
FFY 2023	946	171	18%
FFY 2024	990	199	20%
FFY 2025	961	154	16%
FFY 2026	841	178	21%

Metric 4.5 - Change in Non-Employment Cash Income for Adult System Leavers

	Universe: # of Adults who Exited (System Leavers)	# Adults who Exited w. Increased Non-Employment Cash Income	% of Adults who Increased Non-Employment Cash Income
FFY 2022	965	196	20%
FFY 2023	946	186	20%
FFY 2024	990	194	20%
FFY 2025	961	198	21%
FFY 2026	841	189	22%

Metric 4.6 - Change in Total Income for Adult System Leavers

	Universe: # of Adults who Exited (System Leavers)	# Adults who Exited w. Increased Total Income	% of Adults who Increased Total Income
FFY 2022	965	325	34%
FFY 2023	946	330	35%
FFY 2024	990	370	37%
FFY 2025	961	330	34%
FFY 2026	841	349	41%

- Review Exit Assessments for Clients who've exited to ensure all income is documented appropriately
- Pay close attention to income from employment data—be sure earned income is entered correctly in HMIS in the assessments

Metric 5-First Time Homeless

Metric 5.1 - Change in # of Ppl Entering ES, SH, & TH Projects w. No Prior Enrollments in HMIS				Metric 5.2 - Change in # of Ppl Entering ES, SH, TH & PH Projects w. No Prior Enrollments in HMIS			
	Universe: Ppl w. Entries into ES, SH or TH during Reporting Period	Of Universe, those in ES, SH, TH or any PH Within 24 mos. Prior to Entry During Reporting Period	Of Universe, Those w. No Entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in previous 24 Mos. (# 1st Time Homeless)		Universe: Ppl w. Entries into ES, SH, TH or PH during Reporting Period	Of Universe, those in ES, SH, TH or any PH within 24 mos. Prior to Entry during Reporting Year	Of Universe, Those w. no Entries in ES, SH, TH or PH in Previous 24 months. (# 1st Time Homeless)
FFY 2022	4341	1731	2610		5926	2722	3204
FFY 2023	4790	1776	3014		6340	2712	3628
FFY 2024	4708	1769	2939		6243	2599	3644
FFY 2025	4992	1858	3134		6785	2747	4038
FFY 2026	5313	1900	3413		6780	2695	4085

- Ensure all clients who should have an active enrollment in any project type are enrolled

Metric 7-Exits to Housing

Metric 7a.1 - Change in Exits to PH Destinations

	Universe: All SO Exits	Of Universe, all exits to TH & Some Insitutional Settings	Of Universe, All exits to PH Destinations	% Successful SO Exits
FFY2022	678	170	218	57%
FFY2023	931	267	247	55%
FFY2024	1471	515	303	55%
FFY2025	2262	285	528	36%
FFY2026	1914	441	239	36%

Metric 7b.1 - Change in Exits to PH Destinations

	Universe: All ES, SH, TH and PH-RRH Exits + Ppl in other PH projects who exited without Moving into Housing	Of Universe, all exits to PH Desitnations	% Successful ES, SH, TH, PH-RRH Exits
FFY2022	5702	3150	55%
FFY2023	3012	3194	53%
FFY2024	5829	3156	54%
FFY 2025	6212	3196	51%
FFY 2026	6655	2805	42%

Metric 7b.2 - Change in Exits to or Retention of PH

	Universe: Exits from All PH Projects except PH-RRH who exited after Moving into Housing, or who Moved into Housing and Remained in the PH Project	Of Universe, all exits to PH Desitnations	% Successful ES, SH, TH, PH-RRH Exits
FFY2022	4594	4515	98%
FFY2023	4414	4291	97%
FFY2024	4582	4463	97%
FFY 2025	4625	4499	97%
FFY 2026	4555	4442	98%

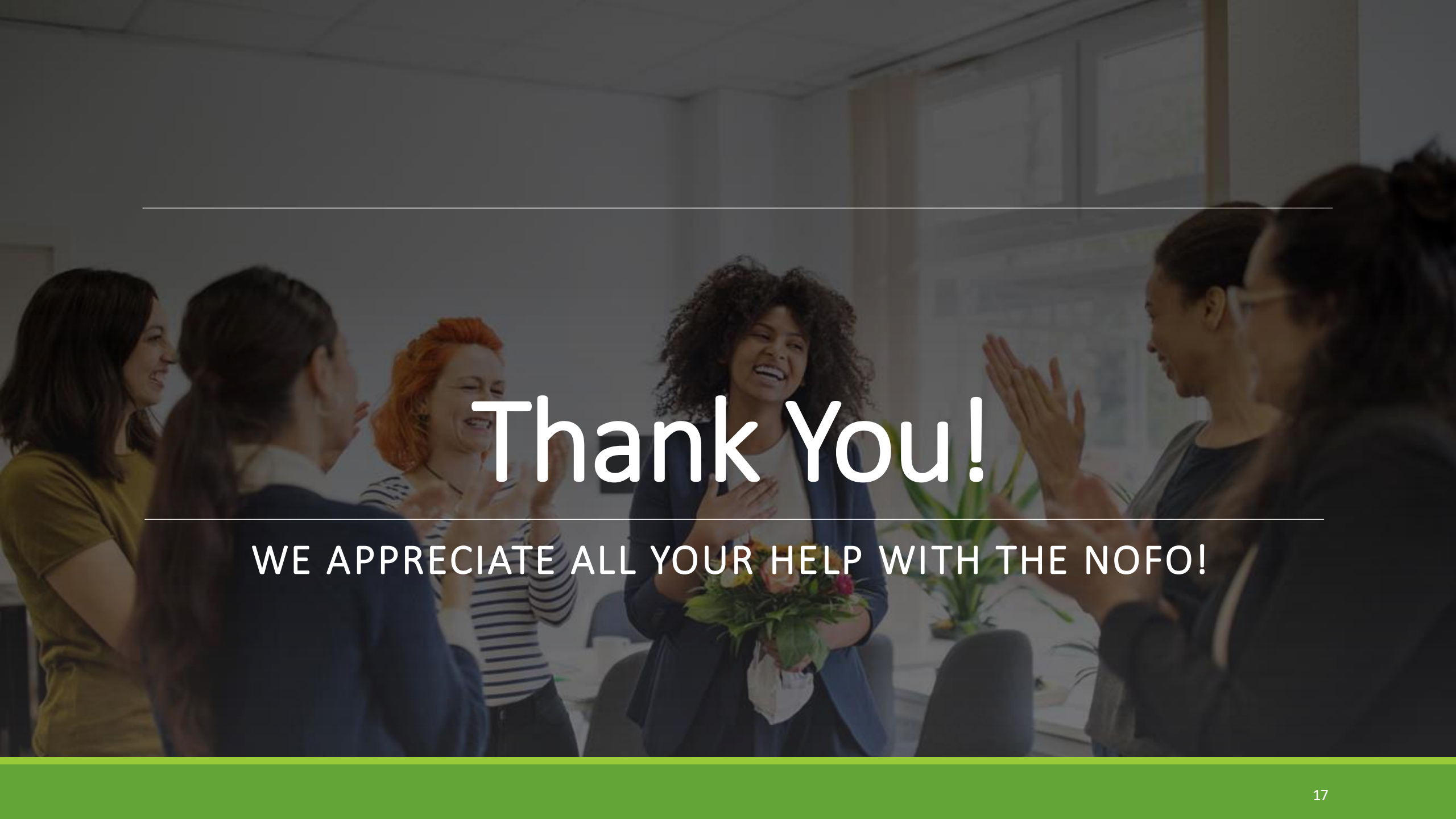
- Many SO programs are set to auto-exit when there is no activity for 90 days
- Evaluate SO enrollments without services over last 90 days as this triggers more exits from SO programs and can potentially cause this number to drop further
- Review exits for all project types and ensure accuracy in exit destination

Wrap Up

- Review your data for accuracy
- Be prepared to respond to data questions from ACT and Nutmeg
- Pay close attention to homeless start date, income, and exit destination data
- Review street outreach client roster to ensure accurate exits recorded
- Submit help desk tickets (help@nutmegit.com) if you have questions/issues with your data appearing correctly in HMIS



Federal Updates & CoC Competition



Thank You!

WE APPRECIATE ALL YOUR HELP WITH THE NOFO!



Time Sensitive NOFO Decisions – Background

- The NOFO scoring included points for
 - Service Participation Agreements and
 - On-site Substance Use Services
- The Co-Chairs established requirements for CT BOS providers using the “Time-Sensitive Decisions” clause in the Bylaws
 - Will review the requirements today
 - Still room for modifications and adjustments

Points for Service Participation Agreements

- 8 points for requiring service participation in 100% of housing projects.
 - Steering Committee previously voted to require service participation.
 - Previously shared a template for Service Participation Agreement (SPA) as a resource.
 - The SPA was a required CoC application attachment to get full points in the NOFO.
- BOS Chairs determined not feasible to collect and review individual agreements from all 48 CoC agencies in the 12-day competition window.
 - Chairs established the following requirements:





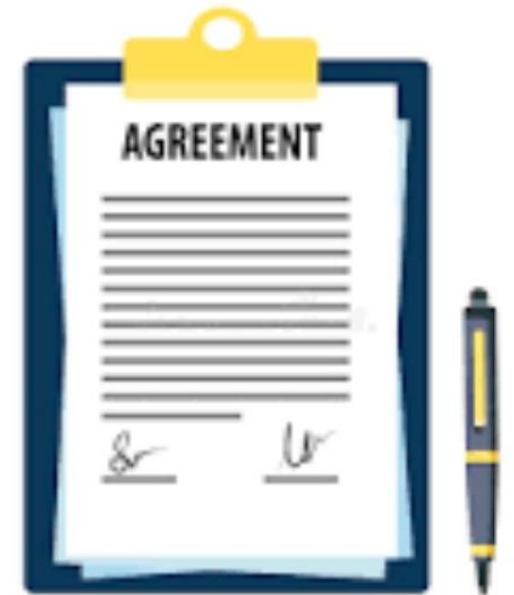
Standardized Service Participation Agreements – Submitted to HUD

- BOS Providers are required to use standardized agreements
 - TH Service Agreement (Applies to Renewal, Transition and DV Bonus TH)
 - TH Bonus Service Agreement (Applies to new TH funded with CoC Bonus)
 - PSH Service Agreement (Applies to PSH)
- Can make adjustments but must stay aligned with HUD requirements
 - Can still be revised.
- **Send comments to CTBOSCoC@gmail.com by 11/6/26**

Service Participation Agreements – Model Type Differences

All Agreements Include:

- Required Service Participation
- Tenancy Obligations
- Progressive Accountability
 - Address noncompliance through warnings, action plans, and case conferences
 - Provide written termination notice and appeal rights



Service Participation Agreements – Model Type Differences (2)

Both TH Agreements Include:

- 20 Hour Weekly Engagement
 - Participate in employment, education, job training, treatment, volunteering, case management
 - Exemptions for participants age 62+ or with a qualifying disability

For CoC Bonus TH Projects:

- Participation in substance use treatment required (3 points)
- *Questions or comments from the group?*





Time Sensitive NOFO Decisions – On-Site Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Treatment

- 3 points (estimated) for having on-site SUD treatment.
- Not defined by HUD.
- Chairs determined it's feasible to establish a broad definition that can be applied in all TH and PSH
- [Draft On-site SUD Treatment Policy](#)
- Send comments to CTBOSCoC@gmail.com by 11/6/26



What counts as on-site?

- Services provided at the property (in a project office or common space, in a participant's unit, or from a mobile unit that comes to the property) on a regular schedule by staff of the project or a partner provider
- Telehealth sessions that participants join at the project site, where the project provides a private space, a device and a connection, and a staff member on site helps the participant connect and follow up
- Scheduled on-site hours and as-needed availability from a partner treatment provider under a written agreement

On-Site Substance Use Treatment & Recovery Services

Must offer one or more core requirement on-site - Includes:

- SUD Case Management Services
- Peer recovery support services delivered by certified peer supporters
- Clinical assessment and treatment planning for SUD
- Individual and/or group counseling using evidence-based modalities (e.g., CBT, MI, CM)



On-Site Substance Use Treatment & Recovery Services (2)

Must offer one or more core requirement on-site Includes:

- **Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT)** or medication management delivered:
 - directly by licensed medical staff on-site, **or**
 - via telehealth with clinical staff providing on-site support
- **Relapse prevention**, including but not limited to psychoeducation, structured recovery groups, AA, NA, mobile support services, etc.
- **Facilitated referral and warm handoff** to higher levels of care (IOP, detox, inpatient, residential)
- *Questions or comments from the group?*



NOFO Litigation: New motions filed



- Plaintiffs asking for Tier 1 awards by 12/1/26 and new application process for Tier 2 without the set-aside.
- NAEH and HUD reached a formal agreement:
 - NAEH won't ask for an emergency order to stop processing the FY26 NOFO
 - If HUD decides to announce awards prior to 12/1/26, they will provide two weeks' notice
- Judge is expected to rule after 10/14.
- For now, applications submitted on 9/30 stand, and HUD can keep reviewing.
- Lawmakers are expected to continue negotiating the fiscal year (FY) 2027 budget through the in November and December.
 - Provides another window of opportunity for safeguarding CoC funding.

Break-outs

- Introduce yourself, agency/role and length of time attending SC meetings.
- Discuss:
 - What additional supports do you need before or during the annual NOFO competition process?
 - What training/guidance do providers and participants need to implement the required changes (e.g., transition to TH and service participation requirements)?
- Please add responses to the chat or send to ctboscoc@gmail.com



CT CAN End Homelessness Updates



Partner Announcements

Other Business?



Upcoming CT BOS SC Meetings



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

- Nov 19, 2026*
- Dec 18, 2026
- January 15, 2027
- February 19, 2027
- March 19, 2027
- April 16, 2027
- May 21, 2027
- June 11, 2027

Zoom Info for all SC meetings:

- [Meeting link](#)
- Meeting ID: 956 4487 8479
- Password: 414595
- Call-in number: 646-876-9923

*Semi-annual Meeting scheduled in person 11am-1pm

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