



CT BOS Steering Committee Meeting Minutes 9/19/25 - 11:00 am – 12:30pm

1. Welcome

[SC Participant List](#)

2. Guidelines for BOS Meetings

3. Adopt August Steering Committee Meeting Minutes – passed by consensus

4. Announcements

- Debrief post-Steering Committee meeting
 - 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 Stacey Hooker, new Meriden Middlesex Wallingford Coordinated Access Network (MMW CAN) Representative
- Semi-Annual Meeting Announcement
 - The meeting will be on 11/21 -11-1 at CT State Middlesex - 100 Training Hill Road, Middletown. All are welcome!
- Housing Inventory Chart (HIC)/Point-in-time (PIT) Count of Persons Experiencing Homelessness Training Dates
 - CT Count will be January 27, 2026.
 - HIC and PIT are required by HUD annually & include:
 - All beds and units (HIC) dedicated to serve people experiencing homelessness in Emergency shelters (ES), transitional housing (TH), safe havens (SH), rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing & other permanent housing (e.g. emergency housing vouchers)
 - People experiencing sheltered and unsheltered homelessness at a single point in time
 - Sheltered homelessness - people staying in ES,TH, SH
 - Unsheltered homelessness - people sleeping in places not meant for human habitation
 - [Training Registration Link for Sheltered Programs](#)
 - Training will be on 10/7/25 – 10am-12pm.
 - Training will be for users confirming the programs for PIT and bed information for Emergency Shelter; Safe Haven; Transitional Housing; Permanent Supportive Housing; Rapid Rehousing programs; Other Permanent Housing (e.g. emergency housing vouchers)
 - [Training Registration Link for Unsheltered Programs](#)
 - Training will be on 10/7/25 – 1pm-3pm
 - Training will be for users confirming Street Outreach programs (including Youth Navigators) and the unsheltered persons count for PIT.

- CT BOS offers a webinar for people who are new to the CoC titled “Introduction to CT BOS”
 - Updated slides are now available: [Introduction to BOS 2025 Slides](#)
- CT Department of Housing Capital Funding Available
 - Funding is available for non-profits for capital improvements to facilities.
 - Projects must house or provide services to persons experiencing homelessness.
 - Emergency shelters, day shelters, homeless hubs and other facilities can apply. Examples of areas/types of improvements that can be made include: kitchens, bathrooms and sleeping areas, beds, generators, painting, plumbing and electrical repair and upgrades, heating and air conditioning systems, and energy conservation.
 - Funding may not be used for acquisitions, demolitions, purchases of land or buildings.
 - Applications will be accepted starting 9/15/25 through 3/15/26 or until all funds are committed. Click to read the [full NOFA](#).

5. HUD Notices of Funding Opportunity (NOFOs)

- CoC Builds NOFO insights
 - HUD released this NOFO for capital projects for the third time. Applications previously submitted are no longer valid and applicants who wish to be considered had to re-submit.
 - The NOFO requires applicants to certify a number of new items:
 - Applicant will and does require participants to participate in services by contract, occupancy agreement, or lease.
 - Locality where project is prohibits public illicit drug use and enforces prohibition.
 - Locality prohibits public camping or loitering and enforces such prohibition
 - The applicant does not and will not deny the sex binary in humans or promote the notion that sex is a chosen or mutable characteristic.
 - The city, county, or state in which the project is located cooperates with Federal immigration enforcement.
 - See the NOFO for the full list of certifications: [CoC Builds NOFO 9-2025](#)
 - The U.S. District Court for the District of RI granted a **temporary restraining order (TRO)** in *National Alliance to End Homelessness v. Turner, et al*, halting any activities on the CoC Builds NOFO.
 - It was noted that there is concern regarding the CoC Builds language. It was noted that the state attorneys are working closely with DMHAS and DOH on how to navigate.
- **Eligible new project type – Stabilization Beds**
 - HUD has announced that it will seek applications for new Transitional Housing (TH) through the 2025 CoC Competition.
 - BOS anticipates seeking applications for TH/Stabilization Beds serving:
 - People experiencing unsheltered homelessness who are medically and/or psychiatrically vulnerable
 - Including but not limited to older adults
 - Interested applicants should begin formulating a project concept.

- BOS will release info on the process and deadline for submission once HUD releases the NOFO.
- BOS anticipates a quick turn-around for the applications.
- Housing stabilization beds should be part of the local [Coordinated Access Network\(s\)](#) street outreach strategy. They must provide immediate, short-term, temporary housing for people living in unsheltered locations. The purpose of these beds is to provide stability and a pathway to permanent housing or long-term care.
- Key services include:
 - Offering a safe place to sleep and basic services like showers
 - Providing case management and housing location assistance
 - Providing linkages to medical and behavioral health treatment
 - Providing linkages to public benefits
 - Aftercare services to support transition to permanent housing
- Stabilization beds can include hotel/motel locations,
- Project must dedicate 100% of CoC funded units exclusively to [serve people living in places not meant for human habitation](#)
- Projects must coordinate with DMHAS funded street outreach projects.
- Projects are encouraged to develop partnerships with:
 - Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC)
 - [Local Mental Health Authority](#)
 - Other licensed medical and behavioral health providers.
- [Eligible activities](#) include: master leasing of a structure or units, operating costs, supportive services, HMIS; project administration, and VAWA.

6. 2025 Point-in-time Count of People Experiencing Homelessness Report

- Jim Bombaci, Nutmeg presented the report: [2025 Point-in-time Count of People Experiencing Homelessness Report](#)

7. Break Out Groups

- Introduce yourself, your role, and how long you have been attending Steering Committee meetings
- **Discussion for today:**
 - What results stood out to you the most?
 - Meeting participants noted that the increase in unsheltered homelessness was alarming.
 - It was noted that it would be helpful to see the data broken out by CAN.
 - Concern was raised over the vacancy rate of PSH units.
 - Participants noted that they want more data on income and financial resources amongst those in our system.
 - Please share suggestions in the chat or email to ctboscoc@gmail.com

8. CT CAN End Homelessness Updates

- CCEH has responded to NOFO builds language and requirements and has been actively contacting members of congress. CCEH Action alert is coming out soon.
- CT CAN End Homelessness is fully in process of legislative agenda setting with changes happening daily.

- Upcoming Events include:
 - CT CAN End Homelessness Legislative Listening Session, September 23rd- 1-2:30 PM
 - Register in advance for this meeting: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYocOyvqj8vH9ejkVZH2MVC9qiwNAIQFiC>
 - End Homelessness Caucus
Federal Funding Briefing meeting Sept. 29th (Time TBD)
 - State Agency EHC Public Hearing on Federal Funding on 10/7 (Time TBD)
 - Reach out w/questions - kwhitney@cceh

9. Federal Updates

- Manatt Updates
 - NAEH has received a written opinion from Manatt on complying with the new HUD CoC contract requirements.
 - CT BOS and ODFC have been exploring whether Manatt can provide guidance specific to CT via Q&A session for provider agencies.
- Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) Updates
 - The Department of Justice (DOJ) sought to end certain exemptions, meaning CoC program recipients and subrecipients who are not nonprofits would need to verify immigration status for all program types.
 - Connecticut AG joined a [multi-state lawsuit](#) to block restrictions
 - State of NY vs U.S. Department of Justice - [Preliminary Injunction Granted!](#)
 - CT and other states that joined the suit currently do not need to check immigration status.
 - CT DOL is providing guidance to provide on how to serve people in the most flexible way possible. They do not want anyone barred from services since there is this TRO. If anyone has participants that are impacted by this and are having trouble getting services, they should contact Rob and he will provide support: robert.bongiolatti@ct.gov
- Budget Updates
 - Federal Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) Budget expires 9/30/25.
 - If Congress does not pass a full appropriations bill, options:
 - Government shutdown
 - Continuing Resolution (CR)
 - Advocates are calling for any CR to require HUD to:
 - Honor the two-year FY24 CoC Program NOFO
 - Award renewal funding per results of the FY24 CoC Competition
- Preparing for delayed 2025 awards
 - Agencies should prepare for significantly delayed 2025 awards:
 - Will impact operating years that begin in 2026.
 - Projects will not be able to draw down funds until grant agreements are executed.
 - Projects with start dates in Quarter 1 or Quarter 2 of 2026 are the most

likely to be impacted.

10. Governance Updates & Vote

- Proposed Changes to Governance Charter:
 - Adds new selection process for Community Representatives (CR's)
 - Changes "HMIS Steering Committee" to "Data Strategy Board" and removes PIT oversight as a responsibility of that body.
 - Includes hearing grievances from clients in BOS projects in purpose of the Grievance Committee.
- Vote Community Representative Selection Process and changes noted above.
Motion: Annually and as needed, the CLIP program will recruit and vet people to serve as CRs for the BOS Steering Committee. The CLIP program will present a slate of Community Representatives for acceptance by the SC. Motion passes by consensus.

11. Data Strategy Board (DSB) Updates

- DSB provided a report: [DSB September Report to SC](#)

12. Partner Announcements & Other Business

- Social Security is transitioning to electronic payments as of 9/30/25.
 - There are two ways to receive federal benefit payments electronically:
 - **Direct Deposit** to a checking or savings account. Old-Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) beneficiaries can use or sign up for a [my Social Security](#) online account to manage direct deposit information and access benefit details. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients and international beneficiaries can call 1-800-772-1213 for assistance.
 - **Direct Express® Card**, a safe and convenient prepaid debit card option for those without a bank account. To enroll, call 1-800-333-1795 or visit www.usdirectexpress.com.
- DMHAS working with Nutmeg to create homeless verification form in HMIS. They are almost done and once completed, there will be trainings on this. Reminder to providers to update the CLA every time outreach worker meets with someone!

13. Steering Committee Meeting Schedule

- October 17, 2025; 11-12:30
- Semi-Annual: November 21, 2025; 11-1:00
- December 19, 2025; 11-12:30
- January 16, 2026; 11-12:30
- February 20, 2026; 11-12:30
- March 30, 2026; 11-12:30
- April 17, 2026; 11-12:30
- May 15, 2026; 11-12:30
- June 12, 2026; 11-12:30