

BOSTON CONTINUUM OF CARE
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
July 26, 2017, 2017 3:00- 4:30PM
Bill Buckley Conference Room, 26 Court St., 11th Floor

Agenda Items

1. Welcome & Introductions

Sign In Sheet of attendees attached

2. CoC 2017 Competition

Katie & Gina

- CoC Meeting – August 9, 2017, 2 PM
- Leadership Council Meeting for CoC Competition: monthly
- NOFA Overview: TAC Summary

Katie Cahill-Holloway, Acting Deputy Director of Supportive Housing and Gina Schaak, Consultant, reviewed the highlights of this year's CoC competition. The NOFA was released on 7/14/17 and is due 9/28/17, 76 calendars days. Within the NOFA timeframe, a number of HUD transparency and internal deadline requirements must be met. These include the dates for when applications must be received by the Collaborative Application, dates for which projects must be notified of their inclusion in the CoC Application and the requirements for public posting of the tools used, documentation through meeting minutes of the decisions made, and making the full application available publicly.

As in past years, tiering is again a requirement. Boston's Annual Renewal Demand(ARD) is ~\$24m, Tier 2 must be 6% of the ARD, or for Boston, ~\$1.44m. As in past years, Tier 2 projects are at a greater risk of not being funded and relies heavily on the strength of the CoC Application. HUD will review and score tier 2 projects for threshold requirements and to assign an actual score out of 100. Score is: 50 based on CoC Score(proportionally), 40 based on the actual placement of the project within the Tier based on a HUD formula, 10 for adherence to Housing First/Low Barrier principles.

There were more changes than originally thought there would be but they are not very surprising. There is a shift in the weighting of certain sections, in particular, Data and System performance Measures are now the largest weighted sections. More general, overall CoC questions have been removed. There are also quite a few "technical changes" that are very much in the weeds but they are around eligibility. In particular a new option called "Dedicated PLUS". Dedicated PLUS allows for projects/beds that were previously dedicated to only Chronic to now serve clients that would have been chronic but for a TH, RRH, etc. enrollment.

PH Bonus funds are being made available again in the amount of 6% ARD. Bonus projects may be PSH, RRH or a new Joint TH/RRH program. This new program type is "bridge like" housing and intended to be for those who are

engaged in active housing search in order to move them out of emergency shelter more quickly. Reallocation is also available again this year, in addition to the above mentioned project types allowable, reallocation funds may also be used for new/expanded HMIS or SSO projects for Coordinated Entry. Finally, Planning funds are available at 3% of the ARD and are not included as part of the Tiering calculations.

3. Review:

Katie

- Proposed Reallocation Policy
- Tiering and Project Scoring
- New Permanent Housing Bonus and Reallocation RFP

Because of Boston's emphasis on reallocation to Permanent Housing projects over the past few years, there is only 1 Transitional Housing project remaining in the portfolio and the only SSO projects are the CoC HMIS and CAS grants. The TH project will be reallocated and any further reallocation will be voluntary. A Publicly advertised RFP for the New PH Bonus and Reallocation funds will be available as of Monday, July 31st. The CoC Prioritization Priority is as follows: 1-CoC SSO grants, 2-PH that directly supports tenancies through rental assistance or leasing, 3-PH projects that supports services to chronically homeless in housing, 4-Rapid Re-Housing programs, 5-New Reallocated Program, 6- New PH Bonus. Projects will be ranked in their component type based on their score from the CoC Ranking tool. A discussion then followed regarding the agreement to this prioritization, use of the tool which uses objective data from HMIS, SPM, APR, and financials and how the CoC may be applying for new PH or RRH programs and losing others. The rationale of Tiering 2 the RRH programs is that it has always been a time limited subsidy, if there was a subsidy at all and that we are not risking a truly subsidized unit. The Reallocation Policy and Rating and Ranking can be found on the CoC website.

4. Boston's Way Home Updates

Laila

- Chronically Homeless
- Homeless Veterans

Laila Bernstein, Special Advisor to the Mayor, reviewed a Powerpoint of the Action Plan Updates in preparation for the next Council meeting which will focus on the application and uses of the Planning grant. A number of challenges have been identified as the plan continues to be rolled out and implemented, how can we use planning funds to help these challenges. The presentation may be found on the Boston's Way Home website.

5. Rapid Rehousing Written Standards

Katie

- Process Overview
- Draft Written Standards

There is currently ~\$3.7m in RRH funds in the Boston CoC, split between CoC and City funds. The large RRH partnership between our two individual shelters

kicked off on 7/1. RRH has been identified as a critical component of the Systems Change work happening in the CoC. The thought process is that if RRH is targeted correctly then the impact hopefully will lead to decreases in length of stay as well as recidivism. The Rapid re-Housing working group made up of staff from all agencies and population types have developed the draft standards attached for review. The standards discuss who should be targeted, for how long, how much flex funds to be disbursed and a progressive engagement model. Also included is a Process Document as to how the work group reached the decisions that it did. The standards have been written to be flexible enough for each population. As the RRH projects roll out or are renewed then these standards will be implemented.

6. Next Meeting: August 16th @ 3 PM

- Approve Updated CoC Governance Charter Jen & Katie
- Update on New Project Proposals
- Narrative Assistance
- Date for September meeting: 9/6 or 9/13 in AM

Homework for the council, review the current Charter that was handed out with track changes highlighting some areas of concern or update. This document will be worked on electronically by the Council and CoC staff for a final vote to approve any updates at the next meeting in August. CoC staff will have a list and overview detail of the new projects as the proposals are due the previous day to DND. Also CoC staff will have any narratives that will need Council members help with.