

BOSTON CONTINUUM OF CARE  
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 2017 3:00- 4:30PM  
Bill Buckley Conference Room, 26 Court St., 11<sup>th</sup> Floor

Agenda Items

1. Welcome & Introductions  
*Sign In Sheet Attached*

2. CoC 2017 Competition Katie
  - New PH Bonus and Reallocation Update
  - Renewal Project Applications
  - Narrative Insight & Assistance

*The New PH Applications were due yesterday at 4PM. Four applications were received, 3 for new PH Bonus and 1 Reallocation. MHSA came in for an expansion of the Homefront program under the Dedicated Plus program type, NECHV submitted a Joint TH-RRH proposal, PSI submitted an expansion of Place Me Home partnering with BPHC and St. Francis House submitted a RRH application under the reallocation guidelines. The Supportive Housing team is currently reviewing and scoring these applications to make sure they meet threshold criteria, eligibility criteria and fill gaps in our system. Last year we had 3 Bonus projects funded so we are hopeful for this year as well.*

*Renewal Applications were sent out by your Development Officers and they are due back in to DND on August 18. HUD very much streamlined the process this year and all renewing grants were able to be imported into E-Snaps. This is not the time to make changes to your grant; changes should be made after the competition. Currently the renewals are just being reviewed for accuracy as well as answer the City application questions which are intended to help us complete the CoC Application. The CoC Application is much more intensive and we will need some assistance with some narratives.*

3. Review & Action: Jen
  - Proposed Charter Language Updates

*Reviewed the Governance Charter which was sent out earlier in the week through Google Docs with Track Changes. The only updates or changes that were made were to update the names and descriptions of the current working groups as well as update the language regarding the upcoming HMIS data standards change. After the Competition, the Leadership Council structure and members will be reviewed as we move towards implementation of Coordinated Entry.*

*A vote to accept these changes occurred and was unanimously supported.*

#### 4. Boston's Way Home

Laila

- Challenges and Opportunities
- Planning Grant Brainstorm

*The Boston CoC is eligible to apply for ~\$722k in Planning funds this year. Laila led a discussion around the challenges in implementing the Action Plan and scaling up Coordinated Entry in order to brainstorm with the Leadership Council the use of funds in applying for the Planning grant this year. A number of ideas were discussed:*

- *Consultant around diversity building of the Leadership Council and restructuring to align with Coordinated Entry.*
- *Single Common Application for Affordable and Subsidized Housing*
- *More coordination around the Family System which can be difficult with the State managing the system statewide*
- *Evaluation of the existing PSH and other permanent housing stock: Are we adding the right type of housing and at an adequate rate? What is the adequate rate?*
- *Explore the PSH and housing inventory of other areas as the shelter population is around 60% of clients from outside our CoC, the best fit housing for them may be from their community of origin.*
- *Treading water because of the high inflow into our system due to serving as the regional hub. Need more upstream research to better plan: Discharge Planning with other systems of care, working with communities without shelter beds in CoC to house people from their communities.*
- *With the shift in Healthcare and costs how can we stop discharge to homeless and leverage resources in health care/hospitals? Who needs to be at the table to develop those types of partnerships?*
- *Need in depth Research and Evaluation, is what we are doing working?*
- *Need very low threshold space especially around Melnea & Mass. No housing path for severe substance abuse. Homeless services and Recovery Services are not very well coordinated for this severe population.*
- *We have many Pilots that are happening and doing well, but they are pilots because we can't bring them to scale. How do we scale up effective pilots in order to make the needed impact?*
- *Many Universities in Boston: how do we harness their resources especially in sustaining research and evaluation? How do we partner in other ways as well?*

#### 5. Next Meeting:

*-9/7 @ 3PM – The next meeting will be held at this date and time due to a consensus from the group.*

- Review Projects to be included in Application
- Deadline for notice of inclusion: 9/13/17

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✓	<del>Alana Olsen</del>
✓	<del>Andy McCawley</del>
	Annissa Essaibi-George, City Councilor
	Beth Grand
✓	<del>Bill McGonagle</del>
✓	<del>Chris Norris</del>
✓	David Gleich
✓	Elisabeth Jackson <i>ACLENE SPYDER</i>
✓	Gabby Vacheresse
✓	Gail Livingston
✓	James O'Connell <i>goc</i>
✓	Jennifer Flynn
	Jessie Gaeta
✓	Jim Greene
✓	Karen LaFrazia
	Katie Cahill-Holloway
✓	Kaye Wild
✓	Laila Bernstein
✓	Libby Hayes
✓	<del>Lyndia Downie</del> <i>LARRY SENSUS</i>
✓	Matt Pritchard

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	<b>Sandra McCroom</b>
	<b>Sheila Dillon</b>
	<b>Stephanie Brown</b>
	Seth Michaelson - PRO HOME