

**GA Balance of State CoC Standards, Rating & Project Selection Committee Meeting  
September 12, 2104 / 9:30---11:00 PM**

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Meeting Notes

**Welcome and Introductions** – Jonathan Cox, Planning Manager, State Housing Trust Fund for the Homeless

*Attendance:*

**Members Present:**

Evan Mills, MSW, Advantage Behavioral Health Services; Mental Health Service Provider  
Phillippa Moss, City of Gainesville; Local Government; Housing & Neighborhood Development  
Elizabeth Runkle, Georgia Center for Nonprofits, Inc.; Nonprofit Consulting; South, GA

**Members Absent:**

**Collaborative Applicant Staff:**

Jonathan Cox, Department of Community Affairs  
Tina Moore, Department of Community Affairs  
Amy Zaremba, Department of Community Affairs

**Support Entity:**

Lindsey Stillman, Ph.D., Cloudburst Consulting Group; HUD TA

The first meeting of the Interim Standards, Rating and Project Selection Committee began at 9:30 a.m.

The meeting began with an overview of the HEARTH Act and the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program. Dr. Stillman reviewed the purpose of a CoC, HEARTH Legislation, changes to the CoC as a result of the HEARTH Act, CoC Roles as they relate to CoC Membership, CoC Board Requirements, Collaborative Applicant, and CoC Responsibilities and functions. Dr. Stillman left the meeting after her presentation.

Jonathan Cox provided an overview of the Balance of State (BoS) Board structure, BoS Committees, and responsibilities of the Standards, Rating and Project Selection Committee as outlined the Governance Charter that was ratified by Members on January 28, 2014. Acting on behalf of the Continuum, the NOFA process established by this Committee, along with the due diligence and oversight to ensure a transparent process, shall serve as Continuum “approval for submission” by the Collaborative Applicant.

Collaborative Applicant and the Committee then discussed the 2014 Continuum of Care Competition for the BoS CoC. The group worked to establish:

- A policy on whether to include low performing programs within the NOFA application to HUD;
- Program priorities according to program type (permanent housing, transitional housing, etc.);
- The policy and procedure for NOFA applications (both renewal and new);
- The process for submitting applications (both renewal and new); and
- The scoring criteria for project application reviews.

There was discussion on the the FY 2013 CoC Competition, the 2-year process, new projects availability only through reallocation, CoC priorities, the two Tier System for project ranking, Federal priorities as it relates to Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding. The group discussed using project performance to score and rank projects and reallocation from low performing Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects.

Collaborative Applicant staff reviewed proposed NOFA strategy for the 2014 competition, proposed scoring criteria for renewal projects, and proposed review application forms for renewal projects. Collaborative Applicant staff requested the Committee's approval of the competition policy, scoring criteria, and review application forms for renewal projects. There was some discussion on new projects awarded under the 2013 CoC Competition, TA for Rapid Re-Housing Projects, the steps Collaborative Applicant staff would follow distributing the documents, and the 15 year history of the Collaborative Applicant. The Committee then approved the proposed competition policy, scoring criteria, and review application forms for renewal projects.