

**GA Balance of State CoC Standards, Rating & Project Selection Special Committee Meeting
September 25, 2105 / 3:30 PM**

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Agenda

- FY2015 Balance of State Continuum of Care Competition
 - Policy and Process
 - Timeline
 - Competition Materials
- Next Meeting Date

Meeting Notes

Welcome and Introductions – Tina Moore, Continuum of Care Coordinator

Attendance:

Members Present:

Rachel Castillo, MUST Ministries, Inc.; Nonprofit Homeless Service Provider; North, GA
Evan Mills, MSW, Advantage Behavioral Health Services; Mental Health Service Provider
Phillippa Moss, City of Gainesville; Local Government; Housing & Neighborhood Development
Denise Bell Sellars, SW Georgia Community Action Council; Nonprofit Homeless Service Provider; SW GA

Members Absent:

None

Collaborative Applicant Staff:

Christy Hahn, Department of Community Affairs
Tina Moore, Department of Community Affairs
Amy Zaremba, Department of Community Affairs

This special meeting of the Standards, Rating and Project Selection Committee began at 3:30 p.m.

Tina Moore welcomed everyone and introduced Denise Bell Sellars, the newest member of the Committee. Ms. Moore provided a staff update and introduced Christy Hahn, who has accepted a position with the Collaborative Applicant as Planning Manager, and Ms. Moore reported that Don Watt left DCA to accept a position in Tennessee. Ms. Moore also reported that Lakeisha Cramer moved to a different job and will be unable to serve on the Committee anymore and noted that staff will be working to confirm a potential candidate to fill the fifth seat of this Committee. Once staff finalizes a candidate, and they are able to determine their availability, staff will move forward with the recommendation to the Membership and Rules Committee and then the Board for approval.

Collaborative Applicant staff and the Committee then discussed the 2015 Continuum of Care Competition for the BoS CoC. The group worked to establish:

- BoS CoC NOFA strategy and policy on whether to include low performing programs in the NOFA application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD);

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- 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 FY 2014 CoC Competition; new projects availability only through reallocation; federal and CoC priorities; strategic resource allocation; policy priorities for ending Chronic; Family, Veteran, and Youth Homelessness; Housing First; permanent housing priority; HUD's two Tier System for project ranking (15% for Tier 2); federal priorities as it relates to Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding; the bonus opportunity; threshold criteria; and scoring for agency capacity. The group discussed using project performance to score and rank projects and reallocation from low performing Transitional Housing (TH) projects, incentives for agencies with TH projects to apply for Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) or Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) instead of TH, and the reallocation of Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) projects.

The Collaborative Applicant staff reviewed the proposed NOFA strategy and process for the 2015 competition, proposed scoring criteria for renewal projects, and proposed review application forms for renewal projects. There was some discussion on the need to create an Addendum document to collect information related to policy and scoring criteria from all applicants given that PSH and RRH renewal project applicants have already submitted review applications. The Collaborative Applicant staff requested the Committee's approval of the competition policy, scoring criteria, review application forms, and other related materials for new and renewal projects.

Motion to approve the proposed competition policy, scoring criteria, competition documents, and other related materials was made by Phillippa Moss and seconded by Rachel Castillo. The motion passed unanimously, and the recommendations will move forward to the Board for approval.

Christy Hahn reported that staff have submitted a request to HUD under the Vets@Home Technical Assistance Initiative in an effort to receive technical assistance around ending Veteran Homelessness in the Balance of State. Assistance was specifically requested around refining the CoCs count methodology for special populations (Veterans and Chronically Homeless), determining a takedown list (registry of Veterans who are homeless), and coordinating housing in response to the list. Ms. Hahn then discussed the Point-in-Time (PIT) Count in regards to the competition. Ms. Hahn noted that CoCs are required to conduct an unsheltered PIT every two years in 2016, and the Balance of State CoC conducted a full PIT Count in 2015. Ms. Hahn then noted that the 2015 competition was offering incentives to encourage CoCs to conduct a PIT Count in 2016. There was discussion around the Balance of State conducting a PIT Count so soon after the previous one, how a PIT Count could distract from the TA effort to address homelessness among Veterans, and the possibility of working with KSU to refine methodology around data collection and data sampling.

Tina Moore then noted that a second Special Meeting of this Committee will need to be called to review the results and make priority ranking recommendations to the Board for approval. During the meeting, the Committee set the next meeting for 11:00 AM on November 2, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37 PM.

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