

Boston CoC MA-500 General Membership Meeting

June 25, 2018

Meeting Materials:

- [Agenda and Handouts](#)

Notes:

1. Welcome and Introductions

- a. DND Updates
 - i. Promotions
 1. Laila Bernstein, Deputy Director for the Supportive Housing Division
 2. Courtney Trudell, Assistant Director for Supportive Housing
 3. Ian Gendreau, Coordinated Access Manager and System Change Manager for the Mayor's Initiative to End Veteran and Chronic Homelessness
 - ii. New Hires
 1. Lubov McKone, HMIS Data Analyst
 2. Grace Palmer, fellow with Harvard Kennedy Government Performance Lab
 - iii. Open position for [Housing Development Officer](#)

2. Debrief from the CoC 2017 Competition

- a. Boston's performance
 - i. 174.5/200 points
 1. Highest performing CoC 190.75/200 points
 2. High performance in categories
 - a. Governance and structure
 - b. Performance
 - i. Fidelity to housing first
 - ii. Street outreach coverage
 - iii. Addition of RRH beds to system
 3. Lowest performing area
 - a. Data quality and collection
 - i. Handout: Boston CoC System Performance Measures (SPMs)
 - ii. HMIS and SPMs
 1. Especially SPMs on CoC programs (PSH, etc.)
 - a. Not Emergency Shelter programs
 2. Missing data; losing most points on
 - a. Exit destination
 - i. Which ties to retention of PH
 - b. Entry during HUD intake
 - c. Vet status
 - d. Disabling condition
 3. Income maximization
 - a. Clients' annual assessments are not being completed at the clients' 1-year program entry anniversary
 - b. Gives the appearance of clients are *losing* income
- b. Awards & new project
 - i. Award amount: \$26,368,398

1. Requested 3 bonus projects; none were funded
- ii. New project through reallocation
 1. St Francis House Access to Employment
 - a. RRH grant with employment services focus
 - b. 7/1 start date

3. CoC 2018 Competition

a. NOFA Overview

- i. [HUD - FY 2018 Continuum of Care Program Competition NOFA](#)
 1. HUD publishing Consolidated and Project (new and renewal) application in esnaps along with detailed instructions, soon
- ii. Record amount of \$2.1 billion available nationally
Boston application specifics (HUD will finalize 6/28/18 or later)
 1. 94% will go into Tier 1 (\$24,107,148)
 2. 6% will go into Tier 2 (\$1,538,754)
 3. Boston's Annual Renewal Demand \$25,645,902
- iii. [FY18 CoC Program NOFA Short Summary](#) prepared by TAC
- iv. **Key dates & deadlines**
 1. *Note: these deadlines are from HUD*
 2. Project Applications submitted to CoC by **8/20/18 (final date TBD)**
 3. Project Applicants notified by CoC of acceptance, rejection, or reduction of project application by **9/4/18 (final date TBD)**
 4. Post CoC Consolidated Application to website and notify stakeholders by **9/16/18**
 5. Submit to HUD by **9/18/17 8PM EST**
- v. **Funding opportunities**
 1. 6% bonus funding
 2. New HMIS funding
 3. Supportive Services Only (SSO) project funding
 4. TH to RRH funding
 5. **DV funding opportunity for new projects**
 - a. \$50 million in RRH funding specifically for DV projects
 - b. [Funding Alert: \\$50 Million in CoC RRH Funding for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking](#)
 - c. DND will issue an RFP, working on timeline now
 - i. Anticipate releasing mid-July
 - d. If you have ideas for DV programs or existing programs, reach out to DND
 6. HUD will only accept one application from the CoC under each DV component
- vi. **Other highlights & changes**
 1. See handout: [FY18 CoC Program NOFA Summary](#) prepared by TAC
- b. **Reallocation Policy: Preliminary Discussion**
 - i. Can reallocate funding to create new projects
 1. Can combine reallocation and bonus funding
 - ii. Reallocation voluntary
 1. Everything is in RRH or PSH already
 2. Reach out to DND if you are interested in reallocating
 - iii. Consolidation opportunities
- c. **CoC Project Rating and Ranking**

- i. Tier 1 vs. Tier 2
 - 1. Tier 1 - as long as the project passes threshold review, it will be funded
 - 2. Tier 2 - lower priority for funding; individual projects are scored
 - a. 50% of the score is based on the CoC's Consolidated Application score
 - b. Points also based on where you ranked it within Tier 2
 - c. Finally, points based on HUD system priorities (Housing First)
- ii. **Desk Review Tool (handout): Review and schedule**
 - 1. Boston CoC Leadership Council uses this objective, data-driven tool to rank CoC project applications
 - a. Sources include HMIS and SPMs
 - i. Emphasis on data quality and data collection
 - ii. DND has already run SPMs for programs this year

4. System Reform/Transformation

a. Coordinated Entry System: Updates

- i. CES is a HUD requirement for CoCs to establish uniform practices for how you assist households within your system
 - 1. All PSH referrals happening through Coordinated Access System (CAS)
 - 2. Piloting RRH referrals through CAS

b. RRH for Individuals

- i. ~500 RRH opportunities in system through CoC, ESG and City funding
- ii. Targeting adult individuals experiencing homelessness for 270+ days in Boston
 - 1. Youth 25 and under with 30+ days in Boston
- iii. Working through changes to referrals, program practices, etc. with providers
 - 1. Staff and manager trainings
 - a. May on RRH best practices
 - b. July (date TBD) on youth-specific RRH practices
- iv. Testing CES assessment focusing on barriers to exiting shelter and entering housing
 - 1. Testing with St Francis House, Pine Street Inn, and HomeStart
 - 2. Starting testing with New England Center & Home for Veterans and Bridge Over Troubled Waters in a few weeks
- v. Testing CES referrals to RRH through CAS

c. Family

- i. DND also working with CoC-funded family RRH programs to mirror individual CES design and testing process
 - 1. ~100 RRH family slots
- ii. Draft assessment, similarly focused on housing barriers
- iii. Trying to engage DHCD around data & access to individuals
 - 1. DND has limited DHCD data
 - 2. Can see that people on DHCD-funded sites have longer lengths of stay
 - 3. CoC philosophy to target resources to those experiencing homelessness the longest in the CoC
 - 4. Have to launch something—possibility of parallel-tracking testing in CoC-funded programs and further discussion with DHCD

d. System Transformation Vendor and Updates

- i. RFP in January 2018 to select consultant for system planning to evaluate and redesign parts of the adult individual emergency shelter system
 - 1. The scope of this project is primarily at the front door of shelter, on triage, diversion, shelter demand/inflow, and emergency shelter policies.

- ii. [System Transformation slide deck](#)
- iii. [City selected Focus Strategies](#)
 - 1. Working with City, shelters, consumers
 - 2. If you're not involved in the planning process & would like to be, reach out to Laila Bernstein or Allison Singer

5. Youth Homelessness Planning Process Update

- a. [Youth Homelessness Planning Process slide deck](#)
- b. Broken into smaller committees
 - i. If interested in joining a committee, follow up with Courtney Trudell
 - ii. If questions about your committee, follow up with your committee co-chair
- c. Rough draft of coordinated community response plan in September
- d. Youth voice & youth partnerships throughout the planning process, including youth representation on all committees

6. Upcoming Procurement Opportunities

- a. cityofboston.gov/procurement
- b. **ESG**
 - i. Extensions of existing contracts
 - ii. Procurement in the fall
- c. **HOPWA**
 - i. Extensions of existing contracts
 - ii. Procurement in the fall
 - 1. Reviewing HOPWA Needs Assessment to inform procurement

7. Next Steps

- a. If interested in reallocating or pursuing new project, reach out to DND now
- b. Make sure DND has contact info of anyone who will be working on your application
- c. DND contract managers & development officers will be reaching out
- d. Follow us at boston.gov/housing/continuum-care-program