

## Joint HUD CoC and NOFA Committee Meeting

Meeting 7 Minutes

August, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017

Location: 150 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Fourth Floor, Conference Rm 1

Time: 2pm-5pm

Attendance: G. Garret, L. Tannenbaum, R. McNamara, M. Timson, H. MacDonald-Fine, D Biggs, R.

Wilkerson, K. Erickson, J. Dunner, W. Jackson, P. Franklin

Staff: E. de Coligny, L. Guzman, D. Chang.

### 1. Approval of June CoC Committee Minutes

- a. Motion passes pending amendment to reflect that Wilkerson was in June's CoC Committee meeting.

### 2. NOFA – Action Item

#### a. NOFA Release and Timelines

##### i. Important deadlines to keep track of:

- Deadline for the NOFA process is September 28<sup>th</sup>
- From now until August 30<sup>th</sup>, come up with specific recommendations for Local Process.
- Community Input Session on 8/7, and Bidder's Conference August 11<sup>th</sup> at HCD.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> -release of Rating and Ranking list

##### ii. NOFA committee- EOH team will be doing scoring till Sep 1<sup>st</sup>. There will be an optional committee training and a mandatory Rating and Ranking session.

- EOH is recruiting additional readers.
- September 13<sup>th</sup> -release of Rating and Ranking list
- Appeals process is during Bidders conference.
- Scores due end of night of September 9<sup>th</sup>
- NOFA meetings will either be on the phone or at EOHs office.
- NOFA will meet on the 11<sup>th</sup> for rating and ranking

##### iii. Appeals-

- Clarifications: EOH will respond within 24 hours. The response will be the receipt. There is one single appeal process.

- Group suggest adding adjustment to the language for the appeal's process to include projects that may get bumped into Tier 2 as a result of appeals.
- Appeal Timeline: Appeal should be due end of the day on **Sep 15<sup>th</sup>** for appeal and everything will be finalized by **Sep 19<sup>th</sup>**. Appeal Committee (Moe, Marnelle, and Rachael) will meet on the **Sep 18<sup>th</sup>**.
  - i. Consensus with proposed timeline.

b. 2017 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition NOFA: What's New, Changes and Highlights

i. Important Changes:

- 1) 100% PSH DedicatedPLUS Projects: Can Projects declare themselves DedicatedPLUS? Elaine says we can, but we need to confirm with HUD. Clarify if existing PSH can classify itself as DedicatedPLUS PSH, or whether HomeStretch can modify eligibility to fit this definition – as all PSH have MOUs with HomeStretch.
- 2) If renewal projects have no changes, they can submit application automatically without changes.
- 3) TH-RRH joined component HUD priority: the challenge (and risk) is that TH projects need to close down, before they can be reallocated to a new joint TH-RRH project. It can help TH programs to choose to reallocate under this new component. 6 TH traditional projects left, about \$3 million total.
- 4) HUD will score the NOFA applications same as last year (Tier 1 and Tier 2) with some tweaks. Tier 2 is equal to 6 percent plus the amount we're allowed to ask for the bonus project. Note: If we were to put bonus project at the bottom, we have almost 2 million in Tier 2. HUD will award Tier 2 for each new and renewal projects with a 100 point scale (Project Type no longer relevant).
- 5) HUD's shifting gears: It will rank CoC's system performance – no longer concerned with project types. From design of your HMIS to the performance of the entire system.

- 6) HUD will continue to rank our community score in relation to all CoCs- it is in our best interest to have our Consolidated Application score as high as possible.
  - 7) In 2016, our score was 3.75 above the national median, but 1.65 below the weighted median (since our ARD is one of the highest in the country, it appears higher ARDs do not benefit from score weight). The higher you score, the more likely you are going to get all of Tier 2.
  - 8) In the best-case scenario, we are likely to lose 5-10 points from last year's scores because of HUD's shift from quality to system performance.
- c. EveryOne Home NOFA Analysis and Recommendations

Analysis – 2017 – 2016 NOFA Scores and Criteria comparison and recommendations (EOH 7/31/2017 Memo – presented by Elaine):

- ALCO will likely get zero points for the majority of subpopulations that showed increases under the PIT count; length of time increase; Veteran's increase. We may look at losing up to 8 points. Ending family homelessness may be the only area where we may score strongly as we showed reduction, but need to follow up with strategy to rapidly rehouse families within 30 days.
  - Meeting/Phone Conference with Berkeley and Oakland ESG for NOFA collaboration requirements
  - Reallocation and 90% Chronic Homeless or DedicatedPlus: may assist us to hold our score steady
  - Reallocation points this year is based on adding all of ALCO's reallocation from 2013-2016 (to date) and divide by 2013 ARD.
  - We have reallocated: \$3,838,056 and we need to reallocate \$4,964,152: we are \$1,126,096 short of this goal.
  - Need to confirm DedicatedPLUS designation is possible by clarifying with HUD and HomeStretch.
- ii. **Staff Recommendations** (5 Recommendations) – all passed through 2 Motions and specific direction as annotated below:
- **Focus reallocation efforts on low performers of all types** (those that score below the threshold) and **helping TH programs reallocate to new TH-RRH joined component**. Consider whether to make reallocation mandatory.

- Input from both CoC and NOFA Committee members – CoC Committee **Motion #1 Passed unanimously (Recommendation #2 from EHO)** (Rachael, Karen seconded):
  - It is in the best interest of ALCO to maintain a long term, healthy HUD CoC program, and; therefore, the HUD CoC Committee recommends the reallocation of traditional TH programs to the new HUD TH/RRH joined component; strongly recommends Projects to consider TH to TH/RRH reallocation efforts; to incentivize this type of reallocation in the local NOFA Competition; and a commitment by Alameda County and its cities to keep programs in the County which is essential at a time of increased homelessness and a critical need to maintain and increase system capacity.
  - The recommendation includes a commitment to increased benchmarks for next year, and to continue the reallocation of low performing projects regardless of project type -consistent with prior reallocation processes.
  - **Recommendations #1, #3, #4, and #5 combined.** Motion(s): Passed unanimously
    - **Strive to have 90% of PSH either chronically homeless dedicated or DedicatedPLUS.** Consider what evidence of dedication is needed, and whether to make the dedication mandatory for inclusion in the package -as we have done with low barrier and Housing First in the past. Consult with HUD DedicatedPLUS specifics (Can existing PSH not 100% dedicated to chronic homeless become a DedicatedPLUS PSH?)
    - Solicit applications for bonus projects (open to expansion and new projects)
    - Limit revisions to the local applications to those that increase clarity, reduce work load and/or incorporate the above recommendations
    - Utilize the same guiding principles as the 2016 NOFA round.
- d. HMIS Procurement update by HMIS – CLARITY is the new vendor.
- i. Plan is to try and have Oct 1<sup>st</sup> as launch date, training in September
  - ii. Biggest thing is training, migrating, and administration of system.
- e. Underspending strategy – Follow up with Leadership Board
- i. Some analysis of current practices to track rental assistance projects, that includes BHFP, Abode, and ACD and come up with our best practices so that we can come up with better spending scenarios.

- f. Housing First TA Sessions completed (11 Projects)
  - i. EOH did 11 TA sessions with providers. It was a great project to move forward for HUD NOFA and Coordinated Entry Housing First standards.
- g. Announcement of EveryOne Home hired Project Monitor
  - i. Ruby Butler will start on Monday, 8/7.
- h. Coordinated Entry implementation
  - i. HMIS and CES are linked- agreed that contractors have been selected:
    - EDEN I and R: Call Center
    - City of Oakland and City of Berkeley partnering with other agencies
    - Abode: Hubs in mid/south county with different sets of partners and cities in East County
  - ii. Finished testing prioritization tool & Focus Strategies said tool performed well.
  - iii. Tools read by end of month. There will be a draft for standards and procedures across community. HUD CoC Committee can join LB meeting in August to approve.
  - iv. Hopes to have compliant system by January.
- 3. HMIS Oversight Committee
  - a. Committee will discuss the design of the HMIS Oversight Committee in September's CoC Committee Meeting
- 4. Homeless Count Report Release and Follow Up
  - a. While we wanted to have a follow up community meeting to discuss Homeless Count reports, it is not realistic with NOFA, Coordinated Entry Launch, etc. We will defer meeting to Fall.
- 5. Next Meetings:
  - a. EOH will schedule conference call for NOFA committee on 8/4.
  - b. HUD CoC meet on August 15<sup>th</sup>- Propose by email if it's a conference call? Or invite to LB?
  - c. CANCELLED August 15<sup>th</sup> meeting
  - d. Note: Add location, start and end time on next Agenda