

CONTINUUM OF CARE BOARD NOTES  
September 24th, 2025  
3:00PM - 5:00PM

Meeting started at 3:02 pm

Roll Call of Board Members; Quorum reached

Approval of Draft Minutes from August; Maggie motion to approve, Matt second; minutes approved

Approval/Suggested Additions for September Agenda. None offered; Matt motion, Blake second; approved

Public Comment Period

No public comment

CA Updates:

Jon – anticipated 2-year renewal still appears to be on the table. May still need to complete expedited renewal application. NOFO for CoC Builds opportunity, capital construction project with CCEW for PSH applied for under 2<sup>nd</sup> round, 3<sup>rd</sup> iteration released was different in criteria for merit review. CA and CCEW declined due to requirement to decline harm reduction practices, sex binary issues, move away from housing first philosophy. Also, application released on 09/05 with due date of 09/12 creating too short a timeframe. Expectations associated with these types of applications likely to persist. Should consider how we would like to navigate those concerns.

Question: How much money might be lost?

Answer: roughly 6 million from CoC Builds. This year is 6.9 million CoC funds which are currently acceptable but may need to reconsider for future applications.

Q: Will subcontractors also need to abide by those policies?

A: Uncertain from NOFO, but some language specific to CA, some to subs.

Q: How do we prepare for these issues likely to occur during the next couple of years? Don't want to eliminate ourselves from funding for the next three years.

A: Can reasonably expect conditions to persist. Could be 21 million over next 3 years.

Q: What grants are affected?

A: Currently CoC Builds specifically. Could apply to regular CoC funding from HUD in the future.

Q: Should RFP Committee be tasked with planning strategies for future grants?

A: Could start there. Should also look at 5-year plan



Q: State level answers may preclude us from applying.

A: **Jon will send criteria questions to board.** Regional associations are generally undefined making clear cut yes or no answers challenging. Will require preparing answers to HUD questions.

Q: RFP Committee has big lift. Other options?

A: Recommend separate workgroup to address this specifically. Questions from HUD may be different from CoC Builds NOFO.

Q: Federal Judge pause NOFO?

A: Does not appear that we would have been funded from our application to the 2<sup>nd</sup> version of the NOFO.

Q: As CA could we have people from this group review application/questions?

**Volunteers: Blake, Joe, Mark, Eric, Chris, Maggie, Reese, David**

Q: With CA as applicant, could legal from the City assist?

A: Unsure right now but **Maggie will investigate.**

PIT upcoming, have begun planning meetings and engagement with subcommittees. More to come. Don't have traditional HUD guidance for PIT yet.

#### SOGI Data (Sexual Orientation Gender Identification) update by HMIS

Amanda: Retirement of SOGI data included in what we know so far from HUD. Subcommittees have voted to continue collecting SOGI even though it won't be reported. OHY projects still require SOGI data. Question before the CoC is whether we should continue to collect it for all programs.

Q: Why not collect it?

A: Should be community decision. Can feel invasive to applicants. Could be used to inform local policy and identify specific needs. Will come back to full board with decisions from all sub committees.

Q: What is data connected to, is it directly identifiable to a person's characteristics?

A: Values associated with clients, SO not collected for under 18. Historical data will continue to be there. New element for sex. No mapping.

Q: What is HMIS doing to protect data and who gets to see it?

A: Stringent security protocols in place. Unique access for individual users with specific permissions. Demographic info suppressed for any public reports. Only aggregate data sent out except Veteran data to HUD.

Motion to approve HMIS Policies and Procedures and Proposed Changes to Charter by Maggie, Judge Logan second.

Q: What are the changes to HMIS?

A: Some simplified language and outlining security measures. Workgroup can provide marked-up and new versions. **Amanda M will send to this group.**

Suggestion to move vote to next month to give time for board to review mark-up.

Vote postponed.

#### Jurisdictional Updates (Spokane County; City of Spokane; City of Spokane Valley)

County; Chris – Outreach collaboration for meeting performance measures.

City; Maggie – RFPs closed; recommendation provided for Street Outreach, CCEW with four teams of two responding to 311 calls and covering all four precincts. Improving calls and tracking. CCEW will provide 7 day a week coverage 8 am – 6 pm but may push to 8 pm. Will announce publicly soon.

Recommendation provided for Daytime Navigation Center, JHH shifting to drop in model at Cannon without overnight beds. Full-time transportation provided. Center will be open 8 am – 6 pm.

Valley; Eric – no updates.

Moving of November and December meetings: Move to November 19<sup>th</sup> for CoC Board Meeting; December 17<sup>th</sup> for CoC Board Meeting (CHHS will cancel all meetings from October on and resend separate emails for October-December 2025).

**Arielle cancelling remainder of CoC meeting invitations and sending out new invites to accommodate adjustments for November and December.**

#### **OPMA TRAINING**

Attendees who have submitted or are able to submit training certification are excused.

Virtual training attendees: Aerius F, Amanda B, Ana T, Daniel K, Donna S, Ryan D, Jasmine B, Amanda M, Lucas M, Cyrus C, Arielle A, Stacey W

In person attendees: Reese M, Jon K, Blake K, Johnny S, David S, Kelly K, Jasmine

Arielle: Records retention means that things stay recorded even if “deleted”. Certain items have different record timelines. Pay attention to use of personal emails. Members can be set up with City emails, notify Arielle if interested. Could also use separate Gmail account specific



to board duties since accessing City emails outside of the City has been problematic for some users.

Training requirement has been met for virtual and in-person attendees. Arielle will send training certificate template to be completed by trainees and sent to Arielle. Scanned documents are acceptable.

Move to adjourn by Blake, second by Reese, meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Submitted by S.L. Wells