



All Home Coordinating Board Meeting Summary

April 3, 2019

Members Present:			Members Absent:
Meghan Deal	Jason Johnson	Hamdi Abdulle	Joe McDermott
Keith Scully	Sara Levin	Steve Walker	Colleen Echohawk
Andrew Lofton	Melinda Giovengo	Daniel Malone	
Gordon McHenry Jr.	Sheila Sebron	Nancy Backus	
Okesha Brandon	Leo Flor		

Agenda Item	Action Steps and Follow Up
Public Comment	<p>Four members of the audience shared comments on Coordinated Entry for All (CEA), including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A CEA advocacy letter regarding institutional racism that exists in the Coordinated Entry for All (CEA) system. See full letter in the meeting materials. • Concerns about the VI-SPDAT used as the only housing triage tool for determining vulnerability and raised opportunity to use other tools such as the VAT. • Three people have died since the beginning of this year where they had a low Vi-SPDAT score, high VAT score, and other medical factors where a permanent housing structure was an intervention required for them to receive the medical care that they needed. • With Dynamic Prioritization there has not been shifts of people of color having equitable access to the available housing resources within CEA. The new formula does not capture race well. The list has become stagnant. The system is too slow. We are not able to house youth quick enough. The government sometimes moves too slowly. • The stagnation of the list is because they do not want to put more people on the list until people are housed. • If we are going to be prioritizing racial equity then we need to see more than 3% or 5% improvement in addressing disparities in housing placements.
2018 Continuum of Care Awards Briefing	<p>The Coordinating Board heard feedback from HUD on the Seattle/King County FY2018 Continuum of Care Application. Kate Speltz and Eileen Denham provided a debrief on the areas of strength and opportunities for improving our 2019 Continuum of Care Application (see the full CoC debriefing document in meeting materials).</p> <p>Discussion Comments/questions regarding implications of this information and national perspective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our scores reflect how well our region addressed HUD’s priorities. HUD then awards the available dollars to communities based on the results of those scores across the country. • We do not have detailed information about where other communities scored higher or lower, but we do know what the highest and lowest total scores are and where our community’s score falls in that range • Our score this year helped us receive full funding in Tier 1 and Tier 2 as well as a portion of our bonus funding requests. Bringing our score up could likely result in more bonus

funding for the region. But there is no specific formula that would tell us what score we need to achieve that. It depends on what HUD prioritizes each year, how well we do on our own application, and how well other communities do on theirs.

- The F2019 NOFA is likely to be released in the next month or two.
- Board Members are encouraged to capture their questions and concerns to share with Kate and Eileen.

Guidance on Accurate Shelter reporting for 2019 PIT/HIC

Several permitted Tiny Villages funded by the City of Seattle, currently categorized as unsheltered locations have improved their facilities and amenities since the 2018 PIT and HIC reporting and need to be reviewed to determine categorization in the 2018 reporting. Operationally, 6 villages listed in the [Board materials](#) are operating as shelter and recorded as unsheltered on the Point in Time/Housing Inventory Count. The Board was asked to vote on how to categorize the six Village sites based on their status as of January 25th, 2019, when the Point in Time count was conducted. This decision relates to these 6 sites specifically and is not a policy decision regarding all permitted villages or sanctioned encampments.

Discussion comments/questions included:

- The City of Seattle is putting resources towards individuals in these locations to support movement to permanent housing and are seeing positive results.
- The criteria being used to make this decision was provided by HUD, though the decision is a local decision of the Continuum of Care as the entity responsible for annual reporting.
- There are practical implications of this decision. Whether you increase or decrease the unsheltered count impacts our CoC application. Categorizing these sites as shelter would not impact residents' eligibility for other programs since they would still be considered literally homeless.
- Other cities similarly reclassify their programs/facilities as needed for accurate reporting.
- This change would need to be communicated clearly along with the results of the PIT.
- This should not be an indicator of how we are solving homelessness. Suggestion was made to amend the vote to ensure the Board is informed of any expansion to this type of intervention.

Action: The Board voted to categorize 5 of the 6 Tiny Village sites as shelter for the 2019 PIT and HIC reporting, excluding the Northlake site until it is up to ADA code. The vote included an amendment to have any expansion of the use of similar tiny village sites to be brought back to the board for review. (10 yea votes, 4 no votes)

Coordinated Entry for All (CEA)

The Board was updated on implementation of dynamic prioritization and reviewed next steps and the role of the CEA Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) to continue operationalizing dynamic prioritization. There was about 15 additional minutes provided for public comment on CEA during this agenda item.

Discussion comments/questions included:

- Measuring vulnerability continues to be a challenge and there is consistent dissatisfaction from the community and PAC about the use of the VI-SPDAT.
 - The interim changes to prioritization (to move to using multiple priority factors) is resulting in some change, but not significant changes in addressing disparities.
 - The PAC has asked for more autonomy in operationalizing dynamic prioritization, including the need for quickly adapting and adjusting for continuous improvement.
 - The PAC asked for capacity and resource to acquire the right expertise in identifying a more effective housing triage tool. (Resource need for tool development and validation could be approximately \$100-200k)
 - The goal of developing a new tool should not replace the importance of improving the process and having the ability to be flexible and adapt quickly to community needs.
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- The lack of housing resources is still the biggest factor in the speed with which we connect people with housing in our community.
 - The board does not have resources to invest or allocate to this need.

Action: The Board affirmed the following in support of continued improvement of CEA:

- 1) What we are currently doing to assess vulnerability in CEA is not working.
- 2) The Board authorizes the CEA PAC to move with urgency, determine the needed next steps for an improved process for prioritization, including development of a tool,
- 3) If financial needs arise from the PAC determination on next steps, the Board will, in their leadership roles, coalesce around those needs to help identify pathways.

**Continuum of Care
Alignment with
Homeless Systems
Redesign**

The Board briefly reviewed the broader homeless system redesign efforts, updates from prior meetings, and continued discussion on the DRAFT revised CoC Charter Agreement focused on remaining Phase III decisions. Specifically, the Board focused on three of the Phase III decisions for discussion:

- 1) Item #1: Purpose of the CoC Board (2 main functions; advise and inform the Executive Board of the new regional authority and decision-maker on all CoC requirements)
- 2) Item #5: Delegation of Authority (intended to put staff and committees in the role of operations and keep the Board at the direction and vision level)
- 3) Board Composition Recommendations (balance of providers and non-providers, need for representation from funders of other systems, importance of diversity)

Discussion Comments/questions included:

- There is hope that the board will have a strong delegation of authority.
 - Importance of centering people with lived experience and focusing on communities with the greatest disparities in order to support our entire community experiencing homelessness (example of Curb Cuts initiated by disability advocates)
 - The newly formed CoC Application and Ranking Committee began orientation today and will be meeting regularly to make recommendations on the FY2019 CoC NOFA to the Board. Danielle is talking with staff and partners most closely tied to unsheltered homelessness efforts to understand what type of coordination or committee structure will best support unsheltered homelessness strategies.
 - Known details of timing, consultant roles, and the regional action plan were reviewed (see [board materials](#)). Working groups are being established to support the work streams related to implementation of the consolidated regional authority. These are specific to the implementation phase and are not considered standing committees.
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