

## Meeting Minutes

### ✚ Welcome and introductions

- The CoC consists of organizations, community members, people with lived experience of homelessness
- The CoC employs two staff members:
  - CoC Coordinator David Mutombo ([dmutombo@harrisonburgrha.com](mailto:dmutombo@harrisonburgrha.com))
  - HMIS Administrator Kaitlin Heatwole ([kheatwole@harrisonburgrha.com](mailto:kheatwole@harrisonburgrha.com))

### ✚ CoC Committee Updates

- CoC actions and decision-making occurs primarily through committees, in which all CoC members are welcomed and encouraged to participate
- There are currently 4 open leadership positions: chair and deputy chair of both the Data & Performance committee and the Best Practices committee
- Individuals interested in committee leadership positions and/or general committee membership should contact CoC staff for more information

### ✚ FY 2023 CoC NOFO Competition Updates

- This federal CoC NOFO grant provided almost \$380,000 for our CoC last year
- Changes this year include a higher maximum for planning funds (\$50k), along with eligibility for activities around the Violence Against Women Act and rural homelessness
- Each CoC has an “annual renewal demand” (ARD) that caps the maximum funding award, which is divided between tier 1 (high priority) and tier 2 (second priority)
- Our CoC currently funds Northwestern Community Services Board for Permanent Supportive Housing (tier 1 and tier 2), HMIS (tier 1), and CoC planning, which are recommended for renewal
- HUD policies prioritize what kinds of projects receive funding (see slide 16)
- Open discussion about what kind of projects our CoC needs to develop included rapid rehousing, permanent supportive housing, improving our centralized intake system, emergency shelter (which is a need but is not prioritized for funding by this grant), and street outreach for unsheltered homelessness.

- There was general consensus that the area also needs more RRH, voucher allocation, federally-subsidized housing, and affordable housing outside of vouchers/federally-subsidized housing for an improved intake/outreach system to be able to refer people *to*.
- CoC membership agreed that PSH and HMIS are the priority fund items for the CoC
- The application process and timeline for the federal NOFO is on the CoC website.
- Although it may not be possible to develop proposals for this year's deadline, the conversation should continue now for next year's application cycle.
- Rank and review scoring will be conducted by an ad hoc review committee comprised of CoC members and community members not connected to the applying organizations
- HUD resources are available on the CoC website
- ✚ Trauma-Informed Care Training
  - provided by Liam Hudson, a Certified Trauma Informed Care Trainer from CHS
- ✚ Announcements
  - HMIS FY2024 Data Standards will go into effect on October 1, 2023
  - Data committee will be offering staff development training in Microsoft Excel for staff of all CoC members; stay tuned for more details.
  - A delegation from the CoC will be sent to the Built for Zero Learning Session in Washington DC on September 20-22, 2023
- ✚ Next Meeting – October 12, 2023 – Harrisonburg, VA