

Announcing the CoC Action Agenda



What is the Action Agenda?

The Action Agenda is a strategy and work plan for the CoC, All Chicago, and the Chicago Department of Family & Support Services (DFSS) to be more responsive, collaborative, and action-oriented in our work to end homelessness. The Action Agenda encompasses four key strategies to strengthen and focus the work of All Chicago, DFSS, and the CoC:

1. **Organize.** Create an infrastructure of working groups focused on actions that advance the goals of Plan 2.0 and include everyone's voice at the table.
2. **Empower.** Empower All Chicago as the backbone organization leading the CoC to achieve the goals of Plan 2.0.
3. **Elevate.** The CoC Board approves policies recommended by working groups and aligns the resources and activities to support policies.
4. **Amplify.** Build political will to align leadership, set concrete targets, and expand housing inventory.

Why do we need the Action Agenda?

- Improve efficiency by creating a work structure that aligns with the actions we need to take to end homelessness
- Foster collaboration and communication within the CoC by working together toward clearly established goals and benchmarks
- Be more proactive and responsive to the people in our system by quickly identifying the resources that will meet their needs and harnessing the political will to secure those resources
- Bring more resources into our system and provide more support to work groups by transitioning the CoC Board to have "power brokers" who approve big picture policies for the CoC

How did we get here?

The CoC has been working with consultants from national CSH since mid-2016 to develop and implement a plan that will strengthen the CoC's capacity to end homelessness. This plan, which has been referred to as the CSH Strategy Memo, is now called **The CoC Action Agenda**. After collecting feedback from the community, national CSH consultants developed a [strategy memo](#) that was endorsed by the CoC Board of Directors in June. After more community feedback, national CSH identified [12 lines of work](#) that the CoC will use to streamline their work, make key decisions, and meet only when necessary to complete action items.

What's next?

If the Action Agenda is approved by the CoC, current CoC committees will continue to meet, but groups centered around certain areas of work will start to meet in early 2018. *Stay tuned to find out about ways to get involved.*

There will be a **special CoC Board of Directors meeting on Thurs., Nov. 30 from 9am - 11am**, where the Board will discuss the Action Agenda. The meeting will be held at the Chicago Community Trust (225 N. Michigan, Suite 2200). Please [email](#)

[Christophe Valcourt](#) at least two days before the meeting so your name can be added to the list at the security desk.

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Go to the Action Agenda page [on our website](#) and [sign up for our Action Agenda Alert email list](#) to get the latest updates on the implementation of the Action Agenda. Look out for an email soon with information about webinars.

Have questions or concerns about the Action Agenda? Please feel free to contact [Dave Thomas](#) and [Maura McCauley](#) with any feedback.



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