



The Continuum of Care's Action Workgroups continued to make great strides in April. A roundup of highlights, along with a CoC Board of Directors meeting recap, are below. Be sure to visit the CoC [Action Agenda webpage](#) and [calendar](#) for more details, workgroup meetings, and updated [workplans](#).

Action Plan Updates

Board of Directors Update

- **Board of Directors:** At the April CoC Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved having CSH sign off on Letters of Consistency in the new Coordinated Funding Pre-Application Process and the 2019 System Goals. The Board also approved the creation of the United Funding Agency (UFA) Committee to address Chicago's readiness to move toward having a UFA. The Employment/Income Line of Work presented its Vision and Implementation Plan to the Board. All Chicago presented the 2018 NOFA Debrief Analysis. Please see the [Board Action Plan](#), [Systems Goals](#) and [Presentations](#) under the April 17 meeting materials area.

Action Alert

- **Coordinated Entry:** The CE Line of Work implemented its newly adopted [CE Prioritization Plan](#) in April, which is centered around needs based on the length of homelessness in households with unsheltered status. **You can view the [recorded prioritization webinar here](#).** CE updated the standardized housing assessment with length of homelessness and unsheltered status questions. **Over 800 assessment updates completed.** Guided by the CE Rapid Re-housing (RRH) and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Provider workgroups, they refined the matching strategy so that RRH providers receive two matches for every opening and rematch request. They performed successful tests of these prior to updating this matching policy.

Please join us for our next quarterly CE Community check-In call **Tuesday, June 18 at 1:00 p.m. CDT** to hear the latest, share your feedback and address any concerns. [Register here!](#)

- **Employment/Income/SOAR:** In April, the SOAR Applications & Trainings work group held a SOAR focus group to collect feedback on ways to improve training and provider support. As a result of the focus group, the workgroup is going to work on centralizing SOAR resources, developing a peer-to-peer resource sharing mechanism, and refining training. The workgroup also going to update our guidance . The workgroup will soon be convening a temporary SOAR Provider workgroup to provide recommended next steps on using the SOAR Client Identification Report in HMIS' Advanced Reporting Tool (ART). **Please reach out to [Margaret Smith](#) if you are interested in being part of this time-limited workgroup.**
- **Crisis System Response:** The Center for Housing and Health (CHH) is currently creating maps of the city and will lead a mapping exercise where outreach organizations will engage different areas for the Coordinated Entry System (CES).

An Outreach workflow check-in and support was recently held at the Salvation Army Freedom Center, 825 North Christiana. Check the [calendar](#) for more upcoming meetings.

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- **System Funding:** The draft 2020-2023 Consolidated Plan will be released in June. All Chicago will solicit comments from the community. [Please review the current plan here.](#)
- **System Performance, Data and Research:** The System Performance, Data, and Research Line of Work has implemented the Evaluation Instrument process into a 2-part process. The 2019 System Goals are approved. The team released the All Chicago Rapid Re-housing report last month and will be hosting a roundtable in May for those involved in the report. Using HMS data, [the report analyzes all Chicago area RRH projects](#) between 2014-2017 to better understand the landscape of RRH programs in Chicago, gauge performance at the system and project levels and recommend improvements based on this analysis.
- **Veterans:** There are now 593 veterans in our One List, as of May 16. There is work to do, but it is moving in the right direction. The CoC has made significant progress toward a transparent and effective diversion strategy for veterans including active participation from veteran service providers and the VA in the Diversion Planning and Implementation workgroup. **The CoC has surpassed the 5,000 mark for the number of veteran households housed since the beginning of EVHI IN 2015.**
- **Youth:** The CoC youth system and our national consultant, ICF, held an intensive youth housing program workshop on April 25-26, 2019. There, the group discussed 8 youth program models, which included new model creation, enhancement and modification to existing models. Participants included:
 - The Night Ministry, Ignite (formerly TLP), La Casa Norte, Unity Parenting, Covenant House, Childserv, New Moms, Heartland (HHCS), Inspiration Cooperation, Housing Opportunities for Women, LYTE Collective, Broadway Youth Center, Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, All Chicago, DFSS, and 6 Youth Action Board (YAB) members.

This 2-day workshop was part of the ICF's community engagement and will set the foundation for their work. ICF will be returning in June lead a community to gather broader community input. The YHDP was completed and turned in in mid-May. DCFS, DFSS and All Chicago recently hosted a FUP meeting on to illustrate the FUP process.

[See the April 2019 Work Plans here.](#)

If you'd like to learn more about joining a committee or workgroup, visit the [Action Agenda webpage](#) and click on the links for each line of work. You can also [check the calendar](#) to find the latest meeting details.

Have questions or concerns? Contact [Maura McCauley](#) or [Dave Thomas](#).



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