Welcome and Introductions

• Our Team:
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  - Consuela Brown, Vice President of Programs
  - Nonie Brennan, CEO

• YOU!
  - Name
  - Agency
  - Do you have any HUD CoC Funded programs?
  - How familiar would you say you are with the CoC?

Agenda

• Continuum of Care Orientation
  - What is the Continuum of Care?
  - Structure of the CoC
  - Introduction to the HUD CoC funding process
  - Plan 2.0 and System Priorities
  - Resources
What is a Continuum of Care (CoC)?

Historical Context

• 1987: Congress passed first federal law specifically addressing homelessness
  • Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1987, later renamed the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
  • Federal financial support for a variety of programs to meet the needs of individuals and families who are homeless
  • Programs administered by HUD’s Office of Special Needs Assistance Programs (SNAPs)
  • From 1988 to 1993, HUD held national competitions for its homeless assistance funds every year
  • Individual organizations throughout the country wrote applications

• Since 1994, HUD has required each community to come together to submit a single comprehensive Continuum of Care (CoC) application rather than allowing applications from individual providers in a community

• In 2009, the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing (HEARTH) Act amended and reauthorized McKinney-Vento
  • Change in how HUD defined homelessness and chronic homelessness
  • Consolidated HUD’s competitive grant programs
    • Supportive Housing Program (SHP), Shelter Plus Care Program (S+C), Moderate Rehabilitation/ Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Program = CoC Program
Defining the CoC - HUD

• HUD allocates grants to organizations that participate in “local homeless assistance planning networks” called CoCs

• Encourages local organizations to coordinate their efforts and create a systemic response to address homelessness

• Collaborative, comprehensive, community-based approach

Purpose of a CoC

• A CoC serves two main purposes:
  • Develop a long-term strategic plan and manage a year-round planning effort that addresses:
    • Identifying needs of homeless individuals and households
    • Availability and accessibility of existing housing and services
    • Opportunities for linkages with mainstream housing and services resources

  • Prepare an application for McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act competitive grants:
    • Annual HUD CoC Program Competition – Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
    • Application should demonstrate a community approach to addressing homelessness

Types of CoCs

• Continuum planning efforts may be organized at a number of geographic levels:
  • Single city
  • County
  • Region
  • State

• In 2016, there were over 400 CoCs across the country

• Chicago’s Continuum of Care is designated for a single city
Components of CoC

- Defined geographic area
- Designated Collaborative Applicant
  - Homeless Coalition
  - Government
  - Non-profit
- Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Governance structure
- Common vision and strategies

Components of CoC

- Ensures participation by diverse groups of stakeholders:
  - Persons with lived experience of homelessness
  - Nonprofit homeless assistance providers and employment providers
  - Domestic violence and sexual assault providers
  - Faith-based organizations
  - Funders
- Government
- Businesses
- Advocates
- Public housing agencies
- School districts
- Social service providers
- Mental health agencies
- Substance use treatment providers
- Hospitals
- Universities
- Affordable housing developers
- Law enforcement
- Organizations that serve veterans
- Small non-profit and faith-based providers that do not receive HUD, ESG, or CoC funding
- Individual community members, etc.

Who is All Chicago?

- All Chicago effectively combines immediate resources with long term solutions to address the complex social issue of homelessness.
- We have three signature programs:
  - The Emergency Fund
  - The Chicago Alliance
  - The Learning Center
- Collaborative Applicant
- HMIS Lead
HUD CoC Funding Process

HUD CoC Program Competition

• Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA)
  • The NOFA will typically outline details on:
    • HUD’s policy priorities
    • Eligibility for projects applying for renewal
    • New Project opportunities
    • CoC Application requirements and scoring

• The final Collaborative Application consists of several parts:
  • The CoC Application
  • Renewal Project Applications (over 165 projects, representing 50 agencies)
  • New Project Applications (typically 1-5 projects each year)
  • Priority Listing (Ranking)
**HUD CoC Program Competition**

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<td>• Reviews Project Operations, HMIS Data Quality, System Priorities, Performance</td>
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<td>• Those interested in applying should look out for communication around the New Projects Process</td>
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<td>• Reviewed by Panel of the CoC Board</td>
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<td>• CoCs are required to Rank all Renewal and New projects, known as the Priority Listing or Ranking</td>
<td>• NOFA outlines ranking guidelines</td>
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<td>• Completed by HEARTH Funding Opportunities Task Group</td>
<td>• Typically two tiers of funding</td>
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**Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW)**

**Activity** | **What is it?** | **What do I need to know?**
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Agencies confirm; All Chicago submits | • All Renewal projects required to confirm their information on the GIW including budget information for current and upcoming cycle | • It is important to confirm your information when requested and pay close attention to ensure all information is accurate |
|  | • Determines Annual Renewal Demand for our CoC |  |
| **Renewal Project Application Process** |  |  |
| Agencies Submit | • Existing projects must complete an application each year in order to renew their existing grants with HUD for the upcoming FY. | • Trainings and instructions are announced shortly after the NOFA is released – timelines are usually short! |
|  | • All projects submit first to the Collaborative Applicant and then into e-SNAPS | • All Chicago reviews all applications in PDF form for quality assurance |
|  |  | • Once review is complete, agencies submit in e-SNAPS (does not go to HUD until Collaborative Application is submitted by All Chicago) |

**System Performance Measures**

**Activity** | **What is it?** | **What do I need to know?**
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All Chicago | • CoCs are now required to report to HUD on seven established system performance measures as part of the Consolidated CoC Application | • Review your data in HMIS and ensure it is complete and accurate |
|  | • Emphasizes performance of the system, rather than each individual project | • Each project’s performance contributes to the system’s performance |
|  | • All Chicago releases quarterly System Performance Data Dashboards |  |

**Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point in Time Count (PIT)**

**Activity** | **What is it?** | **What do I need to know?**
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All Chicago and DFSS | • All CoCs are required to submit a point in time unsheltered count every two years and a sheltered count every year. | • Agencies are asked to report on their total persons in shelters, as well as their total beds and units, in the last 10 days of January. |
|  | • Required to take place in the last ten days of January. | • Some steps occur through HMIS. |
|  | • At the same time, we report on all of our beds and units for the entire system (HIC). |  |
|  | • Establishes the need of the system. |  |

**Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR)**

**Activity** | **What is it?** | **What do I need to know?**
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All Chicago | • All CoCs are required to submit aggregate HMIS data, which includes bed utilization, population, and demographic information. | • Agencies are sometimes asked to complete data “clean up” during this time |
|  | • Contributing to reports provided to Congress that are used to make overall national funding decisions. | • Agencies must track their bed utilization through HMIS. |
HUD CoC Program Competition

Things to Keep in Mind:
• Important to look out for communication from CoC Programs staff throughout the year
• Processes are also announced through the e-newsletter or on the All Chicago website (e.g. New Projects Process)
• Once the NOFA is released, activities happen very quickly! Timelines are often very condensed.
• If you’re not currently CoC funded, reach out to All Chicago for more information

Structure of the Continuum of Care (CoC)
CoC Governance Charter

- Outlines governing structure of the Chicago Continuum of Care
- Required by HEARTH Act for all CoCs
- Governance and Structure TA from HUD worked with Steering Committee to develop Charter
- Public Comment and Feedback solicited from stakeholders
- Ratified by the CoC in June 2014

Chicago CoC Mission

The Chicago Continuum of Care (CoC) is a membership based organization whose mission is to prevent and end homelessness in our city.

We achieve this by fostering shared responsibility, collaborative planning, and aligning the stakeholders and resources essential to implementing the strategic priorities of Plan 2.0, Chicago’s plan to prevent and end homelessness.

Chicago CoC Core Values

- **Clear and logical** governance processes, structures, and lines of accountability
- **Transparent** decision making that makes the greatest possible use of data
- **Open, accessible, inclusive** Continuum of Care that includes all stakeholders and allies needed to achieve the goals of the Plan to End Homelessness
- **Compliance** with federal requirements for Continuums of Care
- **Communication** between all members, committees, and bodies that make up the Continuum of Care
- **Flexibility** to respond to emerging ideas and challenges
Chicago CoC Goals

Core values are incorporated into the Goals of the CoC:

• Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit and faith-based providers, and state and local governments to prevent homelessness when possible and quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness

• Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs and resources by homeless individuals and families

• Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness

Chicago CoC Responsibilities

• Establishing project and system performance standards and monitoring outcomes (ESG and CoC)

• Developing, implementing, and monitoring the functions and impact of coordinated access system

• Establishing written standards to client eligibility, assessment, prioritization for assistance, and type/extend of assistance for all ESG/CoC projects

• Implementing, monitoring, and supporting a robust HMIS

Chicago CoC Responsibilities (Cont’d)

• Designing, operating, and following a collaborative plan for preparing the annual application for HUD CoC funding

• Planning efforts, including implementation of Plan 2.0; PIT counts of homeless persons; annual gap analysis; participating in development of Consolidated Plan
CoC Structure

- Standing Committees
- Committees of the CoC Board
- Ad-hoc committees and workgroups
- Subcommittees

Chicago CoC Commissions

There are currently two CoC commissions that ensure an organized voice for their members. Through their representation on committees and the Board, they advance issues and recommendations to the full CoC.

The commissions include:

- Lived Experience Commission
- Service Providers Commission

All Chicago’s Role in the CoC

- System Coordination
- Collaborative Applicant
- Memorandum of Understanding
  - Committee Staffing Support
  - Local HUD CoC Evaluation Process
  - HUD CoC Funding Process
Chicago CoC Membership

• Interested individuals must complete a CoC Membership Application

• Each member must pay dues or submit a waiver

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Chicago CoC Membership Benefits

• Invitation to semi-annual open CoC Meetings

• Voting rights on issues of CoC

• Eligible for committee and board services

• Access to training and technical assistance opportunities

• Access to CoC information via special website portal and CoC listservs

• Opportunities to network with people doing similar work or interest
Plan 2.0 Development

- Plan 2.0 is a broad-ranging, seven-year action plan that reaffirms and builds on the strategies outlined in the original 2003 Plan:
  1. Homeless Prevention
  2. Housing First
  3. Wraparound Services

- Over 500 stakeholders participated in the planning process, including 150 people who have experienced homelessness.

- Launched in August 2012 with the endorsement of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and the City of Chicago

Plan 2.0: Strategic Priorities

1. The Crisis Response System
2. Access to Stable and Affordable Housing
3. Youth Homelessness
4. Employment
5. Advocacy and Civic Engagement
6. Cross-Systems Integration
7. Capacity Building

System Priorities

- **Ending Veteran Homelessness**
  - In 2015, the CoC housed over 1784 veterans
  - In 2016 (through September), the CoC housed 855 veterans
  - 772 veterans remain to be housed

- **Ending Chronic Homelessness**
  - One list of those experiencing chronic homelessness 892
  - In 2015, we have housed 708
  - In 2016 (through September), we have housed 500

Other Priorities:
- Ending Youth and Family Homelessness
- Coordinated Entry Implementation
Resources and Next Steps

Membership Application

Complete the application today!

Online: http://bit.ly/CoCApplication

Helpful Resources

All Chicago Website: www.allchicago.org

Plan 2.0: http://www.allchicago.org/chicagos-plan-20

HUD: www.hudexchange.info

HMIS Helpdesk: hmis.thechicagoalliance.org
Next Steps

• Sign up for Chicago CoC Membership
• Check out the All Chicago Website
• Find out about specific committees and where you would like to become involved
• Sign up for the All Chicago e-newsletter

Thank You!