



Technical Assistance Resource: Participation on Agency Board of Directors

[CoC Program Interim Rule](#)

578.75 General Operations

Each recipient and subrecipient must provide for the participation of not less than one homeless individual or formerly homeless individual on the board of directors or other equivalent policymaking entity of the recipient or subrecipient, to the extent that such entity considers and makes policies and decisions regarding any project, supportive services, or assistance provided under this part. This requirement is waived if a recipient or subrecipient is unable to meet such requirement and obtains HUD approval for a plan to otherwise consult with homeless or formerly homeless persons when considering and making policies and decisions.

Chicago Local Evaluation Instrument 2013 -2018

Since 2013, the Local Evaluation Instrument has included the following scored question:

“Does the agency’s Board (or an equivalent policy-making entity) currently have a member who is currently housed in your project, who is homeless, or was previously homeless within the last 10 years?”

In 2013, the Local Evaluation Instrument Instruction Manual included the following explanation for the question:

“This question is very similar to one of the threshold questions, only this scored question adds a timeframe on when the homeless or formerly homeless person experienced their last homeless episode. The Consumers Commission and HCV Committee felt that someone who experienced homelessness in the last 10 years would be able to bring the most relevant consumer experience to the Board as opposed to someone who was once homeless but has been stably housed for more than 10 years. Since HUD’s intent is to ensure consumer voices are heard at the Board level, we added the timeframe this year. It is possible that an agency would meet the threshold question, but not receive points for this question depending on how long ago the representative was homeless.”