I. The group discussed the Ranking Policies document which was sent out to the group via email for review prior to the call. Dave stated that Mindy had provided suggestions for rewording and Chris approved of the document.

II. The group adopted the Ranking Policies and agreed to have it go to the CoC Board of Directors for approval at their August 17th Board meeting. Mindy agreed to present it to the Board.

III. The group discussed coming together before the end of the year to make process recommendations to the Board for consideration during the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition.

IV. Adjournment
I. The HEARTH FOTG reviewed recommendations made by the Service Providers Commission Executive Committee. The group decided not to adopt the recommendations but to keep them in mind within the Ranking Policy discussion.

II. Discussion ensued about the three options the group had requested data from All Chicago at its last meeting. The three options were reviewed and discussed thoroughly. The group voted to approve the second option with slight adjustments.

III. The final ranking will be based on putting the CoC’s two current Coordinated Entry SSOs and HMIS grants (system-wide projects) at the top of Tier 1 followed by all renewals regardless of project type based on the average of the last two years of evaluation scores in Tier 1 with the new CE SSO and a straddle PSH project from reallocation at the bottom of Tier 1. Tier 2 would be the straddle project, one project above 64% average score, three bonus projects and the remainder of lower scoring renewals at the bottom of Tier 2.

IV. Dave will work with the co-chairs to finalize the draft Ranking Policy recommendations which will be sent via email to the rest of the HEARTH FOTG for approval on the group’s August 9 conference call.

V. Adjournment
HEARTH Funding Opportunities Task Group Meeting  
July 29, 2016  
10am – noon  

All Chicago  
651 W. Washington Blvd.  
Chicago, IL  

MINUTES  

Members: Robert Cunningham, Dorothy Yancy; Chris O’Hara; Angela Hicks; Sherri Allen Reeves; Renita White; Lisa Wohl (phone); Mindy Taylor (phone); Dave Thomas; Amanda Borta  

I. Sherri Allen Reeves presented the CoC Board’s response to the HEARTH FOTG’s motion to the CoC Board at the July 25th meeting. The Board revised the motion which instead of reallocating 20% of an agency’s funding, the Board voted to reallocate 100% of its funding.  

II. Ranking Policy development was discussed. The group reviewed the policies from the previous three years. The group also discussed HUD expectations, Plan 2.0 and CoC priorities.  

III. The group asked All Chicago to put together three options to discuss at the next meeting for discussion:  
   a) Look at last year’s criteria but put Bonus projects at bottom of Tier 1. All other renewal and SSOs by average of 2 year scores; and HMIS, CE SSO, SSOs after renewals.  
   b) Same option as above but put bonus projects at top of Tier 2 instead  
   c) Put CE SSO, new bonus projects, and HMIS at top of Tie 1 and all other projects by average score.  

IV. Adjournment
HEARTH Funding Opportunities Task Group Meeting  
July 15, 2016  
3-5pm  

All Chicago  
651 W. Washington Blvd.  
Chicago, IL  

MINUTES

Members: Mindy Taylor; Jill Wohl; Larry Smith (phone); Renita White; Melvin Alexander; John Cheney Egan; Sherri Allen Reeves; Chris O’Hara; Angela Hicks; Dorothy Yancy; Robert Cunningham (phone); Billy Sharp

I. The HEARTH FOTG members focused discussions on reallocation options. Particular discussion focused on one project which had scored two standard deviations below the mean during the past two local Evaluation processes. The members voted to reallocate all of one project’s funding due to late evaluation tool submission and 20% of an agency’s funding due to scoring two standard deviations below the mean in the past two years’ evaluation process. The total amount to be reallocated is $254,651.

II. Discussion ensued about whether to have a Coordinated Entry Supportive Services Only project through reallocation. The members voted to have all reallocated funding go towards a new Coordinated Entry SSO for the Chicago CoC under NOFA guidelines.

III. The following motion will go to the Chicago CoC Board of Directors at the July 25 meeting:  
The HEARTH FOTG makes the following recommendations to the Chicago Continuum of Care Board of Directors for the FY2016 Continuum of Care Program Competition:  
• Multiple bonus projects be considered up to the allowable 5% of the Final Pro Rata Need which is estimated to be $3,122,407;  
• A total of $254,651 be reallocated from two renewal projects:  
  o One project not being renewed due to a late Evaluation Instrument submission with a total program budget of $168,046,  
  o One project scored 2 standard deviations below the mean on the Evaluation Instrument the past two years will reallocate 20% of their program budget of $433,025 for a reallocated amount of $86,605;  
• The reallocation of $254,651 will go exclusively to funding a new Coordinated Assessment Supportive Services Only project.

IV. Adjournment
HEARTH Funding Opportunities Task Group Meeting  
July 13, 2016; 3-5pm  
All Chicago  
651 W. Washington Blvd  
Chicago, IL  

MINUTES  

In attendance: Mindy Thomas, Angela Hicks, Renita White, Linda Wohl, Chris O’Hara, Sherri Allen-Reeves, Dave Thomas, Amanda Borta, Consuella Brown  

I. Welcome and Introductions were made.  

II. Mindy, Chris and Sherri agreed to be co-chairs.  

III. A handout of a summary of the FY2016 NOFA was reviewed and discussed by the members.  
   a. Question for DFSS: Will ESG funding be impacted for Interim Housing, as well?  

IV. The FY2015 CoC Application Debrief was reviewed and discussed.  

V. Bonus Project  
   a. Discussion ensued regarding the decision to have the Chicago CoC pursue a bonus project funding.  
   b. A request was made from the members to have All Chicago look into other cities and if they received bonus projects last year, and if so, where they were ranked.  
   c. The members voted unanimously that a bonus project should be funded and encourage multiple projects to be funded.  

VI. Reallocation  
   a. Due to a late Evaluation Instrument submission there will most likely be reallocation funding available ($168,046).  
   b. A project which scored two standard deviations below the average the past two years was discussed for possible reallocation ($(444,281). A request to look at scoring was made.  
   c. Discussion ensued about the potential loss of projects on the south side.  

VII. Adjournment
HEARTH Funding Opportunities Task Group Meeting
July 12, 2016
4-5pm
Conference Call

Members: Renita White-UCAN; Mindy Taylor (co-chair) Cornerstone, Jill Wohl - Legal Advocates for Health Justice; Angela Hicks, Chris O’Hara – LEC (co-chair); Billy Sharp – LEC; Sherri Allen-Reeves (co-chair); Dave Thomas, All Chicago

I. Purpose of the conference call was to review and discuss the FY 2016 CoC Program Competition NOFA which was released in late June.

II. Dave provided an overview of the role, responsibilities and expectations of the HEARTH FOTG.

III. After the general overview the HEARTH FOTG members requested the following information before the next meeting:
   • FY2015 CoC Program Competition Debrief
   • The FY2015 Priority Listing
   • Evaluation scores for the past two years
   • Location of programs
   • List of programs: # of beds, # of clients, type of program
   • Last two years’ Ranking Policies

IV. Adjournment