Action Agenda Highlights

Below are highlights of the latest work coming out of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Action Agenda, including a new section for upcoming CoC events and programs. Help us continue to improve the Action Alerts. **Provide your feedback here.**

- **Communications:** The Ad-hoc Communications Workgroup held its final meeting on Oct. 31. The workgroup's accomplishments include: providing feedback on revamping the CoC webpages on the new All Chicago website, informing workplan summaries to share with the community, suggesting mechanisms for archiving meetings and formulating standards for CoC meetings. [Read Full Summary](#)

- **Coordinated Entry:** A Skilled Assessor Celebration was held on November 1 to recognize the hard work of staff and supervisors involved with assessing households for housing. At this event, a presentation of the timeline was shared related to adding supports including dedicated assessors visiting large shelters and small shelters utilizing the Catholic Charities Call Center. [Read Full Summary](#)

- **Supporting Change:** The CoC Board met October 16 at City Hall. The meeting included an overview and update of the Unified Funding Agency (UFA) subcommittee's work; a data deep dive of System Goal #5; and a presentation on the city of Chicago's Encampment Strategy. All meeting materials and presentations can be found here under the "Meeting Materials" heading. [Read Full Summary](#)

- **System Funding:** Through efforts by the Youth, Pipeline Expansion, and HMIS Lines of Work, Mayor Lightfoot has committed $5 million to ending youth homelessness in Chicago. On October 22, Mayor Lightfoot’s office announced a 36 percent increase in city funding for homelessness prevention along with a commitment to increase the number of affordable units for Chicago's lowest-income renters by 19 percent. [Read Full Summary](#)

- **System Performance, Data & Research:** At the October CoC Board meeting, Carmelo Barbaro, Executive Director of the
University of Chicago Poverty Lab and Chair of the System Operation and Performance Committee (SOPC), presented a deep-dive into Chicago CoC System Goal 5. Goal 5 states, "Increase persons who exit street homelessness to enter sheltered destinations (ES, SH, TH, PH)."  

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Other lines of work not included in the above highlights are: Crisis System Transition/Diversion, Employment and Income, Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), Pipeline Expansion, Street Response, and Veterans.

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.

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