



Weekly Virtual Meeting Purpose: To convene homeless service providers to discuss how All Chicago can partner with agencies during the COVID-19 response; to get information from providers about struggles and questions; and to provide a high-level summary of the guidance we've received thus far from various sources.

Webinar Take Aways

- Join the Chicago CoC Slack.com channel.
 - Service providers share information related to COVID-19.
 - Follow this [link](#) and enter your email.
- *Continuum of Care Program* funds, what costs and uses are allowable in response to COVID-19?
 - CoC program funds for PSH and RRH can be used for certain supportive service and operations line items, for example to hire temporary staff or help participants acquire essential supplies.
 - To learn specifically what costs are allowable, see HUD guidance [here](#).
- Continue to House People Experiencing Homelessness
 - Providers should continue to move new people into housing according to their projects
 - Housing First is Chicago CoC's guiding principal. Documentation should not be a barrier to getting people housed. Providers should record all attempts to attain the usual documents and note that it was during the COVID-19 crisis.
 - Check out the webinar as Karen Kowal, Director of CoC Programs at All Chicago, discusses strategies and best practices.
- Coordinated Entry Standardized Housing Assessments
 - Skilled Assessors will NOT complete new housing assessments until April 1, 2020, EXCEPT for those who served in the United States Military.
 - Prior to April 1, Coordinated Entry leadership will issue their new plan of action.
- Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, completes needs assessments
 - CCH communicated with people experiencing homelessness and providers of services, determining the most urgent needs.
 - Result of the needs assessment such as increased access to isolation housing, have been shared with the City of Chicago and will be used to advocate for the resources to meet those needs.
- Discussion from the community
 - See Slack channel for key questions and answers.
 - Listen to the webinar for discussion on topics such as bridge housing, coordinated entry, and community problem-solving sessions.