

Chicago CoC Board Meeting

June 16, 2021



Welcome – Richard Rowe, Chair

Roll call is being tallied by All Chicago Staff



Today's Agenda

- I. Welcome & Roll Call
- II. Consent Agenda Items
- III. Public Comment Period
- IV. Board Affairs Committee Presenting New CoC Board Members
- V. CES Memorandum of Understanding
- VI. Ending Veterans Homelessness Initiative Joining Built for Zero
- VII. CoC Implementation Structure Updates
- VIII. Quick Updates
- IX. Adjournment



Consent Agenda

- June CoC Board Meeting Agenda
- April CoC Board Meeting Minutes
- May CoC Board Meeting Minutes
- Executive Committee Minutes
- Membership Subcommittee Minutes
- System Operations and Performance Committee Minutes
- All Chicago Report



Proposed Motion:

I move that the All Chicago Report be pulled out of the consent agenda and placed as the first item after the consent agenda, and allocated 5 minutes for the brief update.

To End Discussion Requires one of the Motions below:

- Call the question – A motion to end debate and vote on the motion at hand. If seconded and passed, the main motion is then voted on. If no second or fails, discussion continues. (The Chair can choose to end debate.)
- Motion to table - Non-debatable. If seconded, discussion ends and must be voted on immediately. A subsequent motion to take from the table is required to reopen discussion.



Consent Agenda as Amended

- June CoC Board Meeting Agenda
- April CoC Board Meeting Minutes
- May CoC Board Meeting Minutes
- Executive Committee Minutes
- Membership Subcommittee Minutes
- System Operations and Performance Committee Minutes

Proposed Motion:

I move that the CoC Board adopt the Consent Agenda as amended.



All Chicago Report – HMIS Vendor Migration Update

Carolyn Ross, President and CEO, All Chicago



Public Comment Period



CES Lead Agency Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

Stephanie Sideman (CSH, Coordinated Entry System Facilitator)

Laura Bass (Facing Forward, Coordinated Entry Leadership Team Liaison to System Operations and Performance Committee of CoC Board)

Carmelo Barbaro (Inclusive Economy Lab, System Operations and Performance Committee Chair)



Proposed Motion:

The System Operations and Performance Committee moves that the CoC Board approve the Coordinated Entry Lead Agency Memorandum of Understanding between the Corporation for Supportive Housing and the CoC Board as presented in the Board materials, and that final approval will be by the CoC Membership at the next meeting.

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Ending Veterans Homelessness Initiative (EVHI): Joining Built for Zero



EVHI

- Chicago's Ending Veteran Homelessness Initiative (EVHI) began in 2015 as the pilot for the Coordinated Entry System. Since 2015, Chicago has reduced Veteran homelessness by 28% and moved over 5000 Veterans into permanent housing.
- The EVHI brings together leadership from DFSS, the VA, CHA, HUD, All Chicago, CSH, and Veteran service providers to coordinate resources and strategies to reduce Veteran homelessness including Veteran chronic homelessness.
- Resources dedicated to Veterans include:
 - GPD (Grant and Per Diem transitional housing and Transition in Place)
 - SSVF (Supportive Services for Veteran Families for diversion, prevention, rapid rehousing, shallow subsidy)
 - HUD VASH (site based and tenant based)
 - VA Case Management
 - CLIHT units across 3 programs



Community Solutions Built for Zero

- Built for Zero is a national movement to end homelessness in which communities work toward achieving functional zero, a measure of ending homelessness. A community that reaches functional zero has a response to homelessness that is data-driven, and has collaboration, strategies, and resources in place so that a household's experience with homelessness is brief and non-recurring.
- Chicago participated in Built for Zero (BFZ) from 2016 – 2018 to work on both Veteran homelessness and chronic homelessness and made significant progress with data reporting and analytics and solidifying key partnerships with stakeholders, especially with the Jesse Brown VA.
- In 2018, Community Solutions implemented a fee to participate and after thoughtful reflection, the decision was made to withdraw from BFZ rather than continue participation. The primary reason at that time was there were few large cities like Chicago participating, and the focus was on smaller communities that face a different set of challenges to achieving functional zero.



Community Solutions Built for Zero

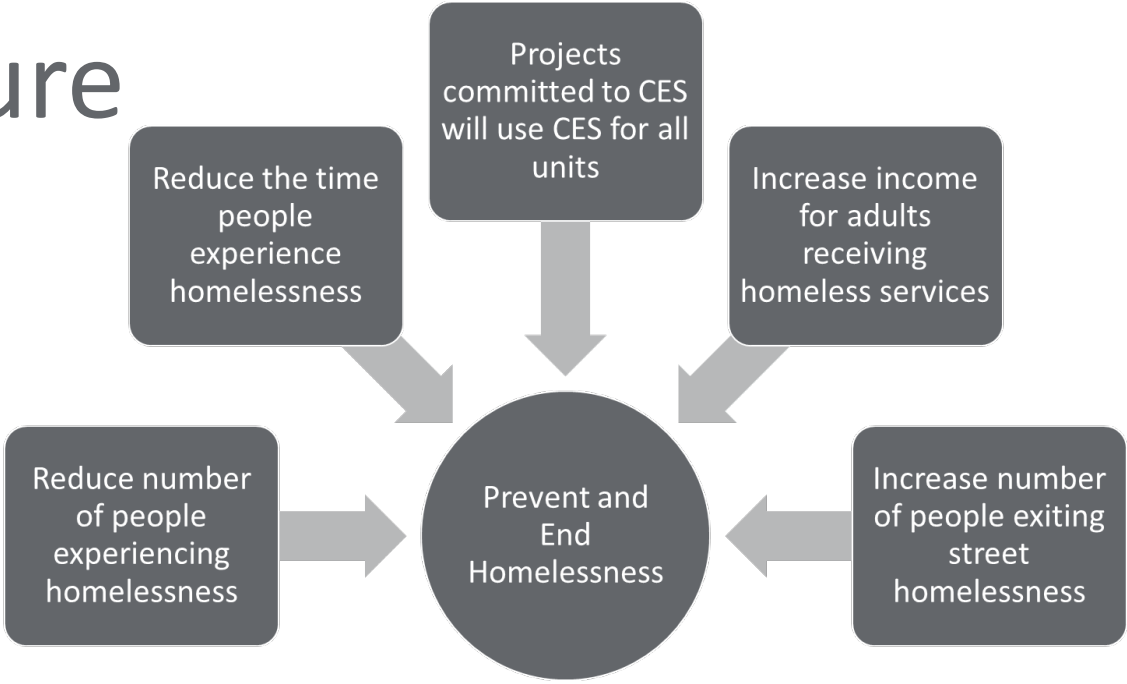
- Despite making significant progress and having dedicated financial resources to reduce Veteran homelessness and Veteran chronic homelessness, Veterans continue to experience:
 - A steady inflow into the system
 - A longer than average timeframe from identification to housing (longer than non-Veterans-led households in Chicago)
- EVHI is proposing rejoining BFZ to participate in their Large Cities Cohort, a group of 8 communities including Atlanta, Charlotte, Denver, Detroit, Jacksonville, Phoenix, San Diego, Washington DC with the goal of achieving functional zero.
- Additional information will be presented in August including an ask of the Board to approve Chicago joining BFZ and the resources and supports needed.
- Information about Community Solutions and BFZ can be found at:
<https://community.solutions/>



CoC Implementation Structure Updates



CoC Implementation Structure



- The CoC Implementation Structure is the Chicago CoC’s way of getting work done on our goals of preventing and ending homelessness.
- Organized into four main categories of work.

Lines of Action (LOAs)

- Intended to be reserved for the most complicated cross-cutting issues that require dedicated CoC staff and large-scale stakeholder involvement.
- LOAs are accountable to the CoC Board Executive Committee.
- Each LOA has a Leadership Team that helps devise a workplan to drive progress on the LOA.
- LOAs are the CoC and Board's current strategic priorities.



Lines of Action High-Level Goals

System Analysis and Resource Development

- Determine gaps in housing and services; and funding to achieve system goals

System Front Door

- Build an integrated approach to serving folks at the “front door”

Expedited Housing Initiative

- Increase the speed at which we can house people

Racial Equity

- Identify opportunities for the CoC to address systemic inadequacies in our system, including racial and resource inequities.

Employment and Income

- Integrate the employment and income best practices and the sector with the homeless sector

Lines of Action 2021 Launch Snapshot

Line of Action	Leadership Team Established	Work Plan Established
SARD	In Progress: Goal to convene in early Q3 – Might get pushed back due to CoC Relief Funding Working Group activity	In Progress: Draft created that needs input from Leadership Team
System Front Door	Not Yet Started: Goal to launch second half of 2021	Not Yet Started
Expedited Housing Initiative	Initial Leadership Team established; Affinity Groups may lead to expanded membership	Completed and on website: https://allchicago.org/ehi ; progress updates given to EHI Leadership Team monthly.
Racial Equity	Initial Leadership Team established; Affinity Groups may lead to expanded membership	In Progress
Employment and Income	Initial Leadership Team established; Affinity Groups may lead to expanded membership.	In Progress

Racial Equity Line of Action Update

- Goal: Identify opportunities for the CoC to address systemic inequities in the homeless system, including racial and resource inequities
- Currently:
 - Leadership team established - additional representation may expand the team
 - Action plan in progress



Racial Equity Line of Action Update

Nationwide Initiatives

- HUD Equity Demo project
- Grand Challenge
- Racial Equity Theory of Change (RETOC)

Local Racial Equity Efforts

- South Side Racial Equity Group
- Together We Heal

Consultant Scope

- Finalized scope & financial modeling
- Will be submitting request for funding
- Identified timeline
- Will be discussing leadership role in selection



Expedited Housing Initiative

Frontloaded, Centralized and Coordinated Housing Activities



System and Provider Accountability

- Accountability Plans
- Data and Reports
- Evaluation



Focus on EHI Line of Action - Highlights

Item	Number
AMEs held	30
Youth	3
Encampments	5
Families	2.5
DV	2

Item	Number
AMEs held	30
South	8.5
North	10
West	7.5
Citywide	2
Central	2



Focus on EHI Line of Action - Highlights

Status of Households as of June 14, 2021	Number	% of # Applied (1174)
Housed	766	66%
Application or Inspection Pending	159	11%
Lease-Signing or Move-in Pending	79	8%
Recently Engaged (no status yet)	31	4%
Total Housed or On Way to Housing	1035	89%



Focus on EHI Line of Action - Highlights

- DFSS committed funding for position at All Chicago to manage EHI connections to Employment and Income services.
- Waiting for private funding commitments for Employment Navigators.
- RFP for SOAR should go out in coming months.
- Transfers from EHI RRH to PSH started last month. As of June 9, 26 transfer requests have been received, 15 approved, 10 matched.
- CoC Relief Funding Working Group tentatively approving a high percentage of the Emergency Housing Vouchers through CHA for households in EHI.
- In process of exploring how to connect up to 50 EHI households to CLIHTF Rental Support Program rental assistance subsidies; no services connected.



Focus on EHI Line of Action – Long Term Systems Change Items

- Do these system components contribute to increased speed to housing for participants? If so, how and what parts should be sustained?
 - Centralized landlord outreach and engagement
 - Accelerated moving events
 - Increased provider accountability
 - Clarified and coordinated roles for people that work to get people housed (housing liaisons, housing system navigators, mental health and health teams, housing case managers, outreach workers)
- Do these system components contribute to increased income for participants? If so, how and what parts should be sustained?
 - System-dedicated SOAR workers
 - System coordinator for Employment and Income
 - Employment navigators to connect



EHI Data Dive (as of 5.31.21)

	Black or African American	White	Other
Engaged in AME	77.8%	17.7%	4.5%
Applied for Unit	80.2%	15.6%	4.1%
Moved In	81.2%	14.9%	3.8%



EHI Data Dive (as of 5.31.21)

	Hispanic/Latino	Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino	Other
Engaged in AME	9.9%	89.4%	0.7%
Applied for Unit	9.2%	90.1%	0.7%
Moved In	9.7%	89.9%	0.4%



EHI Data Dive (as of 5.31.21)

	Male	Female	Other*	No response
Engaged in AME	59.1%	39.7%	1.0%	0.3%
Applied for Unit	58.0%	40.5%	1.2%	0.2%
Moved In	53.8%	44.4%	1.6%	0.1%

*Other includes individuals who identified as Transgender F-M, Transgender M-F, or Gender nonconforming.



EHI Data Dive (as of 5.31.21)

Age	Engaged in AME	Applied for Unit	Moved in
18-24	7%	8%	8%
25-59	63%	66%	69%
60-69	25%	23%	20%
70+	5%	3%	3%



EHI Data Dive (as of 5.31.21)

Living Situation	Engaged in AME	Applied for Unit	Moved in
Unsheltered	12.3%	12.7%	13.5%
Sheltered	73.8%	72.9%	75.1%
No response	13.9%	14.3%	11.9%

Quick Updates



Upcoming Policy Decisions and Quick Updates

- Upcoming Policy Decisions for CoC Board
 - Ranking Policies Recommendations
 - Financial Benchmarking
 - CoC Relief Funding Working Group Recommendations
- Quick Updates
 - CoC Membership discussion happening at CoC Membership Subcommittee level about purpose of being a member, and whether we should seek to grow membership – to join conversation, reach out to Fred Friedman.



Adjournment

Richard Rowe

