



BOARD COMMITTEE DESCRIPTION	The Chicago Continuum of Care shall be governed by a Board of Directors (the Board), which will provide oversight and accountability for all Chicago CoC responsibilities.
COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP	All CoC Board Members were emailed – see list below.
BRIEF SUMMARY OF DECISIONS MADE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved the CHA and CoC MOU for the Emergency Housing Vouchers.

Email Contents and Final Voting Documentation

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Subject: CHA / CoC MOU for EHV's - CoC Board Member Voting Required by 5pm Tuesday, July 6

*****ATTENTION *** CoC Board Voting Item – Voting Required by 5pm Tuesday, July 6**

Hello Chicago CoC Board Members,

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), Chicago received an allocation of 1,165 Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHVs). The EHV regulations require Chicago Housing Authority (CHA) and the CoC to enter into a Memorandum of

Understanding (MOU) for using these vouchers. We are under a tight deadline for approval as this needs to get finalized by Tuesday July 6 to ensure it gets to the CHA Board in time for their meeting. This will allow us to begin leasing up these vouchers as quickly as possible. The Executive Committee of the CoC Board authorized a vote via email on the CoC / CHA MOU. Therefore, **we are requesting the CoC Board review and submit a vote on the CHA and CoC MOU for the Emergency Housing Vouchers.**

Background:

At the May 7, 2021 CoC Board meeting, the CoC Board established the Chicago CoC Relief Funding Working Group (RFGW) as a response to the influx of relief funding coming the city, county and state. The goal of the RFGW is to create recommendations for the CoC on how best to leverage the influx of funding to prevent and end homelessness in Chicago. The recommendations then go to the CoC Board and can inform local and state funders in their efforts to maximize and leverage funding opportunities. This Working Group has reviewed the MOU and approved it earlier today. Now it needs approval by the CoC Board before the Board Chair can sign on behalf of the CoC.

It is important to note that, despite the RFGW approving the MOU, most members expressed concerns over the MOU lacking any language regarding CHA's application of allowable waivers to expedite the use of the vouchers. The [Emergency Housing Voucher – Operating Requirements](#) allow housing authorities to apply waivers regarding income verification, inspection, oral briefings, justice-involved backgrounds, etc. The RFGW, however, chose to approve the MOU due to the timing and CHA/HUD deadlines in place for approval and lease-up. The RFGW voted to approve the MOU with the intention of reviewing it again in 6 months.

Voting Item:

The attached document provides a brief overview on the voting item, links to other important documents from HUD, and a copy of the MOU. All Chicago, CSH and CHA are holding an optional 30 minute briefing on this voting item on Tuesday, July 6 at noon. We will send an invite to everyone on this email so you can attend if you wish.

VOTE HERE: All CoC Board Members should submit their votes [via this survey](#) by 5pm on Tuesday, July 6.

RESULTS OF THE SURVEY ARE BELOW:

Timestamp	Name	Vote
7/2/2021 12:51:42	Christine Haley	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/2/2021 12:56:13	Peter Toepfer	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/2/2021 13:26:20	Dr. Sanja Rickette Stinson	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/2/2021 16:30:10	Marisa Novara	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/2/2021 16:31:14	Vee Likes	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/6/2021 9:39:33	Amber Westbrooks	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/6/2021 10:20:55	Christy Prah	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/6/2021 12:29:07	Michael Banghart	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/6/2021 12:29:40	Otha Gaston	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/6/2021 12:32:11	Kenneth Burnett	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/6/2021 15:53:53	Fred Friedman	I do not approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/6/2021 16:57:18	Jaye Stapleton	I wish to abstain from voting on this item
7/6/2021 17:05:39	Stephen Brown	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/6/2021 17:11:31	Megan Cunningham	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/6/2021 17:38:34	Brandie Knazze	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/6/2021 18:06:19	Amanda Pyron	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/6/2021 21:15:33	Dorothy Yancy	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's
7/4/2021 via email	Regina Freeman-Hodges	I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's

Only count as tie breaker

7/6/2021 17:58:49

Richard Rowe

I approve the CHA/CoC MOU for EHV's

Missing Votes

Robert

Cunningham

Carmelo Barbaro

Todd Fuller

Debbie Reznick

Mary Howard

Replaced by Otha Gaston or Patricia Montgomery who both voted yes

23 board members that can vote ;

18 board members voted = quorum

Final Vote:

16 yeases

1 abstention

1 no