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**CoC Advisory Board HUD NOFA Input Session # 4:
FY2018 CoC Application Part 4A, Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies**

Wednesday, August 15, 2018

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Nonprofit Innovation Center, 1331 Garden Highway, Sacramento, CA 95833

Meeting Room: VCR (2nd Floor)

Agenda Item	Presenter	Time
I. Welcome & Introductions	Michele & Members	12:00 PM
II. FY2017-FY2018 CoC Application Part 4A Matrix Overview (FY2017 Q&A; FY2018 Q; FY2018 Notes & Input)	Michele	12:05 PM
III. CoC Application Part 4A Member Input A. Content B. Partners to Engage C. Other Input	Members	12:15 PM
IV. FY2018 Planning Project Application Update	Michele	12:45 PM
V. Summarize Follow Up & Next Steps	All	1:00 PM
VI. Prior Sessions Follow Up Updates	Michele	1:15 PM
VII. Adjourn • Session # 5: August 22, 2018	Michele	1:30 PM



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Notes

Topic: CoC Application, 4A Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies

I. Welcome & Introductions

Members Present: John Foley, SSHH; Mike Jaske, Sacramento ACT

Staff Present: Kate Casarino, CoC and Contracts Coordinator; Michele Watts, CPO

II. FY2017-FY2018 CoC Application Part 4A Matrix Overview

See the FY2017-FY2018 CoC Application Comparison and Input Matrix* (attached)

III. Member Input (Content, Partners to Engage, Other Input)

See the FY2017-FY2018 CoC Application Comparison and Input Matrix* (attached)

IV. FY2018 Planning Project Application Update

Michele reported that the draft FY2018 Planning Project Application is not available for review as planned. The draft will be completed in time for next week's input session (Input Session #5). Members present reviewed the Eligible Planning Costs table from the August, 1 2018 Input Session #2, copied below.

Eligible Planning Costs

Eligible Planning Costs Detail	Local Response	Current Funding Sources
Coordination Activities	Sacramento CoC Advisory Board	Local (SHRA)
Determining the geographic area of the CoC	City and County of Sacramento, and all cities within	Process complete, no ongoing funding required
Project Evaluation, CoC Program and ESG	Year-Round Performance Review Committee evaluates CoC Program projects No CoC-level engagement in evaluating ESG	HUD Planning Not yet implemented
Participating in the consolidated plans of the jurisdictions in the CoC area	SSF and SHRA coordinate, no CoC-level engagement in place New info: SHRA will do a new Con Plan in 2019	Not yet implemented
CoC Application Activities	Year-Round Performance Review Committee & Annual Review & Rank	HUD Planning

- Members present discussed how the CoC Advisory Board could interact with SHRA's Con Plan efforts in 2019. Options include dedicating staff time to the process.
- Members present suggested that planning project funds should be prioritized for completing the gaps analysis required in the HEARTH Act. Michele noted that the gaps analysis is already being developed, in consultation with the City, County, and SHRA, and that it will be funded under the Data Hub. Revisions to the draft Data Hub detail document shared at Input Session #2 will include a description of the hub's role in completing this important task.

The FY2018 Planning Project esnaps application and the revised Data Hib detailed will be reviewed at next week's session (Input Session #5, August 22, 2018). These materials will be shared electronically prior to the session.

V. Follow Up and Next Steps

See the FY2017-FY2018 CoC Application Comparison and Input Matrix* (attached)

- Get renters helpline and Project Sentinel partnership information from SSHH for the fair housing question.
- SSF staff to discuss SHRA Con Plan engagement opportunity internally.

VI. Prior Sessions Follow Up Updates

8/8/18 Follow ups

- SSF to convene DV providers regarding the DV questions for FY2018: in process, meeting date pending.
- SSF to research CoC discharge policies in other communities: underway.
- SSF to develop a calendar for sharing draft sections of the CoC Application: in process, to be completed by next week (week of 8/20/18).

8/1/18 Follow ups

- Planning project application activities, discussed in item IV above.

VII. Adjourn

- Input Session #5: August 22, 2018

* Staff developed the FY2017-FY2018 CoC Application Comparison and Input Matrix following Input Session # 3 on August 8, 2018. It was difficult to move back and forth between multiple documents for FY2017 and FY2018 at the session and the matrix brings most of this information together into one document. We will use this matrix structure for all future CoC Application Input Sessions. The matrix, however, is not a substitute for the Detailed Instructions, where more information on how to respond to questions is provided.

4A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Accessing Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies

Instructions:

For guidance on completing this application, please reference the FY 2017 CoC Application Detailed Instructions and the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition NOFA. Please submit technical questions to the HUD Exchange Ask A Question.

4A-1. Select from the drop-down (1) each type of healthcare organization the CoC assists program participants with enrolling in health insurance, and (2) if the CoC provides assistance with the effective utilization of Medicaid and other benefits.

Type of Health Care	Yes/No	Assist with Utilization of Benefits?
Public Health Care Benefits (State or Federal benefits, e.g. Medicaid, Indian Health Services)	Yes	Yes
Private Insurers:	Yes	Yes
Non-Profit, Philanthropic:	Yes	Yes
Other: (limit 50 characters)		

4A-1a. Mainstream Benefits

CoC program funded projects must be able to demonstrate they supplement CoC Program funds from other public and private resources, including: (1) how the CoC works with mainstream programs that assist homeless program participants in applying for and receiving mainstream benefits; (2) how the CoC systematically keeps program staff up-to-date regarding mainstream resources available for homeless program participants (e.g. Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs); and (3) identify the organization or position that is responsible for overseeing the CoCs strategy for mainstream benefits. (limit 1000 characters)

(1) CoC homeless service providers partner with a comprehensive range of organizations to facilitate insurance enrollment including La Familia Counseling Center, 12 local school districts, Dept of Human Asst-Medi-Cal Outreach & Enrollment, DHHS, Sac Covered & FQHCs WellSpace, CARES, Peachtree, Molina & Elica. Outreach program 2016 service linkages to mainstream benefits: 781 households (HH) linked to income; 324 HH linked to health insurance; 406 HH linked to primary health care. (2) CoC keeps providers apprised of mainstream resources available through monthly trainings and system-wide list-serve information sharing. CoC Lead Agency Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) also advises its fellow Recipients and Subrecipients of information related to mainstream benefits. (3) CoC & HMIS Lead Agency Sacramento Steps Forward will oversee CoC strategies by sharing data to

monitor effectiveness & recommend changes as needed.

4A-2. Low Barrier: Based on the CoCs FY 2017 new and renewal project applications, what percentage of Permanent Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH), Transitional Housing (TH), Safe-Haven, and SSO (Supportive Services Only-non-coordinated entry) projects in the CoC are low-barrier?

Total number of PH (PSH and RRH), TH, Safe-Haven and non-Coordinated Entry SSO project applications in the FY 2017 competition (new and renewal)	33.00
Total number of PH (PSH and RRH), TH, Safe-Haven and non-Coordinated Entry SSO renewal and new project applications that selected "low barrier" in the FY 2017 competition.	33.00
Percentage of PH (PSH and RRH), TH, Safe-Haven and non-Coordinated Entry SSO renewal and new project applications in the FY 2017 competition that will be designated as "low barrier"	100.00%

4A-3. Housing First: What percentage of CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO (non-coordinated entry), safe-haven and Transitional Housing; FY 2017 projects have adopted the Housing First approach, meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements?

Total number of PSH, RRH, non-Coordinated Entry SSO, Safe Haven and TH project applications in the FY 2017 competition (new and renewal).	33.00
Total number of PSH, RRH, non-Coordinated Entry SSO, Safe Haven and TH renewal and new project applications that selected Housing First in the FY 2017 competition.	33.00
Percentage of PSH, RRH, non-Coordinated Entry SSO, Safe Haven and TH renewal and new project applications in the FY 2017 competition that will be designated as Housing First.	100.00%

4A-4. Street Outreach: Describe (1) the CoC's outreach and if it covers 100 percent of the CoC's geographic area; (2) how often street outreach is conducted; and (3) how the CoC has tailored its street outreach to those that are least likely to request assistance. (limit 1000 characters)

The CoC deploys outreach through multiple agencies Mon.-Sat., all feeding into the Coord Entry System. Outreach on contracts w/business improvement districts uses a presence patrol approach. Outreach with law enforcement uses a dispatch model. Other outreach workers are at static locations such as hospitals. Currently, workers are able to cover 100% of the CoC geographic area and serve those least likely to seek services. In presence patrol approach, outreach workers seek out clients as opposed to only working with those who reach out to them. In hospitals, outreach workers come in contact with clients who would never seek out services unless in the dire medical straight. Outreach working w/law enforcement are often dispatched to work with clients not seeking services, but may be open to receive them in lieu of punishment.

4A-5. Affirmative Outreach
Specific strategies the CoC has implemented that furthers fair housing as detailed in 24 CFR 578.93(c) used to market housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identify, sexual orientation, age, familial status, or disability; who are least likely to apply in the absence of special outreach.

Describe: (1) the specific strategies that have been implemented that affirmatively further fair housing as detailed in 24 CFR 578.93(c); and (2) what measures have been taken to provide effective communication to persons with disabilities and those with limited English proficiency. (limit 1000 characters)

(1) The CoC's efforts to affirmatively further fair housing include Coord Entry System (CES) activities & participation in the regional Assessment of Fair Housing. RE CES, PSH referrals denied by landlords require letters documenting justification & mandatory offering of appeals process & support for participants that chose to pursue appeal. RE Fair Housing Assessment, CoC Lead Agency Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) participates in the Sacramento Regional Assessment of Fair Housing process led by Sacramento Housing & Development Agency currently underway. SSF will ensure that unique interests of people experiencing homelessness, including single mother-headed households & persons with disabilities are represented in the assessment & planning process. (2) SSF operates a homeless crisis line, including people with disabilities; in the event that disability or limited English proficiency prevents communication via crisis line, callers are referred to Sacramento 211 for accessible service.

4A-6. Compare the number of RRH beds available to serve populations from the 2016 and 2017 HIC.

	2016	2017	Difference
RRH beds available to serve all populations in the HIC	101	661	560

4A-7. Are new proposed project applications requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction? No

4A-8. Is the CoC requesting to designate one or more SSO or TH projects to serve homeless households with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statues who are unstably housed (paragraph 3 of the definition of homeless found at 24 CFR 578.3). No

4A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Accessing Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies

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- 4A-1. Healthcare. Applicants must indicate, for each type of healthcare listed below, whether the CoC:**
- (1) assists persons experiencing homelessness with enrolling in health insurance; and**
 - (2) assists persons experiencing homelessness with effectively utilizing Medicaid and other benefits.**

Type of Health Care	Assist with Enrollment	Assist with Utilization of Benefits?
Public Health Care Benefits (State or Federal benefits, Medicaid, Indian Health Services)		
Private Insurers:		
Non-Profit, Philanthropic:		
Other: (limit 50 characters)		

- 4A-1a. Mainstream Benefits. Applicants must:**
- (1) describe how the CoC works with mainstream programs that assist persons experiencing homelessness to apply for and receive mainstream benefits;**
 - (2) describe how the CoC systematically keeps program staff up-to-date regarding mainstream resources available for persons experiencing homelessness (e.g., Food Stamps, SSI, TANF, substance abuse programs); and**
 - (3) provide the name of the organization or position title that is responsible for overseeing the CoC’s strategy for mainstream benefits. (limit 2,000 characters)**

- 4A-2.Housing First: Applicants must report:**
- (1) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition; and**
 - (2) total number of new and renewal CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO non-coordinated entry, Safe-Haven, and Transitional Housing projects the CoC is applying for in FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that have adopted the Housing First approach—meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements.**

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Percentage of new and renewal PSH, RRH, Safe-Haven, SSO non-Coordinated Entry projects in the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition that will be designated as Housing First.	0%

4A-3. Street Outreach. Applicants must:

- (1) describe the CoC’s outreach;
- (2) state whether the CoC's Street Outreach covers 100 percent of the CoC’s geographic area;
- (3) describe how often the CoC conducts street outreach; and
- (4) describe how the CoC tailored its street outreach to persons experiencing homelessness who are least likely to request assistance. (limit 2,000 characters)

4A-4. Affirmative Outreach. Applicants must describe:

- (1) the specific strategy the CoC implemented that furthers fair housing as detailed in 24 CFR 578.93(c) used to market housing and supportive services to eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identify, sexual orientation, age, familial status or disability; and
- (2) how the CoC communicated effectively with persons with disabilities and limited English proficiency fair housing strategy in (1) above. (limit 2,000 characters)

4A-5. RRH Beds as Reported in the HIC. Applicants must report the total number of rapid rehousing beds available to serve all household types as reported in the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) for 2017 and 2018.

	2017	2018	Difference
RRH beds available to serve all populations in the HIC			0

4A-6. Rehabilitation or New Construction Costs. Are new proposed project applications requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction?

4A-7. Homeless under Other Federal Statutes. Is the CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO or TH projects to serve families with children or youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes?



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Sacramento CoC Advisory Board FY2018 NOFA CoC Application & Planning Project Application Input Sessions Revised 8/15/18

Every Wednesday between July 18 and September 12, 12:00 PM -1:30 PM, SSF will host input sessions for CoC Advisory Board members to participate in the CoC Application and Planning Project Application processes for the FY2018 HUD CoC NOFA competition. The schedule is below.

#1. July 18- Orientation

*Overview of the CoC Application and Planning Project Application
Review meeting calendar
Establish our process of communication at and between meetings*

#2. August 1- Planning Project Application

Planning Project Background & Education, SSF FY2018 Plan, and Member Input

#3. August 8- CoC Application, 1C. CoC Coordination (DI* pp. 9-16) & 1D. CoC Discharge Planning (DI* p. 17)

*FY2017 CoC Application Responses for 1C & 1D
CoC Application New Questions
CoC Application Questions Pending with Partners*

#4. August 15- CoC Application, 4A. Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies (DI* pp. 36-40) & Planning Project Application Round 2

*FY2017 CoC Application Response for 4A
CoC Application New Questions
CoC Application Questions Pending with Partners
~~FY2018 Draft Planning Project Application~~*

#5. August 22- CoC Application, 3A. System Performance (DI* pp. 26-30) & 3B. CoC Performance and Strategic Planning (DI* pp. 30-36)

*FY2017 CoC Application Responses for 3A and 3B
CoC Application New Questions
CoC Application Questions Pending with Partners
~~FY2018 Draft Planning Project Application~~*

#6. August 29- Follow-Up and Review

*CoC Application Topics as needed
Planning Project Application Topics as needed*

#7. September 5- Follow-Up and Review

*CoC Application Topics as needed
Planning Project Application Topics as needed*

#8. September 12- Final Review & Discussion

Last session prior to posting deadline of September 13

October 10- Advisory Board Meeting

*Debrief Input Sessions
Framework for FY2019 Input*

* DI refers to the CoC Application Detailed Instructions. See cited page numbers for the questions in each section.