

2024 Sacramento Continuum of Care (CoC) Orientation Fact Sheet

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History and Purpose, including Accomplishments and Challenges

Formed in 2012 to fulfill the Sacramento CoC's responsibility to oversee the HUD CoC Program annual Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) competition.

Additional Responsibilities from HUD

- Operating the CoC
- CoC planning activities
- Designating the lead agency for administering the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)
- Biennial Unsheltered Point-in-Time (PIT) Counts
- Monitoring the performance of projects and the system

Local Responsibilities

- Applicant for state homeless funding streams (California Emergency Solutions and Housing (CESH), Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program (HHAP))
- Serving as content experts on homelessness
- Building awareness of the needs of all homeless populations
- Convening stakeholders around emerging issues
- Policy recommendations to the Sacramento Steps Forward (SSF) Board of Directors

Accomplishments

- Increasingly competitive NOFO competitions in alignment with HUD's expectations, resulting in renewal of projects with the best outcomes (prior to 2012, all projects renewed year after year, which changed at the same time as the CoC Board was formed)
- Eleven NOFO competitions completed, with an increase in funds year after year
- Strong board with consistent attendance and large number of guests
- Coordinated Access System that prioritizes the chronically homeless with the most severe needs and longest homeless histories for HUD CoC PSH placements

Challenges

- Identity and role confusion due to unusual structure (CoC Board, SSF Board, SSF Staff)
- Politically-charged nature of homelessness and related issues

Member Role, Responsibilities, and Expectations, including the future of the Advisory Board and SSF's role in supporting the Advisory Board.

Role, Responsibilities, and Expectations

- Regular attendance and participation in board activities
- Sufficient connection to constituency group
- Work effectively on a team
- Consider benefit to the CoC as a whole in discussion and decision-making
- Disclosure of conflicts of interest
- Serve on a CoC committee

CoC Resources

We invite you to review previous CoC Board meeting recordings and meeting minutes to learn more about the CoC Board meetings.

- Access the CoC Board meeting recordings and meeting minutes available on the CoC Meetings webpage under the "[CoC Board Materials](#)" tab.
- Further details on member roles and responsibilities can be found in the [2023 CoC Governance Charter](#).
- Access the acronym list [here](#).