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BoS Scorecard Committee Meeting
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Attendance
Committee Members: Monica Frizzell, Tameka Gunn, Lisa Phillips, Angela Harper King, Linda Mandell, Garth Frieling, Nancy Huff, Jane Earnest, Cameron Cochran, Jeffrey Rawlings,

NCCEH Staff: Brian Alexander, Ehren Dohler, Bagé Shade, Jenn Von Egidy

FY2019 CoC Competition Overview

- Types of CoC applications
  - New Projects
  - Renewal Projects
    - About 35 projects will apply to renew
  - Components:
    - Permanent Supportive Housing
      - 30 PSH projects in the CoC
    - Rapid Re-housing
      - 5 RRH projects in the CoC
- HUD has indicated that CoCs will continue to be required to rank all project applications and place them into two tiers. This ranking is based on their performance and HUD's and the CoC's priorities.
  - The Scorecard helps to rank and prioritize the project applications.
  - The Project Review Committee and NCCEH staff review each project using the CoC's scorecards
  - The Project Review Committee then ranks the projects in order of the performance
  - The PRC then ranks the projects in order of performance and priority
  - HUD requires CoCs to split our eligible funds into two tiers. Based on past competitions, projects placed in Tier 1 are generally safe; projects placed in Tier 2 are not guaranteed funding. Therefore, the projects' scores and ranking affect their potential to be funded.

FY2019 Timeline

- The CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has not been released by HUD yet, so many details regarding the application are not yet known. The CoC Registration is complete, and we are awaiting HUD confirmation. We are awaiting the release of the Grant Inventory Worksheet.
- The release of the NOFA will open the CoC competition.
  - BoS staff anticipate that the NOFA will be released in May (after the GIW is finalized).
  - The NOFA will provide details of available funding for this year's competition, including:
    - New and bonus projects
    - Eligible activities
    - HUD's priorities for funding and HUD's process for scoring CoCs

Ehren solicited questions and comments. None Expressed.

Introduction to the Scorecard

- The BoS scorecard has 4 main goals:
    - Fund organizations that have the capacity to run effective programs (administrative/management capacity, can operate on reimbursement basis, have experience serving homeless populations)
    - Fund projects that reflect the NC BoS CoC's priorities and HUD's priorities (providing permanent housing, serving defined subpopulations – in the past these have been chronically homeless individuals and families and homeless Veterans)
    - Incentivize agencies to be good partners (agencies who participate in community efforts to end homelessness, participate in HMIS, help create infrastructure for their community's homeless service system to operate effectively throughout the year)
    - Ensure that funded projects are being good stewards of NC BoS CoC funding and are performing to NC BoS CoC standards
- There are two scorecards:
    - Renewal projects: This scorecard has a greater focus on grant performance.
    - New projects: This scorecard has a greater focus on agency capacity and experience.
- Both scorecards have two parts:
    - Part 1: Combined Scoring
        - This section is scored by NCCEH staff and a member of the Project Review Committee.
        - The two scores are averaged to determine the final score for this section.
    - Part 2: Staff Scoring
        - This section is scored by NCCEH staff only.
        - This section focuses on objective technical questions and performance (information pulled from HMIS data).
    - The scores for Part 1 and Part 2 are added together to create the final score for the project.
- Four Key Categories of the Scorecard:
    - Thresholds- Must be met to continue in the competition
    - Standards- Should be met and may be reason not to fund
    - Minimums- Minimum number of points required in a section or a review is triggered
    - Scores- How many points the project received compared to the possible points for the section
- Standards
    - Standard options are: met, unmet, unmet-documentation not provided, NA
    - Don't want to award points for something that projects should be doing
    - Project Review Committee has used standards as part of the ranking process in the past and uses precedent
        - Housing First
        - PSH Key Elements
        - RRH Performance Benchmarks and Program Standards
- Standards on 2018 Scorecard
    - PSH Key Elements
    - Services Funding Plan
    - PSH prioritizing CH beds
    - Match documentation
    - HUD monitoring findings
    - Full participation in Coordinated Entry
    - PSH prioritization

    - Submitting application and paperwork by CoC deadline
- Points and Performance
    - Using data to measure performance is increasingly important.
    - Projects are scored on data including:
        - Targeting: serving people with disabilities, chronically homeless, etc.
        - Positive exits
        - Increases in income
    - Points will pull the highest performing programs to the top
- After scoring the project applications, the Project Review Committee creates a ranked list of projects, which is provided to the Steering Committee for its review and approval. The ranking may be based on:
    - Eligibility of the project
    - Lateness of application materials
    - Funding Priorities
    - Meeting scorecard minimums, standards, and thresholds
    - Scores

Ehren solicited questions and comments. None Expressed.

FY2018 Scoring Overview

- In the 2018 competition, 34 renewal projects were submitted.
- Four new projects were ranked out of seven submitted.
    - Three RRH, one SSO-CE
    - HUD does not require CoC planning grants to be scored or ranked.

- Renewal applicants missed a range of standards

Number of Standards Missed	Number of Renewals
0	1
1-2	20
3-6	11
More than 6	1

- Renewal applicants missed several section minimums

Section Minimum	Number of Renewals
Section 1: General Application	0
Section 2: Program Design	0
Section 3: NC BoS CoC Priorities	10
Section 4: Project Performance	8
Section 5: Application Deadlines/Documentation	1

- New Project Comparison

Standards/Minimums	Number of Agencies
0-4 Standards missed	4
9+ Standards missed	3
0-1 Minimums missed	2
2-3 Minimums missed	2
4-5 Minimums missed	3

- 2018 CoC Project App Scores

Type	Possible Points	Highest Score	Lowest Score	Average Score
All	-	160	11	86
PSH	192	160	11	99
RRH	172	91.6	20	47

PSH is always prioritized because CoC federal funds are the only source for funding PSH, but RRH has other sources to apply for funds.

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Next Steps

- Review new and renewal FY2018 scorecards
- Provide feedback – are there any changes that need to be made?
- Staff will draft FY2019 scorecards and send to members prior to meetings
- Next meetings
    - Meeting #2: Thursday April 11, 2:30-4:00
    - Meeting #3: Thursday April 18, 2:30-4:00
- Staff contact information
    - bos@ncceh.org
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