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NC Balance of State CoC Funding and Performance Subcommittee Meeting Minutes 02.24.22

Members Present: Amy Modlin, Melissa McKeown, Talaika Williams, Bonnie Harper, Tonya Freeman

NCCEH Staff Present: Brian Alexander, Andrea Carey

Minutes:

- Brian welcomed members of the subcommittee and highlighted the meeting agenda.
- Brian introduced this year's process for developing the CoC Funding Priorities document.
 - CoC Funding Priorities set overall and regional priorities for the annual CoC program funding competition.
 - Staff reviewed with FPS members the FY21 CoC Funding Priorities document.
 - CoC-wide priorities. The FY21 CoC-wide priorities were:
 - Ensure essential infrastructure elements are in place, including HMIS and coordinated entry
 - Ensure adequate coverage of PSH across the CoC
 - Increase the availability of RRH
 - Ensure CoC funding is being used well, including potentially re-allocating some funding from projects that have patterns of low spending or poor performance
 - Regional priorities for RRH and PSH projects
 - Typically using the prior year's PIT count and most recent funding awards, the funding priorities assign a level of priority for RRH and PSH for each Regional Committee based on need:
 - Priority 1: The region has more unmet needs than existing PSH beds, implying that it needs to significantly increase PSH stock to meet the need.
 - Priority 2: The region has no current CoC-funded RRH.
 - Priority 3: The region already has CoC-funded RRH and/or some need for PSH but less than their current stock of PSH beds, implying a relatively small increase in PSH in the region could meet the need.
 - No Priority: The region has enough PSH stock to meet their needs.
 - Staff and members discussed several decision points for which they will need to provide direction for this year's funding priorities.
 - Decision Point: Does the overall structure of the priorities still make sense?

- Members discussed the framework of the document, separating it into CoC and Regional Priorities and decided this still makes sense to guide the CoC in making its decisions.
 - Melissa expressed concern about the fourth CoC priority in light of spending difficulties of many CoC grantees because of the pandemic. Other members had this same concern.
 - Staff will add some language to help guide the CoC on this priority because of the pandemic.
- Decision Point: Other potential considerations
 - Acquisition, rehab, and new construction: The CoC has not allowed this in past competitions due to limited bonus funding.
 - Members felt that the CoC should keep this ban in place for new projects because of the limited bonus funding needed for new housing projects and because the state has extra funding right now through the CARES Act to develop new supportive housing units.
 - TH-RRH: The CoC has not allowed this in past competitions due to continued high barrier shelter, relatively low numbers of unsheltered individuals, and low shelter utilization rates.
 - Members supported the continued ban for funding this project type. While good work has been done to lower barriers, the CoC still has low shelter utilization and high barrier shelters.
 - DV Bonus (not guaranteed in this year's competition): The CoC has allowed potential TH-RRH and/or SSO-CE projects dedicated for DV survivors.
 - Members supported continuing to allow applications from agencies for these project types using the DV bonus only.
 - Tonya asked about whether there were limitations on who could apply for these DV bonus projects. Brian answered that the CoC is limited to one SSO-CE project through DV bonus dollars, which is why the CoC has limited SSO-CE projects to projects that provide these services CoC-wide. The CoC has accepted multiple RRH projects (no TH-RRH project applications have been received) and has gone with the strongest project in the final ranking list, which has been one from NCCADV covering the whole CoC.
- Decision Point: How do we calculate the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness for Regional Priorities?
 - The CoC did not conduct an unsheltered PIT count in 2021. The 2021 count would not reflect the total people experiencing chronic homelessness.
 - FY21 CoC awards have not yet been made, but we expect those to be announced in time to use for the regional priorities.
 - Staff outlined some potential approaches for reflecting the number of people experiencing chronic homelessness:
 - Recommendation 1: Use the 2020 PIT count

- In January 2022, 48 chronically homeless HHs left the system with 19 HHs exiting to PH destinations.
- Andrea discussed what this data means to the system:
 - 152 HHs left the system for PH between July 2021 and January 2022 (19 just in January 2022).
 - Even with this work, our system had 39 more CH HHs in January than July.
 - Right now, the gap between inflow and outflow means our system cannot serve HHs considered CH fast enough to end chronic homelessness. In fact, it is expanding.
 - Members had some initial discussion about how the CoC can address this gap.
- Next meeting: Thursday, March 24 at 11 AM