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NC Balance of State CoC Funding and Performance Subcommittee

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Subcommittee members attending: Richard Gary, Melissa McKeown, Joel Rice, Destri Leger, Talaika Williams, Tiana Terry

NCCEH staff attending: Ehren Dohler, Brian Alexander

Minutes:

- Goals for today:
 - Formally approve the ESG Funding Priorities.
 - Review the ESG Funding Priorities Worksheet.
- NC BoS CoC staff sent out the ESG Funding Priorities and worksheet to the full CoC for feedback. No feedback was received. Ehren asked for any last-minute feedback and changes on the priorities from committee members. None were given.
- Ehren reviewed the ESG Funding Priorities Worksheet with FPS members.
 - The worksheet begins with instructions to help them think through where LPA priorities might be. Part one helps them gather the information for their RC and part two allows them to use this RC information to put the local funding priorities together.
 - Members felt the worksheet format was straightforward.
 - Part 1: The worksheet lists each priority separately with the LPA steps for each of those priorities.
 - Priority 1
 - Step 1A is to determine need for shelter and street outreach in the RC.
 - Step 1B takes the chart information from Step 1A, where they identify the counties that have priority for shelter.
 - Steps 1C takes the list of counties with shelter and high unsheltered counts to identify those with low-barrier shelters.
 - Step 1D lists counties that have high barrier shelters with unsheltered counts to identify potential street outreach funding.
 - Step 2A-B is to determine need for RRH in the LPA, identifying counties with need and plan to expand coverage.
 - Step 3A: Determine need for homelessness prevention. RC would need to justify if they have met the shelter and RRH goals to be able to fund any homelessness prevention.
 - Ehren asked for feedback or questions.
 - Destri liked the layout because it helps the RC to determine when homelessness prevention would be able to be used.

- Melissa asked if the shelter step is meant for services or operations funding. Ehren stated that he wrote it to leave this decision up to the RC to determine what funding needs were for shelters. Melissa suggests having some instructions to clarify that RC's can decide about whether to fund shelter with operations and/or services as long as they address whatever gaps exist.
- Priority 2
 - Step 4 asks RCs to advertise the availability of ESG funding widely.
 - Step 5 asks RCs to use a scorecard to compare applicants, choose what tool they will use to make the comparison (their own or NCCEH scorecard), and submit their choice to NCCEH for review.
- Priority 3
 - Step 7 asks the RC to determine how it will evaluate agencies with low spending. It states that agencies in tier 3 in 2017 that continue to be in tier 3 in 2018 should not be funded. RCs will identify the agencies with low spending in 2018 to determine how agencies will demonstrate how they will spend any dollars granted. The step also requires the RC to determine the criteria for determining whether to reduce funding for low spending agencies.
 - Melissa asked how RCs will learn about spending for applicant agencies? Ehren says that NC BoS CoC staff will give this information to the RC.
 - Joel asked who would receive it? Ehren stated that staff would send it to the Funding Process Lead. Destri suggested also copying the RL and RL Alternate
 - Richard asked what would happen to agencies that didn't receive funding this year but had funding in years past? Ehren asked the committee to comment of what they think should happen in these cases. Members discussed what spending information was available. Staff said only 2017 and to-date 2018 spending levels would be available.
 - Ehren suggest changing the priority to recommend RCs to closely examine spending problems of any type, not just those who were funded in 2018 (like the text in the draft says). The committee agreed with this approach. Ehren will make the directions more general to catch any spending problems.
 - Destri suggested moving the spending chart up with the rest of the spending section.
- Priority 4
 - Step 8 asks RCs to use a scorecard that integrates information on best practices of applicants' projects. It refers RCs back to the NC BoS CoC written standards for more information.



- Step 9 asks agencies that have barriers to entry and not fully implementing Housing First to identify the steps they are taking to improve their practices.
- Part 2: The worksheet identifies the funding priorities, including answers given from Part 1. RCs can fill in the answers from part 1 to answer the individual questions under each priority. This will help RCs put together the specific priorities based on local needs.
 - Staff will change the questions under priority 3 (spending) to include the changes determined in part 1.
 - After filling out this section, part 2 will contain all priorities that can be shared with the full RC.
 - Ehren asked for questions and feedback on part 2. None given
- Ehren reviewed the appendices at the end of the worksheet:
 - 2018 unsheltered PIT count
 - Listing of best practice information

Funding Priorities document

- Staff made a few changes for clarification. Ehren will update priority 3 (spending) to match what was discussed during the worksheet conversation. Members are fine with staff making the final changes.
- Motion to approve NC BoS CoC ESG Funding Priorities and the ESG Funding Priorities Worksheet with the changes made during today's meeting. (Rice, Leger). All in favor. Motion passes.
- The ESG Funding Priorities will go to the Steering Committee for approval at the July 2018 meeting.

Next steps:

- Staff will email information about scheduling the next meeting.

