



North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

FY 2025 CoC Program Competition Office Hours
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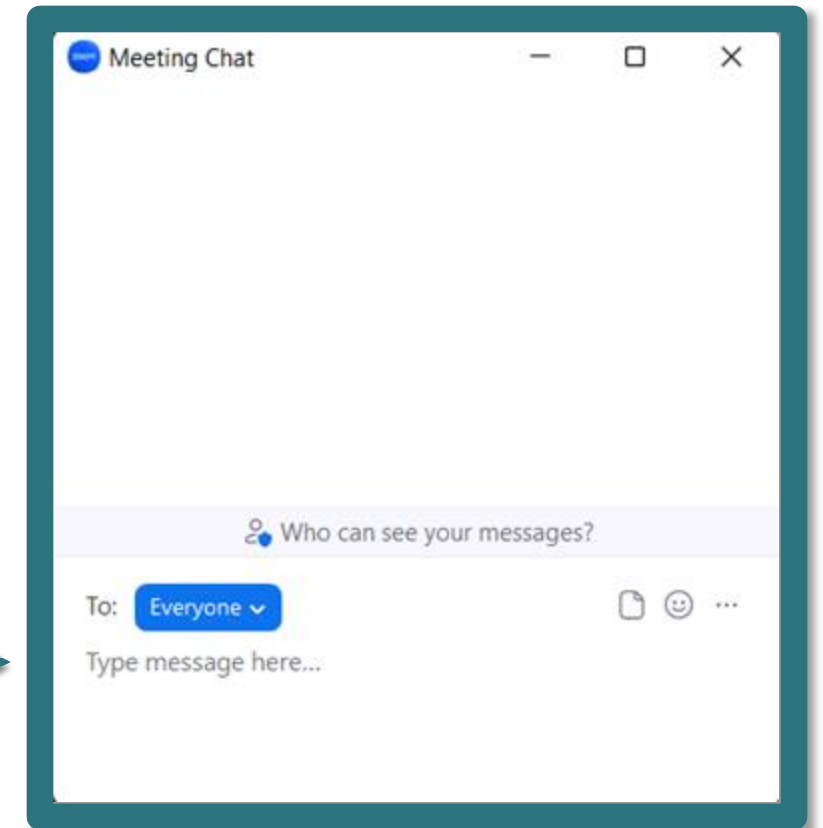


Welcome to Office Hours

Today we will cover recent updates to the FY 2025 CoC Program Competition.

After these updates, we will also hold a Q&A session. To ask questions during the session, please use the chat or raise your hand on Zoom.

The chat box is available to use anytime.



Office Hours Agenda

- Check In Question
- Link to How to Prep for CoC Competition PDF
- Weekly Update
- Faith-Based Partnerships
- Q&A Session
- Wrap Up and Reminders

Meeting Agenda

Name: _____

Date: _____

Location: _____

Attendee List: _____

Meeting Purpose: _____

Agenda Items: _____

Notes: _____

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Introductions

In the chat, please share the following:

- **Name**
- **Organization/Region**
- **Role within the CoC**
- **Check-in question:** What's one thing you're looking forward to this week and why?



Link to Last Week's Infographic

[NCBoS CoC Competition Prep Steps Flier.pdf](#)

HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE COC COMPETITION

The following infographic was inspired by guidance created by the City of Durham, NC. As we wait for guidance on the CoC Competition, please consider the following:


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STEP 1

UNDERSTAND THE NOFO GUIDELINES

Read the NOFO Carefully - When the NOFO is released, focus on its specific language and narrative, including topics identified as priorities, such as: treatment and recovery, reducing unbeltered homelessness, reducing returns to



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FY 2025 CoC Program Competition Weekly Update

Weekly Update – Recent Events

- In 2024, HUD released its first-ever **2-year Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)** for the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program.
- The **FY 2024 CoC Competition** followed protocols and processes familiar to communities nationwide. The upcoming **FY 2025 CoC Competition** would have represented the second phase of this 2-year NOFO cycle.
- On **July 3, 2025**, HUD emailed updated guidance to CoCs that reflects new federal administration priorities.
- A corresponding Congressional funding bill was passed on **July 4, 2025**, formally solidifying HUD's new strategic direction into law.
- Congress is in recess until **Sept. 2, 2025**.
- The Grant Inventory Worksheet Change Form was submitted to the HUD SNAPS office on time. As of Aug. 28, 2025, we are still waiting for a response from the HUD team.





Strengthening Partnerships with Faith-Based Organizations



Build Relationships

- Ask leaders about their congregation's priorities.
- Explore alignment with priorities as it relates to your program's focus.
- Invite groups into CoC membership and collaboration.
- Strengthen the partnership by assigning a clear point of contact for new agencies; ensure a continuous feedback loop.

Find Common Ground

- Lead with curiosity. Start by listening to what motivates your local faith communities.
- In outreach conversations, make an explicit connection to shared values and missions (i.e. housing for all, service, justice, or care).
- Remember that partnership is formed through consistent and authentic engagement.





Leverage Mutual Strengths

- Utilize mutual, flexible, resources such as volunteers or in-kind donations.
- Explore the use of meeting spaces or properties for events, housing, or services (i.e. community meals).
- Attend events at faith-based and public organizations to discuss existing CoC resources and how to connect.

Create Opportunities

- Create tiered opportunities for engagement so folks can start where they're comfortable (i.e., anywhere from "one off" events to long-term collaboration).
- Identify what are agencies' essential needs are for support, and what is flexible.
- Explore non-traditional approaches for service. Faith-based agencies may have creative or relational service models that may be more comfortable for some individuals experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity.



Build the Network

- Cross-train volunteers from public faith based organizations.
- Onboard new partners to housing program activities and opportunities for engagement.
- Share program performance outcomes with public and faith-based organizations.



Link to This Week's Infographic

[Strengthening Partnerships with Faith-Based Organizations](#)

STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS WITH FAITH- BASED ORGANIZATIONS

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Q&A

We'd love to hear from you. What questions are coming up?



**Let's
Discuss**

Wrap Up & Reminders

- Work with NCCEH to help elevate your concerns and advocate with you.
- **We invite renewal programs to please read through your application and potentially be prepared to reframe how you describe your program.** Don't stop or interrupt day-to-day activities.
- An administration EO intends to require approval for financial draw downs. This may mean there will be different time frames on drawing down money (i.e., months in advance).
- Be ready for unexpected changes at any time, this year's process may or may not look like what was expected.



Upcoming Weekly Office Hour Dates

- Thurs. Sept. 4th at 2:00pm
- Thurs. Sept. 11th at 2:00pm
- Thurs. Sept. 25th at 2:00pm

Please reach out with any questions to:

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