

CT Balance of State
(CT BOS)
Continuum of Care
(CoC)
Semi-Annual Meeting

February 18, 2022



Agenda

- Welcome
- BOS Group Agreements for meetings
- Introductions
- Adopt Meeting Minutes
- Announcements
- CT BOS Renewal Evaluation Update & Lateness Penalties
- Engagement of People with Lived Expertise
- Social Security Administration (SSA) Presentation
- Review of Progress Since 2017 Strategic Planning
- CT BOS Planning Grant
- Breakout Groups - Discussion on future strategic initiatives/activities
- Upcoming Meetings



CT BOS Group Agreements for Meetings

Developed by Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP) Consultants:

- Be present and listen actively
- Choose courage over comfort
- Participate to the fullest of your ability
- Take space, make space
- Assume good intent, but also acknowledge impact
- Challenge ideas, not people
- Use "I" statements
- Recognize emotional tax, extra labor, and burden that Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and people with lived expertise face in some conversations



Introductions in Break-out Rooms - Groups of 4 people.
Please share: Your name, role in CT BOS, & Answer: Would you rather travel to the future or back in time?



Approve CT BOS Steering Committee January 2022 Meeting Minutes



[CT BOS Steering Committee Minutes 1.21.22](#)

Announcements



BOS Office Hours – Coordinated Access Updates



Presented by CT Department
of Housing (DOH):

3/4/22 -11-12

- [Meeting link](#)
- Meeting ID: 956 4487 8479
- Password: 414595
- Call-in number: 646-876-9923

CT Department of Social Services (DSS) Home & Community Care Training



Presented by DSS Staff &
Andrea White, Housing
Innovations

3/15/22 – 10-11:30

[Link to Training](#)

Meeting ID: 870 6603
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Passcode: 835753
646 876 9923

Introduction to the BOS CoC

Presented by Housing
Innovations:

3/23/22 – 3:30-5:00pm

[Intro to CT BOS Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 895 8679 0212

Passcode: 001236

Call-in number: 646 876 9923



CT BOS Renewal Evaluation

- Deadline for Consumer Surveys & Agency Info Surveys was extended to 1/28/22.
- Approximately 15% late/not submitted
- Proposal: Change late penalty from 10 points to 5 points
- Launch of New Renewal Evaluation Data System and Webinar coming soon
- [CT BOS Renewal Evaluation Resources/Docs](#)



Engagement of People with Lived Expertise (PWLE)

- Motion to amend Governance charter passed by electronic vote
- CoC Steering Committee Member Selection (pg.6):
 - Community representatives (i.e., people with lived experience of homelessness) submit applications to join the Steering Committee. The CoC encourages people who have utilized homeless housing or services to apply. Community representatives may not be employed by any agency receiving CoC funds. (NOW OMITTED: and no CAN can have more than one consumer representing its region.)



Engagement of People with Lived Expertise (2)



- Applications for BOS Steering Committee for PWLE will be e-mailed out next week
- Term will be through June 2023
- Applications due 3/8/22 to ctboscoc@gmail.com
- Contact Liz Isaacs at lisaacs@housinginnovations.us or (917) 449-3918 with any questions
- Applications sent to SC members for review by 3/11/22
- Vote on new members at 3/18/22 Steering Committee meeting.
- Intro to CT BOS Webinar: 3/23/22

CLIP Updates

Progress Since 2017 Strategic Planning



Themes from December 2017 Strategic Planning Discussion

- Ensure CoC continues to get new funding.
- Engage new stakeholders and diversify perspectives.
- Address inequities in care.
- Strengthen coordination with partner organizations.
- Adopt consistent practices across the state.
- Make information about the CoC and CoC processes more accessible to and easier to navigate for key stakeholders.



Key Accomplishments since December 2017 Strategic Planning

Continued to secure new CoC funds in each annual CoC Competition

- Secured funding through each national DV Bonus competition
- Leveraged CoC funds to support Coordinated Access Networks (CANs)
- Consistently expanded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

Successfully launched and continue to operate one of the nation's first Youth Homeless Demonstration Project (YHDP) initiatives



Key Accomplishments since December 2017 Strategic Planning (2)



Expanded Leadership by People with Lived Experience of Homelessness and BIPOC

- Launched Consumer Leadership Involvement Project (CLIP)
- Increased Community Representative seats on Steering Committee to six
- Added 4th Co-Chair seat and established diversity criteria for Chairs
- Participated in HUD Race Equity Demonstration Project

Analyzed and Took Steps to Reduce Inequities in Care

- Analyzed outcomes by race and ethnicity
- Began funding service enhancements in existing projects

Key Accomplishments since December 2017 Strategic Planning (3)

Integrated CT BOS and Reaching Home (RH)

- Reaching Home (RH) Coordinating Committee became CT BOS Board
- CT BOS is represented on RH Committees

Added CT Department of Labor representative to the Steering Committee



Adopted Statewide Rapid Rehousing (RRH) Guidelines that apply across funding streams

Adopted Statewide Coordinated Access Network (CAN) Policies

Key Accomplishments since December 2017 Strategic Planning (4)

Strengthened Use of Technology:

- Zengine: web-based submission of new project applications and other materials
- Fully integrating Renewal Evaluation with Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)



Key Accomplishments since December 2017 Strategic Planning (5)

Expanded Opportunities for Stakeholders to Learn About CoC Processes:

- Launched annual Introduction to CT BOS CoC Webinar
- Launched annual Renewal Evaluation, Monitoring and CoC Competition Webinars
- Updated website and using processes to ensure accessibility of electronic information

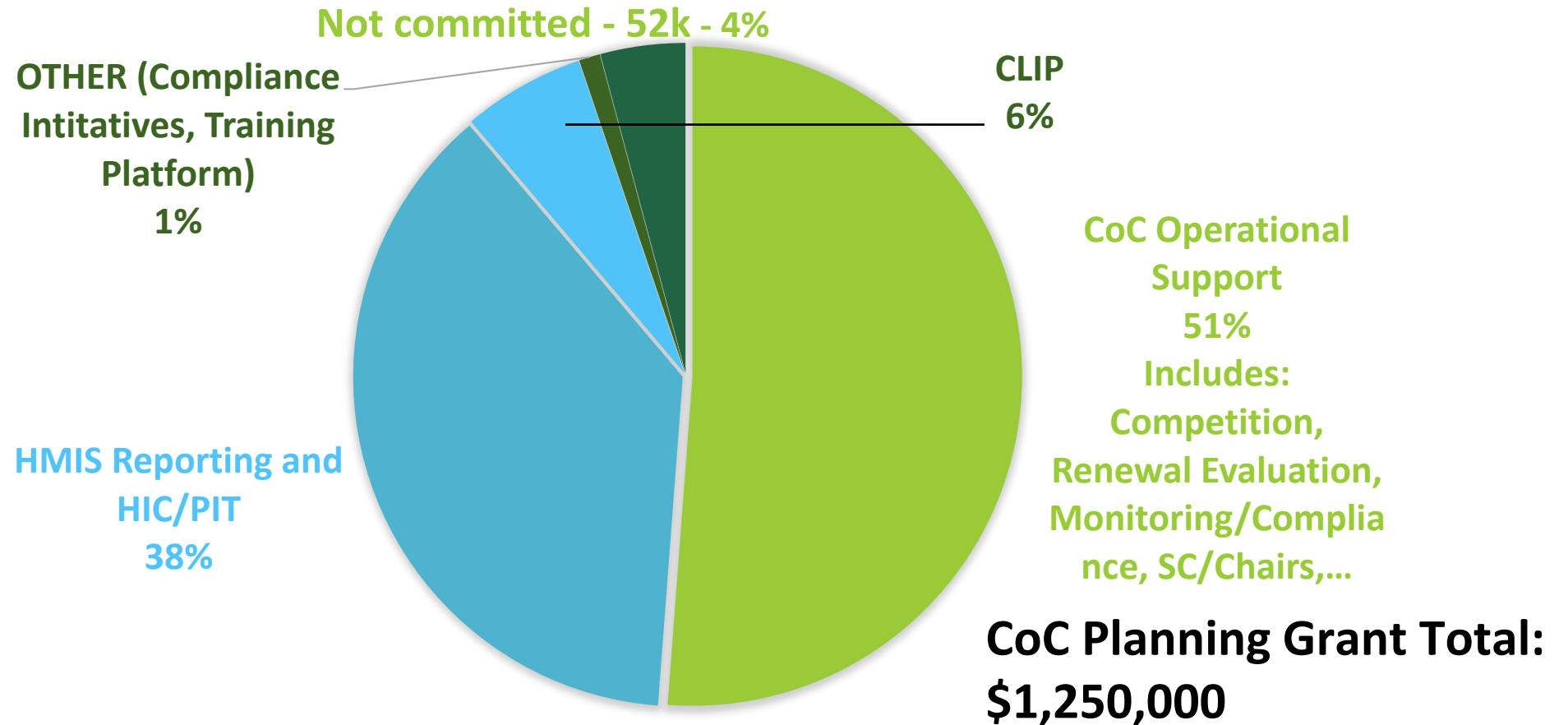


CT BOS Planning Grant



CT BOS Planning Grant Allocations

(Year Ending 6/30/23)



Planning Grant Eligible Activities



- Coordinating to end homelessness & identify/allocate resources
- Planning and supporting efficacy of the CoC System
- Preparing an application to HUD, including conducting a PIT count & other data collection
- Evaluating outcomes of CoC & Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) projects
- Monitoring & supporting compliance with requirements
- Participation in the consolidated plans
- Determining the CoC's geographic area, including evaluating the merits of and executing any mergers with other CoCs

Breakout Groups – Future Strategic Initiatives/Activities

- To support statewide efforts to make homelessness rare, brief and one-time, what should CT BOS's priorities be for the next 3 – 5 years?
- How should we use CoC Planning Grant funds to advance those priorities?
- Record feedback here: [Link for Feedback Doc](#)
- Spend last 5 minutes reviewing comments from other people and put an asterisk next to the items you think are most important.



Upcoming Meetings



SC Meeting Schedule

- March 18, 2022; 11-12:30
- April 22, 2022; 11-12:30
- May 20, 2022; 11-12:30
- June 17, 2022; 11-12:30
- July 15, 2022; 11-12:30
- August 19, 2022; 11-12:30
- September 16, 2022; 11-12:30

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- Coordinated Access Updates
3/4/22: 11-12

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