

IMPORTANT BALANCE OF STATE CONTINUUM OF CARE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Continuum of Care Updates

HUD released the Notice of HUD's FY2010 NOFA Policy Requirements and General Section to HUD's FY2010 NOFAs for Discretionary Programs on June 7th. A copy of the complete Notice has been placed on our website at: http://www.cohhio.org/2010_CoC.php - look under Federal Register and click on the document. This Notice discusses HUD's new policy priorities as described in the new Strategic Plan for FY2010-2015, which defines a new set of policy and organizational priorities for HUD. The Notice talks about eligibility information, application and submission information, and other information for the various HUD funded programs. It also discusses the release dates for their various grants and it stated that HUD anticipates releasing the Continuum of Care (COC) grant in July-August 2010.

During this next month, I would encourage perspective new and renewal projects to work on the following:

- If you are planning on being on vacation during July and/or August, and you feel that we should send notices to someone else in your organization about the release of the COC application/training/etc., please email Jonda and ask her to add another staff member to our listserv. I will need the person's name and email address – you can email me at jondaclemings@cohhio.org.
- Prepare a presentation for your local COC to review your project's performance (moving from transitional housing to permanent housing; remaining in permanent housing for 6 months or more, employment at exit, etc.), budget, positive housing outcomes, persons served, capacity throughout year, HMIS data entry compliance, etc.
- Start securing your project's leverage letters. BOSCOG providers are encouraged to have at minimum a 2:1 leverage for their COC application. While HUD does not require this amount of leverage, it is extremely important that BOSCOG providers attempt to secure at minimum that 2:1 leverage for their project so that the BOSCOG application will be as competitive as possible. A portion of the BOSCOG application scoring and ranking process will be based on project leverage amount. Applicants will be selected at random to produce their leverage letters to ensure that the written commitments meet HUD's minimum elements. For further information on leveraging, please see our website at: http://www.cohhio.org/2010_CoC.php - we have placed a document about leveraging under Technical Assistance Materials on that page.
- Complete a quality assurance check of your HMIS data. Determine how many persons were served from 1/1/2009 to 12/31/2009 – ensure that each person has been entered into HMIS (unless exempt – e.g., DV only programs), and determine your data quality (null or missing values or don't know or refused) for at least the following data elements: name, Social Security number, date of birth, ethnicity, race, gender, Veteran status, disabling condition, residence prior to program entry, and zip code of last permanent address.

- Check to make sure that your organization has a Code of Conduct listed with HUD at http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/program_offices/administration/grants/conduct

During this next month, I would encourage local COC's to work on the following:

- Please send copies of sign-in sheets from local COC meetings to COHHIO at coc@cohhio.org for the time period of June 1, 2009 to May 31, 2010 by July 1, 2010.
- Identify all members of your local CoC. You will need the following information collected on each member organization or individual:
 - Name of organization or individual
 - Type of membership:
 - Public
 - Private, or
 - Individual
 - Type of organization:
 - If public, choose one of the following: law enforcement, local government, local workforce investment act board, public housing agencies, school systems or universities, state government agencies, or other (must specify)
 - If private, choose one of the following: businesses, faith-based organizations, funder advocacy group, hospitals/medical representatives, non-profit organization, or other (must specify)
 - If individual, choose one of the following: homeless or formerly homeless
 - Organization role in the CoC planning process, choose from the following: committee/sub-committee/work group, authorizing agency for consolidated plan, attend consolidated plan planning meetings during past 12 months, attend consolidated plan focus groups/public forums during past 12 months, lead agency for 10-year plan, attend 10-year planning meetings during past 12 months, none, primary decision making group
 - Subpopulations represented – choose no more than two (2) from the following: SMI, SA, VET, HIV/AIDS, DV, Unaccompanied Youth, None
 - Services provided, if applicable – choose from the following: alcohol/drug abuse, case management, child care, counseling/advocacy, education (school/university/tech school), employment, healthcare, HIV/AIDS, law enforcement, legal assistance, life skills, mental health, mobile clinic, mortgage assistance, rental assistance, street outreach, transportation, utilities assistance, not applicable


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Applicant Name:
Ohio Balance of State CoC
Applicant Number:
OH-507
Project Name:
OH-507 CoC Registration
2009
Project Number:
COC_REG_2009_009796

CoC Registration
FY2009

Exhibit 1 Detailed
Instructions

1D. Continuum of Care (CoC) Member Organizations

Identify all CoC member organizations or individuals directly involved in the CoC planning process. To add an organization or individual, click on the  icon.

View	Organization Name	Membership Type	Organization Type	Organization Role	Subpopulations
	Ohio Rehab Service Commission	Public Sector	Local g...	Primary Decision Making Group, Attend 10-year planning me...	NONE
	Ohio Department of Transportation	Public Sector	State g...	Attend 10-year planning meetings during past 12 months	NONE
	Ohio Department of Natural Resources	Public Sector	State g...	Attend 10-year planning meetings during past 12 months	NONE

- Schedule a meeting in July so that perspective applicants (new and renewal) can present information about their project and allow time for COC members to certify and affirm that the project is being supported at the local level. The COC will be asked to certify and affirm the following:
 - That our local COC is supportive of this project application.
 - That our COC has reviewed, voted upon, and approved the proposed project application and our COC feels that the Applicant/Sponsor organizations have the capacity to administer the project
 - That representatives of the Applicant and Sponsor organizations have been active participants (as evidenced by attending a minimum of 75% of COC meetings) in our local community planning efforts.
 - That the Applicant and Sponsor organizations have designed their proposed program to align with our local strategies to end homelessness and will fill the gaps in services and housing for the homeless in our community.

- Local COCs should also be prepared to answer the following questions:
 - Describe the COCs efforts, including outreach plan, to reduce the number of unsheltered homeless households with dependent children.
 - Describe the COCs efforts to identify and engage persons routinely sleeping on the streets and other places not meant for human habitation.
 - State how many case managers in your COC systemically assist clients in completing applications for mainstream benefits. (Please note that this includes utilizing the Ohio Benefit Bank online system to complete applications). ___ out of ___. And describe how service is generally provided. (Example: case managers assist all program participants to apply for Medicaid, SNAPs (formerly food stamps), LI-HEAP (low-income home energy assistance program), SCHIP, WIC, child care subsidies, and Ohio Works First (cash assistance).).
 - State how many homeless assistance providers supply transportation assistance to clients to attend mainstream benefit appointments, employment training, or jobs. ___ out of ___. (Please note this would include physical transportation in agency owned vehicles, case manager's private vehicles, bus passes, public transportation vouchers, etc.).
 - Homeless assistance providers use a single application form for four or more mainstream programs. ___ out of ___. (Please note that this includes utilizing the Ohio Benefit Bank online system to complete applications).
 - Homeless assistance providers have staff systematically follow-up to ensure mainstream benefits are received. ___ out of ___.

