# August 2018 Steering Committee Meeting

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AGENDA

- Call to Order – Mike Temple  
  a) Roll Call – Marilynn Kindell

- Approval of Minutes – Mike Temple  
  a) May 2018 CoC Steering Committee Meeting  
  b) June 2018 CoC Steering Committee Meeting

- Lead Agency Report -- Add to official minutes

- Old Business – Eva Thibaudeau  
  a) Input re: disaster recovery funds  
  b) FY2017 NOFA  
     • Grievance/waiver request submitted  
  c) FY2018 NOFA – Eva Thibaudeau  
     • NOFA released June 20, 2018  
     • Due September 18, 2018  
     • CoC Governance Charter  
     • Ranking Policy  
     • New Project overview  
     • Re-allocations  
     • System needs

- New Business

- Announcements

- Public Comments

- Adjournment
Steering Committee Meeting
June 14, 2018

Minutes

Present:

Tory Gunsolley (Houston Housing Authority), Mike Temple (Houston Galveston Area Council), Eva Thibaudeau (Lead Agency Staff), Kim Kornmayer (The Harris Center), Melissa Quijano (City of Pasadena), Deiko Taylor (Consumer Representative), Horace Allison (Harris County Housing Authority), Joanne Ducharme (Montgomery County Community Development).

Absent:

Tom McCasland (City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department), Marilynn Kindell (Ft Bend County Community Development), Laura Marsh (Michael E. DeBakey, VA Medical Center), Daphne Lemelle (Harris County Community Services Dept.), Gregory Pate (Provider Representative), Don Titcombe (Rockwell Fund Inc.), Preston Witt (Provider Representative).

The meeting of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Steering Committee was held on June 14, 2018 at 2000 Crawford St., Suite 700, pursuant to proper notification of all Steering Committee members.

Welcome and Introductions
Temple called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm. Taylor conducted roll call and noted there was not a quorum.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes from the May CoC Steering Committee meeting were presented. A quorum was not met; therefore, the minutes were not approved and will be presented at the August meeting.

The minutes were not approved.

Lead Agency Report
The Lead Agency Report was presented by Thibaudeau and added to the official minutes.

Old Business (See System Updates Memo)

- **System Performance Measures**- Asking this group to direct CFTH to disallow “auto exits” for ES and SO and to add capacity to high volume agencies as well as to devise plan for data reconciliation from October 2017-September 2018. Approved by CoC Steering Committee Members.

- **VA** - Met twice with current leadership and are re-aligning our efforts given increase in veteran PIT numbers.
• **FY2017 NOFA**– Grievance opportunity, Gunsolley recommended requesting a waiver from competition rules regarding performance measure/other scoring criteria. Thibaudeau will pursue and send to HUD leadership on behalf of The Way Home.
• Letter on behalf of The Way Home to support homelessness in City of Houston Disaster Recovery Action Plan to be written and sent by Thibaudeau. Approved by CoC Steering Committee Members. Motioned and Seconded.

**New Business (See System Updates Memo)**
• 2018 Point in Time released on May 23rd
• **CoC Steering Committee meeting schedule**- Due to on-going demands to committee leadership from Hurricane Harvey and the length of time since inception of this governance committee, recommendation was made to reduce meetings from monthly to quarterly. Committee will meet February, May, August, November on the second Thursday at 3:30 pm and as needed for voting and public notification reasons. Approved by CoC Steering Committee Members. Motioned and Seconded.
• **FY2018 NOFA**- Awaiting GIW

**Announcements**
No announcements

**Public Comments**
No public comments

**Adjournment**
Upon approval, the meeting was adjourned at 4:09 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, 
Marilynn Kindell, Secretary

Approved,
Mike Temple, Chairman

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Marilynn Kindell, Secretary    Mike Temple, Chairman

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Date       Date
The Way Home

Steering Committee Meeting

May 10, 2018

Minutes

Present:

Tory Gunsolley (Houston Housing Authority), Marilynn Kindell (Ft Bend County Community Development), Preston Witt (Provider Representative), Mike Temple (Houston Galveston Area Council), Eva Thibaudeau (Lead Agency Staff), Don Titcombe (Rockwell Fund Inc.), Kim Kornmayer (The Harris Center), Melissa Quijano (City of Pasadena), Laura Marsh (Michael E. DeBakey, VA Medical Center), Deiko Taylor (Consumer Representative), Daphne Lemelle (Harris County Community Services Dept.), Gregory Pate (Provider Representative).

Absent:

Tom McCasland (City of Houston Housing and Community Development Department), Horace Allison (Harris County Housing Authority), Joanne Ducharme (Montgomery County Community Development).

The meeting of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Steering Committee was held on May 10, 2018 at 2000 Crawford St., Suite 700, pursuant to proper notification of all Steering Committee members.

Welcome and Introductions

Temple called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm. Kindell conducted roll call and noted there was a quorum.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the March CoC Steering Committee meeting were presented. Gunsolley motioned, Titcombe seconded.

The minutes were approved.

Lead Agency Report

The Lead Agency Report was presented by Thibaudeau and added to the official minutes.

Old Business

- **Disaster Response** - Resources have been identified to limited sources of those who were still in assistance, after the 6 months. Caseloads have officially been handed over to Harris County Social Services.
• **YYA Coordinated Access Triage Tool Updated** - Two questions have been added 10a and 10b. Add to the response to help identify sex trafficking. We had a motion to approve by Gunsolley, and Kindell seconded it. It was approved.

• **AWHA Dashboards**— One of the things they started last year was putting out community dashboards. These are a higher level really looking at who are moving into PH, and who is still on the waitlist. Making sure there is racial, and LGBT equity. We will be sharing monthly data on that dashboard for now.

• **System Updates**— Optional brown bag that will happen before the CoC Steering Committee Meetings. To answer any questions for things that will be on the agenda. Also, for the things that won't be on the agenda, but needs to be discussed. System performance workgroups, there will be three tasks. First is to look at community dashboards everyone approved, therefore we will be going live with it on the website. There has been an announcement that HUD has $50M for DR RRH. We don't know if it will be a part of the NOFA, or its own NOFA, but it will be DV RRH. This is an opportunity to create system RRH for DV. Whatever is written by HUD in the NOFA will also establish guidelines. Opportunity for new vouchers which are for FUP, 36 months rental assistance for young people aging out of foster care and mainstream Non-elderly, disabled HCV's. We are working with child welfare services to prevent/ end homelessness for CWS involved families on Reed road. Department Family Protective Services have agreed to this. Subsidizing 30 units. Four housing navigators were assigned to encampments through the end of August. We have about 70 individuals at the Wheeler encampment, 10 are not chronic 60 are they were all assigned a navigator for housing. We are trying to house people and break through barriers. There are 17 people who have been housed out of this encampment. In March we had a 2-day YYA training, and will be back to follow up with a training to make sure this has been helpful. This training talked about trauma enforced elements. Online case management training is under development. All homeless case managers to get this certification. We will have a draft for The Way Home guidebook for the PIF in May. A lot of people wanted things that already existed, so we will have an electronic document we can give to people. It also talks about grievances and if you have one with the lead agency, how you would go about these issues. We will bring it back through here once we are further down the road. We have contracted TA for The Women's Home to assist them with being a recovery-oriented housing community.

**New Business**

• **CoC Community Conversation**— We had our original in 2012, which kicked off our last five years. We are needing to have an updated community conversation. Potentially alternative types of housing, so there is a range of options for people. System disruptors or natural disasters, how do we deal with these situations. Fall of 2018 will be when the conversations will be happening.

• **FY2018 NOFA**— CoC Registration has been opened, and we have registered our Coc. NOFA Renewal Scoring Tool (Resolution 8.2018) was introduced. Gunsolley made a motion, and Witt seconded it. All in favor and it was approved. The grant inventory worksheet has been sent out.
Announcements
No announcements

Public Comments
No public comments

Adjournment
Upon approval, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,     Approved,

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Marilynn Kindell, Secretary    Mike Temple, Chairman

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Date       Date
A. Networks, Initiatives and Affinity Groups
   a. Housing Houston’s Heroes
      i. The SSVF workgroup meets the second Thursday Monthly from 11am-12:30pm including Jill Albanese, the regional SSVF Coordinator. The August meeting will be held on August 16th from 11am to 12:30pm at the Coalition’s Conference room. We are expecting final grant awards for SSVF and GPD programs to be discussed during this meeting.
   b. RRH Workgroup
      i. The RRH Family Collaboration supervisors meets once a month. The Project Manager conducts a monthly staffing with each team and facilitates a Peer Group for the Case Managers every quarter.
      ii. The FAI/CMI meeting is conducted every other Thursday from 1:00- 2:00 pm.
      iii. The ESG Funders workgroup meets monthly and is comprised of Cities of Houston and Pasadena, Counties of Fort Bend and Harris and the CoC Lead Agency representing the CoC.
      iv. The YA RRH workgroup continues to meet Tuesdays at 11 a.m.
      v. The Singles RRH workgroup meets bi-weekly on Mondays at 10 a.m.
   c. HMIS & Coordinated Access
      i. The Coordinated Access workgroup meets as needed.
      ii. The Permanent Supportive Housing Workgroup meets as needed.
      iii. System Performance Workgroup will meet in September to consider the outcome thresholds as reported on the Housing Models document.
      iv. HIC/PIT input into HDX was completed in mid-April.
      v. Hurricane Harvey continues to prove an impact on homelessness with an average of 70 households/month citing the natural disaster as a reason for entering homelessness.
   d. Income Now Workgroups
      i. The SOAR Workgroup meets monthly and will meet again on September 11th to further implement the PSH/SOAR service coordination model.
      ii. Income Now workforce team has expanded by three new workforce solution staffers dedicated to the shelter system. Workforce Solutions and The Way Home have improved data matching to include more frequent updates of referral information and the Workforce Solution Policy and desk aid have been updated.
      iii. SEARCH Homeless Services applied to be a vendor for Vocation Rehabilitation Services during open enrollment in July. Income Now Senior Project Manager is coordinating with the ARC of Houston on feasibility and a financial model to pilot SE services before the end of 2018.
   e. Case Management Resource Exchange - The 2nd quarter Case Management Resource Exchange convened on August 1st to roll out the updated Disaster Communication Plan for the Homeless Response System inclusive of text messaging alert system and disaster workgroup inventory plan. Training on the Equal Access and Gender Identity
Rule for shelters, as well as The Way Home non-discrimination policy (as cited in partner MOU’s) was conducted.

f. **CoC Regional Workgroups** – The CoC regional team meets weekly from 10:30 to 12:00

   i. **Fort Bend County**
      a) Hosted Homeless Prevention Workgroup meeting on June 26 to review first draft of HP Screening Tool.
      b) PM presented PIT results during June’s Fort Bend Connects Meeting.
      c) PM sat on panel concerning the social determinants of health during the Annual KITS Conference in FB.
      d) Attended FY2018 CoC NOFA Conference and met with members of Katy Christian Ministries to discuss new project application options.
      e) Participated in NAEH GoToWebinar on “Engaging You Elected Officials.”
      f) Developed MOU for Texas Homeless Education Office to support FY2018 Consolidated application.

   ii. **Montgomery County**
      a) PM and three new MoCo agencies attended the FY2018 CoC NOFA Information meeting for the consideration and discussion of new projects for their agencies.
      b) As a Commissioner on the MoCo Housing Authority Board, the PM continued to encourage consideration for homelessness preferences for several of the HC vouchers.
      c) Joined two GoToWebinars: “Engaging Elected Officials”, regarding advocacy and “Our Homes, Our Votes” considering community involvement with low income voters.
      d) PM attended the NAEH Conference in Washington and led a team for Capitol Hill visits with Representative Pete Olson and Representative Kevin Brady’s Legislative Assistant.

I. **Other CoC Items**

   - Outreach events targeted towards the two largest encampments were conducted throughout the month. All individuals at both encampments were assessed and targeted for housing. Thirty-six (36) inhabitants of the Wheeler Encampment have been housed. Twenty-three (23) identified remain in navigation. Final assessment/identification activity will occur August 10th, 2018. Event will beta test a new outreach app at the request of Simtech, our PIT app vendor. Without continued navigation/outreach and city action, there is a risk of new inhabitants re-populating the space. On-going communication with City of Houston, neighborhood groups and management districts have been in place.
   - The HUD CoC Competition opened on June 20, 2018 with a due date of September 18, 2018. The Lead Agency held a mandatory conference to ensure all applying agencies understood the parameters of the competition. Due dates and communications are posted on Lead Agency website for public awareness.
   - 2018 National Conference On Ending Homelessness and Capitol Hill Day was attended by multiple partners of The Way Home. Gary Grier, Senior Project Manager, served as State Co-Captain for the Texas and coordinated the CoC’s visits for Capitol Hill Day. Amazing representatives for The
Way Home attended the following meetings:
- Significant conversations with these Representatives: Beta O’Rourke, Pete Olson and Al Green.
- Information sharing with the Senior Legislative Staff members for Representatives John Culberson and Kevin Brady.
- Talking Point Materials were dropped off at the office of Representative Sheila Jackson Lee.

Meg Pohodich, CEO of Harmony House, presented re: worker hostels/dorms
Eva Thibaudeau and Gary Grier presented on The Way Home Income Now initiative
Eva Thibaudeau presented on disaster recovery and on a plenary panel re: family RRH
Coalition communications team posted on social media (follow our twitter and facebook!)
Hello and thank you for accepting our comments regarding the needs of homeless individuals impacted by Harvey. I am pleased to let you know that I am responding on behalf of the 100+ non-profits and funding entities that comprise The Greater Houston’s homeless response system (Continuum of Care – CoC) known locally as The Way Home. My organization, the Coalition for the Homeless, serves as the Lead Agency for our community and has the authority to respond publicly on matters impacting homelessness.

We have worked closely with the City of Houston for many years, but most significantly since 2012, to solve the problem of homelessness. Each year, our community undertakes a massive count of persons experiencing homelessness who are both sheltered and unsheltered. In January 2018, the results of this count show that 18% of unsheltered respondents reported being homeless due to Hurricane Harvey. This number accounts for more than half of the increase in unsheltered homelessness this year. We are continuing to collect data regarding persons who are becoming homeless due to the impact of Hurricane Harvey.

Since 2012, our homeless response system has housed over 14,500 individuals in permanent housing and ended their homelessness. This tremendous progress corresponded with a 63% reduction in overall homelessness. Unfortunately, Hurricane Harvey had a devastating impact on our community’s most vulnerable citizens – those without a permanent, fixed, nighttime residence. The homeless response system answered the call and worked with our impacted community leaders to rapidly re-house nearly 1,000 individuals who were left with no viable exit strategy from the Red Cross shelters. This work continues today; as does the on-going impact of the storm.

The damaged housing stock in Houston makes a tight housing market even tighter. On behalf of The Way Home and its 100+ partners, we would like to recommend consideration of the following activities in the City’s plan as related to preventing and ending homelessness for our highly vulnerable citizens:

- Supportive services dollars to pair with rental subsidies to end household homelessness
- Rental subsidies to support a range of assistance (short to medium to long-term)
- Multi-family unit acquisition with units dedicated to permanent housing interventions for persons experiencing homelessness
- Acquisition of smaller properties (i.e., motels, former treatment centers, nursing homes, etc.) to accommodate the enhanced needs of persons experiencing homelessness who are suffering from substance use disorders, serious mental illness and/or chronic health conditions that require assistance with activities of daily living
- Funds to bring existing apartments up to habitability standards for rental use by those exiting homelessness

On behalf of The Way Home CoC, we thank you for accepting these comments. We look forward to continuing to work together to prevent and end homelessness for the many impacted Houstonians.

Sincerely,

Eva

Eva Thibaudeau-Graczyk, LCSW
Coalition for the Homeless
Vice President of Programs

The Way Home CoC Lead Agency/HMIS Administrator
713-882-8274
This Memorandum is to inform The Way Home Continuum of Care Steering Committee about the HUD FY2018 CoC NOFA competition progress to date.

**Background:**

**Ranking Policy**

Updated and approved by Steering Committee. Ranking this year is by score, not by component type. System functions that are not scored (Coordinated Entry-related renewals and HMIS renewal) will be ranked below the 50th percentile projects.

**New Projects**

Crisis Assistance Center expansion - PSH

YWCA expansion - PSH young adults

Domestic Violence Coordinating Council bonus - RRH/CES

SOH New Heights – PSH families

VOA expansion - PSH

The Salvation Army - TH/PH-RRH through Coordinated Entry for those in navigation to PH

Bridge Over Troubled Waters expansion – PSH for survivors of domestic violence

Coordinated Entry System expansion – To support the functions of CES

Houston Housing Authority expansion – RRH general (as needed)

**Re-allocation**

VAMC PSH currently awarded to HCCDD

Underspent Projects have all adjusted budgets to resolve underspending issues as evidenced by current award spend down.

**System Needs**

Shelter beds filled through CES for persons in navigation to permanent housing

RRH funds for persons fleeing situations of domestic violence

Coordinated Entry System funding for domestic violence system that can interact with general CES
CES expansion to meet demands of system

Permanent Supportive Housing for vulnerable/long-term homeless households

RRH for all populations
Request for CoC Steering Committee Agenda Item

1. Brief Description of Proposed Item

Accept FY2018 CoC funding competition scoring tool to be applied to renewing projects during the HUD competition.

2. Date of Steering Committee Meeting: May 10, 2018

3. Proposed Committee Resolution:

Resolution: That the CoC Steering Committee hereby accepts the FY2018 CoC NOFA scoring tool for renewing project.

4. Approval of CoC Steering Committee Chair

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________
Request for CoC Steering Committee Agenda Item

1. **Brief Description of Proposed Item**

   Accept FY2018 CoC funding competition ranking policy to be applied to renewing projects during the HUD competition.

2. **Date of Steering Committee Meeting:**       June 2018

3. **Proposed Committee Resolution:**

   **Resolution:** That the CoC Steering Committee hereby accepts the FY2018 CoC NOFA ranking policy for all projects.

4. **Approval of CoC Steering Committee Chair**

   Signature:__________________________________________ Date:_______________________
The Way Home CoC FY18 CoC Grant Competition New Project Application Overview

Per the posted Competition Timeline, CoC Grant Applicants applying under New Projects submitted their applications for review on Wednesday, August 8, 2018. Below describes the current ask for these projects. Their projects will be evaluated and presented to a board on August 15, 2018 where the final decision of funding and impact to our community will be decided.

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