**FY2016 Georgia Balance of State CoC - Competition Certifications and Policy Addendum**

The Georgia Balance of State (BoS) Continuum of Care (CoC) is issuing this “Competition Certifications and Policy Addendum” that is a required certification that must be submitted with ALL project review applications. This document addresses the FY2016 BoS CoC policy, items related to project application scoring for Housing First and Low Barrier Housing, and assurance from applicants that all required certifications are current (dated between May 1, 2016 and September 14, 2016) and submitted in Applicant Profile within *e-snaps*.

The certifications below must be made by a member of the organization who has been duly authorized to make such commitments. This addendum must be received by DCA from ALL project applicants no later than 3:00pm on July 29, 2016 in order for an application to be considered complete. It should be emailed to Tina Moore, CoC Coordinator (tina.moore@dca.ga.gov).

**Bed Prioritization for Chronically Homeless Policy**

The BoS CoC is prioritizing homeless individuals and families experiencing chronic homelessness consistent with Notice CPD 14-012: *Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status.* Chronically homeless individuals and families should be given priority for permanent supportive housing beds not currently dedicated to this population as vacancies become available through turnover. Permanent supportive housing renewal projects serving specific disabled subpopulations (e.g., persons with mental illness or persons with substance use disorder) must continue to serve those subpopulations, as required in the current grant agreement. However, chronically homeless individuals and families within the specified subpopulation should be prioritized for entry. The most current notice can be found at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/3897/notice-cpd-14-012-prioritizing-persons-experiencing-chronic-homelessness-in-psh-and-recordkeeping-requirements/>.

All renewal BoS CoC Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects that do not already have 100% of their beds dedicated to people who are chronically homeless are now being required to prioritize at least 85% of their non-dedicated beds to people who are chronically homeless. Please note that renewal PSH project applicants in the 2015 competition committed to prioritizing 100% of non-dedicated beds to chronically homeless individuals and families.

All new BoS CoC Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) projects must dedicate 100% of their beds to people who are chronically homeless.

[ ]  **I certify that I am aware of this policy requirement for PSH projects funded through the Balance of State CoC. (RRH projects, enter N/A) (Please initial)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Low Barrier Housing**

Low barrier housing refers to allowing project entry to participants without any or many barriers or restrictions. This includes low or no income, current or past substance use, criminal records–with the exceptions of restrictions imposed by federal, state or local law or ordinance (e.g., restrictions on serving people who are listed on sex offender registries), and a history of domestic violence. Although not yet required, the BoS CoC, in line with HUD and USICH, encourages projects to adopt this service model. Please note that renewal applicants must meet, or improve, the level committed in each 2015 project application.

**Select applicable response:**

[ ]  **I certify that my agency will operate this project funded through the Balance of State CoC using a Low Barrier**

**approach. (Please initial)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]  **No, my agency will not operate this project funded through the Balance of State CoC using a Low Barrier approach. (Please initial)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Housing First**

Housing First is a model of housing assistance that prioritizes rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing and does not have service participation requirements or preconditions such as sobriety or a minimum income threshold. Additional information regarding Housing First is in Section II.A.7. of HUD’s FY2016 NOFA (pages 9-10). Although not yet required, the BoS CoC, in line with HUD and USICH, encourages projects to adopt this service model. Please note, renewal applicants must meet, or improve, the level committed in each 2015 project application

**Select applicable response:**

[ ]  **I certify that my agency will operate this project funded through the Balance of State CoC using a Housing First model. (Please initial)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]  **No, my agency will not operate this project funded through the Balance of State CoC using a Housing First model. (Please initial)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Partnership with the BoS CoC’s Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness**

As the CoC moves forward with the Georgia Balance of State Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness, the CoC will be looking to partner with agencies to connect homeless Veterans to housing resources through a Housing Blitz. The Continuum need agencies to assist with outreach, housing placement, and placement of eligible Veterans into housing units/beds that become available in programs. Ideally, organizations will partner the CoC in this effort and will prioritize CoC-funded housing, as needed, in the Housing Blitz to connect homeless Veterans on the CoC’s Master List.

**Select applicable response:**

[ ]  **I certify that my agency will participate in the Housing Blitz in the Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness and will prioritize CoC-funded housing for homeless Veterans as needed. (Please initial)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]  **No, my agency will not participate in the Housing Blitz in the Initiative to End Veteran Homelessness and will not prioritize CoC-funded housing for homeless Veterans. (Please initial)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Assurance that All Certifications will be Current and Properly Submitted in Applicant Profile in *E-snaps* (by 8/11/16)**

All CoCs are being asked to ensure the accuracy of the project submissions and to confirm that all of the project recipients have all the appropriate documents attached to the appropriate Project Applicant Profile in *e-snaps,* and that they are dated between May 1, 2016 and September 14, 2016, accurate, complete, and signed by the correct authorizing official. This includes the following forms:

1. SF-424 Application for Federal Assistance;
2. SF-424 Supplement, Survey on Ensuring Equal Opportunities for Application (if applicable);
3. Documentation of Applicant and Subrecipient Eligibility. All project applicants must attach documentation of eligibility and the subrecipient must also be attached to the project application;
4. Applicant Certifications;
5. Form HUD-2880, Applicant/Recipient Disclosure/Update Report. Must be attached for each project and must include the correct amount of HUD assistance requested and must be dated between May 1, 2016 and September 14, 2016.
6. SF-LLL, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (if applicable);
7. Applicant Code of Conduct. The Code of Conduct must be attached in *e-snaps* or on file with HUD at
8. <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/administration/grants/conduct>; and,
9. Form HUD-50070, Certification for Drug-Free Workplace dated between May, 1, 2016 and September 14, 2016.

Additionally, DCA staff will work with applicants and the appropriate Consolidated Planning jurisdiction for the required form HUD-2991 - Certification of Consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

[ ]  **I certify that I am aware of the NOFA certification requirements, and that my agency’s Project Applicant Profile has the required current certifications and that they have been uploaded into *e-snaps*.**

**(Please initial)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ]  **N/A, my agency is a Sub-Recipient and not the entity using *e-snaps*. (Please initial)** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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| Signature of Authorized Representative[ ]  “X” indicates electronic signature submitted |
| Print Name |  |
| Title |  |
| Agency and Project Name |  |
| Date |  |