

GA Balance of State CoC Standards, Rating & Project Selection Special Committee Meeting**April 1, 2105 / 3:30 PM---4:00 PM**Go-To-Meeting Conference Call (<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/441858461>)**Agenda**

- Early release of the Balance of State CoC Review Application for CoC-funded Renewal Applicants
- Information on anticipated need for two (2) special meetings to be called in the next couple of months once U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases the CoC Application guidelines for 2015 (Notice of Funding Availability/NOFA)
- Update on the status of fifth (5th) member of this Committee
- Priority recommendations for the Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoS CoC) Board
 - Review of BoS CoC membership input in the ranking of a listing of activities
 - Review/assessment in regards to CoC alignment with the national priorities
 - Recommendation on the final ranking of those activities to the CoC Board. This final priority ranking will serve as the BoS Continuum's response to the State's Emergency Solutions Grants Program competition (as the BoS Continuum priorities)

Meeting Notes**Welcome and Introductions** – Don Watt, Director, Office of Homeless and Special Needs Housing*Attendance:***Members Present:**

Lakeisha Cramer, Family Promise of Gwinnett County; Nonprofit Homeless Service Provider, Gwinnett
Evan Mills, MSW, Advantage Behavioral Health Services; Mental Health Service Provider
Phillippa Moss, City of Gainesville; Local Government; Housing & Neighborhood Development

Members Absent:

Rachel Castillo, MUST Ministries, Inc.; Nonprofit Homeless Service Provider; North, GA

Collaborative Applicant Staff:

Tina Moore, Department of Community Affairs
Don Watt, Department of Community Affairs

Support Entity:

None

This special meeting of the Standards, Rating and Project Selection Committee began at 3:30 p.m.

Don Watt welcomed everyone and introduced Lakeisha Cramer, the newest member of the Committee. Mr. Watt also reported that staff is currently working to confirm a potential candidate to fill the fifth seat of this Committee. The Board requested that the fifth member be a representative from South Georgia, and once the candidate is able to determine their availability, staff will move forward with the recommendation to the Board for approval.

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Approved Governance Charter and other related information available at:

<http://www.dca.ga.gov/housing/HousingDevelopment/programs/continuumofcare.asp>

Collaborative Applicant staff briefly reviewed the upcoming CoC Application process in regards to renewal applicants. Staff reviewed proposed updates to the *2015 BoS CoC Review Application – Renewal Applicant* document and early release of this document to renewal applicants. There was some discussion around asking new applicants to justify the need or availability of units and targeted homeless participants for proposed projects. Staff requested the Committee’s approval of the document, proposed changes, and early release of the document for Renewal Applicants as recommendations to the Board. The Committee unanimously approved the recommendations to be submitted for Board approval.

Collaborative Applicant staff then further discussed the upcoming 2015 CoC Competition noting that it is anticipated that two (2) special meetings of this Committee (and the Board) will need to be called once U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) releases the CoC Application guidelines for 2015 (Notice of Funding Availability/NOFA). The first meeting will be necessary to establish recommendations for the BoS CoC competition policy, process, and review criteria for Board approval, and the second meeting will be to review the results and priority ranking recommendations to the Board for approval.

Collaborative Applicant staff then moved to the next agenda item, Priority Recommendations for the Balance of State CoC Board. Final priority ranking will serve as the BoS Continuum’s response to the State’s Emergency Solutions Grants Program competition (as the BoS Continuum Priorities). Evan Mills recused himself from the detailed priority discussion. Staff reviewed priority ranking from the previous year, membership input, and proposed ranking. There was some discussion in the increased priority of transportation, and staff discussed membership input around transportation at the statewide membership meeting. Staff requested the Committee’s approval of the proposed priority ranking to be submitted as recommendations to the Board. The Committee unanimously approved the recommendations to be submitted for Board approval.

The meeting ended 4:12 PM.