

**GA Balance of State CoC Standards, Rating & Project Selection Committee Meeting  
August 22, 2016 / 11:00 AM**

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**Agenda**

- Balance of State Permanent Supportive Housing Written Standards and Prioritization
- FY2016 Balance of State Continuum of Care Competition Results

**Meeting Notes**

**Welcome and Introductions** – Tina Moore, Continuum of Care Coordinator

*Attendance:*

**Members Present:**

Rachel Castillo, MUST Ministries, Inc.; Nonprofit Homeless Service Provider; North, GA  
Randy Lane, Coastal Plain Area EOA; Nonprofit Service Provider & Community Action Agency; South, GA  
Evan Mills, MSW, Advantage Behavioral Health Services; Mental Health Service Provider  
Phillippa Moss, City of Gainesville; Local Government; Housing & Neighborhood Development  
Karen Yawn, Battered Women's Shelter (The Haven); Nonprofit Service Provider; South GA

**Members Absent:**

None

**Collaborative Applicant Staff:**

Rick Heermans, Department of Community Affairs  
Tina Moore, Department of Community Affairs  
Dave Whisnant, Department of Community Affairs

This meeting of the Interim Standards, Rating and Project Selection Committee began at 11:10 a.m. Tina Moore welcomed everyone and thanked the Committee Members for their attendance.

Tina Moore reviewed the first agenda item, Balance of State Permanent Supportive Housing Written Standards and Prioritization. Last year, this policy was approved in order to build on competition policy to prioritize permanent supportive housing (PSH) beds for people who are chronically homeless. This policy established written standards for PSH programs and formally adopted HUD's Notice CPD-14-012, *Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing* so that those experiencing chronic homelessness should be given priority for non-dedicated PSH beds as vacancies become available through turnover. The proposed policy is unchanged from the one approved in 2015 other than to incorporate HUD's new definition for Chronically Homeless that was released in January, 2016. There was discussion about the policy, and Ms. Moore noted that staff would be working with the Committee soon to incorporate HUD's CPD-16-11 Notice. Nobody expressed any concerns. All agreed that it was thorough and did not leave any room for confusion.

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A motion to approve the proposed *Balance of State Permanent Supportive Housing Written Standards and Prioritization Policy* was made by Randy Lane and seconded by Phillippa Moss. The motion passed unanimously, and the recommendation will move forward to the Board for approval.

Tina Moore provided an overview of the results of the competition and project review by the Balance of State CoC application review sub-committee. The Collaborative Applicant staff reviewed the scoring results, sub-committee scores, and process of the application review. Scores were collected from review team members for each project on August 16-17, performance data was collected from annual reports, and applicants were given the opportunity to review all data for projects that met threshold.

Tina Moore reviewed the ranking results for renewal permanent housing project applications which includes Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and Rapid Re-Housing (RRH), and new permanent housing project applications (which also includes RRH and PSH). Using project application review scores, projects were ranked in tiered groupings as determined in the BoS Competition Policy (Group 1 – Renewal PSH and RRH (operational projects); Group 2 – Newly awarded PH (RRH & PSH) from 2015 competition; Group 3 – New PH (PSH & RRH); and Group 4 - New Bonus PSH.

Collaborative Applicant staff reviewed the ranking results for renewal project applications, noting that 68 projects are listed in the final ranking with 2 projects determined not to have met the required minimum threshold requirements. The 2016 BoS CoC Competition began with an unknown amount of funds to be reallocated. Projects that were underutilized were subject to a grant reduction (with partial funds to be reallocated) or a reallocation for significant underutilization. During the review process it was determined that a total of \$620,994 was available for reallocation to new projects. Funds from one project (Advantage Behavioral Health Systems) were fully reallocated (trouble reaching full capacity - no application submitted), one project (City of Hinesville) requested a reduction, and ten Shelter Plus Care projects were reduced due to funds being left over at the end of the year. The Annual Renewal Demand (ARD) was also less this year because two renewal projects from The Impact Group did not reapply as they may have gone out of business.

The difference between the adjusted ARD and total proposed Tier 1 allocation left a balance of \$6,842. Ms. Moore suggested that these funds be added to the allocation for the top scoring new RRH project submitted by PCCI, Inc. and asked if the committee approved of this. A question was asked about the possibility of adding these funds to a renewal project. Ms. Moore replied that renewals can only be reduced, not increased as per HUD rules. There was discussion on the proposed geographic areas of service showed in relation to need, and PCCI's proposed target area of Clayton, Gwinnett, Henry, Douglas, and Rockdale Counties.

A motion to approve the allocation of this additional \$6.842 to the amount requested in the new RRH application submitted by PCCI, Inc. was made by Rachel Castillo and seconded by Evan Mills. The motion passed unanimously.

Of the 5 new project applications submitted, the application review sub-committee determined that 2 of the new projects (1 RRH and 1 PSH) did NOT meet threshold. Both projects did not meet Equal Access laws. The PSH project application did NOT demonstrate meeting threshold around program eligibility of clients being 100% chronically homeless. The other project had eligibility issues around project design for housing to be utilized.

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Evan Mills asked if the spreadsheets would be uploaded to describe the project selection process. Ms. Moore said that some materials such as the scoring criteria, the Board meeting minutes, and other materials are sent to HUD but that not all working documents are submitted in the application. Mr. Mills discussed the transparency and thoroughness of the process. There was discussion of application materials and attachments on DCA's website and the ability to use scores and ranking results to determine who needs technical assistance in the future.

Staff requested the Committee's approval of the results of the competition, final ranking and determinations, and recommended reallocations of the 2016 Balance of State CoC Competition.

Motion to approve the results of the competition, final ranking and determinations, and recommended reallocations of the 2016 Balance of State CoC Competition was made by Evan Mills and seconded by Randy Lane. The motion passed unanimously, and the recommendation will move forward to the Board for approval on August 24.

Tina Moore gave a status update on the upcoming 2017 Point-in-Time (PIT) count in January noting that DCA is currently soliciting count coordinators around the state. There was discussion on the effort to review and update the methodology to be used. Randy Lane noted that he would be discussing this with his Homeless Task Force in their upcoming meeting. Ms. Moore noted that more details on the methodology would be provided at the next committee meeting in November.

Phillippa Moss discussed interest from the Gainesville Times in doing stories on homeless veterans noting that they would be contacting DCA shortly for more information. Ms. Moore noted that DCA is working on the release of the registry information.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 A.M.