NC BoS CoC Scorecard Committee Meeting  
May 1, 2020 at 1 PM

Attendance  
Committee Members: Joey Wilson, Sheryl Cox, Angela Harper King, Garth Frieling, LaTonya Penny, Arwen March  
NCCEH Staff: Ehren Dohler, Debra Susie, Brian Alexander

FY2020 CoC Competition Overview

- Types of CoC applications  
  - New Projects  
  - Renewal Projects  
    - About 35 projects will apply to renew  
  - Components:  
    - Permanent Supportive Housing  
      - 30 PSH projects in the CoC  
    - Rapid Re-housing  
      - 5 RRH projects in the CoC
- HUD has indicated that CoCs will continue to be required to rank all project applications and place them into two tiers. This ranking is based on their performance and HUD’s and the CoC’s priorities.  
  - The scorecards help the Project Review Committee to rank and prioritize the project applications.  
    - The Project Review Committee and NCCEH staff review each project using the CoC’s scorecards.  
    - The Project Review Committee then ranks the projects in order of the performance  
    - The PRC then ranks the projects in order of performance and priority
- HUD requires CoCs to split our eligible funds into two tiers. Based on past competitions, projects placed in Tier 1 are generally safe; projects placed in Tier 2 are not guaranteed funding. Therefore, the projects’ scores and ranking affect their potential to be funded.
  - **Ehren solicited questions and comments. Joey Wilson sought clarification that his being on both the Project Review Committee and Scorecard Committee was not a conflict of interest. Ehren explained that it was not. There would be a conflict of interest to have an application submitted and sit on the review committee.**

FY2020 Timeline

- The CoC Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has not been released by HUD yet, so many details regarding the application are not yet known. CoC Registration is complete. We are awaiting the release of the Grant Inventory Worksheet, which helps HUD set the Annual Renewal Demand (ARD).
- The release of the NOFA will open the CoC competition.
NCCEH staff anticipate that the NOFA will be released in the summer (given the current COVID-19 pandemic).

The NOFA will provide details of available funding for this year’s competition, including:
- New and bonus projects
- Eligible activities
- HUD’s priorities for funding and HUD’s process for scoring CoCs

**Introduction to the Scorecard**

- The NC BoS CoC scorecards have 4 main goals:
  - Fund organizations that have the capacity to run effective programs (administrative/management capacity, can operate on reimbursement basis, have experience serving homeless populations)
  - Fund projects that reflect the NC BoS CoC’s priorities and HUD’s priorities (providing permanent housing, serving defined subpopulations – in the past these have been chronically homeless individuals and families and homeless Veterans)
  - Incentivize agencies to be good partners (agencies who participate in community efforts to end homelessness, participate in HMIS, help create infrastructure for their community’s homeless service system to operate effectively throughout the year)
  - Ensure that funded projects are being good stewards of NC BoS CoC funding and are performing to NC BoS CoC standards

- There are two scorecards:
  - Renewal projects: This scorecard has a greater focus on grant performance.
  - New projects: This scorecard has a greater focus on agency capacity and experience.

- Both scorecards have two parts:
  - Part 1: Combined Scoring
    - This section is scored by NCCEH staff and a member of the Project Review Committee.
    - The two scores are averaged to determine the final score for this section.
  - Part 2: Staff Scoring
    - This section is scored by NCCEH staff only.
    - This section focuses on objective technical questions and performance (information pulled from HMIS data).
  - The scores for Part 1 and Part 2 are added together to create the final score for the project.

- Four Key Categories of the Scorecard:
  - Thresholds - Must be met to continue in the competition
  - Standards - Should be met and may be reason not to fund
  - Minimums - Minimum number of points required in a section or a review is triggered
  - Scores - How many points the project received compared to the possible points for the section

- Standards
  - Standard options are: met, unmet, unmet-documentation not provided, NA
  - Do not want to award points for something that projects should be doing
  - Project Review Committee has used standards as part of the ranking process in the past
    - Housing First
    - PSH Key Elements
    - RRH Performance Benchmarks and Program Standards

- Standards on 2019 Scorecard
  - PSH Key Elements
  - Services Funding Plan
- PSH prioritizing CH beds
- Match documentation
- HUD monitoring findings
- Full participation in Coordinated Entry
- PSH prioritization
- Submitting application and paperwork by CoC deadline

- Points and Performance
  - Using data to measure performance is increasingly important.
  - Projects are scored on data including:
    - Targeting: serving people with disabilities, chronically homeless, etc.
    - Positive exits
    - Increases in income
  - Points will pull the highest performing programs to the top

- After scoring the project applications, the Project Review Committee creates a ranked list of projects, which is provided to the Steering Committee for its review and approval. The ranking may be based on:
  - Eligibility of the project
  - Lateness of application materials
  - Funding Priorities
  - Meeting scorecard minimums, standards, and thresholds
  - Scores

_Ehren solicited questions and comments. None Expressed._

FY2019 Scoring Overview

- In the 2019 competition, 35 renewal projects were submitted.
  - 27 Permanent Supportive Housing
  - 5 Rapid Re-housing
  - 3 Consolidations

- Seven new projects were scored.
  - 1 Permanent Supportive Housing
  - 4 Rapid Re-housing
  - 2 DV Bonus Funding
    - 1 RRH
    - 1 Supportive Services Only (SSO) for Coordinated Entry.

- Applications not scored and ranked (typically ranked as first project)
  - 1 HMIS grant application
  - 1 SSO-Coordinated Entry grant application

- Applications not scored and not ranked
  - 1 Planning grant application
• Renewal applicants missed a range of standards

**Housing First Standard:** PRC recommend pulling down in rankings

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**Key Elements and Benchmarks:** PRC recommend pulling down in rankings

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<td>RRH Benchmarks (missed 25% or more)</td>
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PRC recommended not using Coordinated Entry Standards: First year for the questions and CE participation awarded with points

• New project comparison

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**Next Steps**

- Review new and renewal FY2019 scorecards
- Provide feedback – are there any changes that need to be made?
- Staff will draft FY2020 scorecards and send to members prior to meetings
- Next meetings
  - Meeting #2: Friday, May 8, 2:00-3:30
  - Meeting #3: Friday, May 15, 2:00-3:30
- Staff contact information
  - bos@ncceh.org
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