



# Detroit Continuum of Care | Board of Directors

Working to Equitably End Homelessness in Detroit, Highland Park, & Hamtramck

*August 1, 2022 Continuum of Care Board Meeting*

*(Meeting packet can be accessed by [clicking here](#); Meeting Slides by [clicking here](#))*

## Welcome and Introductions:

Celia T. opened the meeting at 2:00 pm with introductions – utilizing the chat box.

## Executive Committee Report & Announcements

Announcement Topic

### Public Comments

- The rules and suggestions of the public comments section, reintroduced from the November Board Meeting, were overviewed. The rules/ suggestions were explained:
  - Public comments will happen at the end of the meeting
  - Public comment will limit presentations to three minutes per person
  - Public comment is for the Board to learn about what’s going on in the community. The Board may not be able to respond or resolve an issue.
  - If a commentor wants to discuss their issue further, they can move into a breakout room with facilitators from HAND, the CoD, CAM, and other system partners
  - Using abusive language and attacking other members at the board meeting is prohibited

Send Amy Brown a private chat if you wish to participate in the public comments section.

### Hand Staff Updates

Summary –

- Chelsea Johnson will replace Nicole Palmerton as the new Program Coordinator while Nicole transitions into the Administrative Assistant position for HAND. HAND also hired Meosha Zachery as the Systems Coordinator and Torrey Henderson as the Capacity Building Manager. Please send all emails related to the Program Coordinator role to Chelsea ([chelsea@handetroit.org](mailto:chelsea@handetroit.org)).

### YHDP

Summary –

- They are planning to release the Request for Proposal (RFP) for YHDP to select agencies to implement the programming that our community has designed in their strategic planning process. Applications will be released next Monday August 8<sup>th</sup> and will keep it opened until September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022.
- Will be holding a webinar for interested applicants and discuss the following applications:
  - PSH, Joint- Component Transitional Housing RRH, and a Crisis Mental Health program.
- Will post all information for the RFP on HAND’s website ([handetroit.org](http://handetroit.org)).

Announcement Topic

### Board Elections

Summary –

- The nominations for Board elections will start in September.

## Consent Agenda

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### Board Vote

- The floor was opened for questions. None were asked.
- Approval of the July 2022 CoC Board Meeting minutes was motioned by Donna P. and seconded by Katie Z. The vote passed.

### Vote Topic

### Main Topic

### Unsheltered NOFO & Recommendations

#### Summary –

- HUD released Special Notice of Funding Opportunity (SNOFO) on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, to address Unsheltered Homelessness and Rural Homelessness. It is an additional funding that Detroit can apply to get more CoC funded programs.
- Types of projects that are typically funded are: PSH, RRH, TH-RRH, CE-SSO, HMIS, CoC Planning
- The SNOFO application and project applications will be due on October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, in addition to the standard 2022 CoC competition and the YHDP application.
- The recommended strategy is for HAND to take the lead on implementing the local application process and the CoD will develop the CoC Plan to Serve Individuals and Families Experiencing Homelessness and Severe Service Needs.
- There will be a webinar after the SNOFO is released.
  
- Approval of the overall strategy for pursuing this opportunity was motioned by Donna P. and seconded by Chioke T. The vote passed.

### Recommended Delegation of Decision- Making Authority

#### Summary-

- This recommendation is made considering the tight deadline to release the local RFP and application for funding.
- It is recommended that the CoC Board delegate the following decision-making authority to HAND and CoD HRD department to jointly decide the type of project applications the CoC will consider, and specific requirements that will be carried out by the projects.
- After the applications are submitted and reviewed, the Board will then be asked to decide which projects will be submitted to HUD.
  
- Approval of the Recommended Delegation of Decision- Making Authority was motioned by Eleanor B. and seconded by Donna P. The vote passed.

### Process for Input from Stakeholders on Funding Priorities

#### Summary-

- Provider workgroups have already been reached out to gather their input from Stakeholders on funding priorities.
- Input from stakeholders' groups on funding priorities will be sought over the next week.
- Input will be sought during meetings and surveys from provider workgroups and other committees.
- Will also incorporate information already available (Gaps Analysis, prior feedback from providers, and priorities incorporated in the regular CoC new project application.
- Timeline for Project Applications:
  - August 17<sup>th</sup>: Target release Date for applications
  - September 9<sup>th</sup>: Applications are due.

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- October 3<sup>rd</sup>: CoC Board will make decisions on which projects to submit to HUD.

### Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered and Rural Homelessness

#### Summary-

- Community engagement and partnership are needed to create priorities for this NOFO. The goals are to determine what eligible program components should be prioritized and what should be a priority for applicants.
- At the 2022 PIT count, there were 202 households experiencing unsheltered homelessness and in 2021 there were 144 that received a PSH referral.
- The current outreach strategy includes 6 City funded outreach programs, 1 PATH team, and outreach coverage for 7 days a week. Also Unsheltered households are prioritized for housing referrals and case conferencing are held bi-weekly.
- The NOFO will expand the HMIS services and support new projects.
- Participants were put into breakout rooms to reflect on and address common challenges in our efforts to support unsheltered residents.

### CoC Renewal PSH Projects Dedicated Plus PSH Designation Recommendation

#### Summary –

- It is recommended that PSH projects for renewal funding in the FY2022 CoC competition be required to indicate that 100% of their units be “DedicatedPLUS” units, and not have any of those units be further set-aside to only persons experiencing chronic homelessness. This is a change from how most of our PSH units are currently designated. This recommendation has been vetted by the Chronic Leadership Committee.
- HUD introduced DedicatedPLUS units (in addition to PSH units) because they found that clients did not necessarily fall into the “chronically homeless” category to benefit from PSH thus, they created a broader definition of how you can use PSH units with DedicatedPLUS.
- It is recommended that DedicatedPLUS projects not further set aside any of their units to be exclusively for people experiencing chronic homelessness; however, people experiencing chronic homelessness will still be prioritized first for any PSH vacancies, even if all PSH projects become DedicatedPLUS.
- Switching to DedicatedPLUS units will simplify the referral process and eliminate the need for providers or CAM to keep track of how many out of their units are different types. Therefore, DedicatedPLUS units may create more opportunity to house people who are” almost” chronically homeless.

- ❖ Approval of the recommendation that all CoC PSH renewal projects be required to become all DedicatedPLUS units is motioned by Donna P. and seconded by Tamara G. The vote passed.

#### ***Main Topic***

### Board Norms

#### Summary –

- Board norms are shared agreements of how we engage, treat, and handle challenging content together to become on the same page.
- There were breakout rooms to discuss how the CoC would like to establish which board norms should be implemented in future board meetings.
- After the breakout rooms were dismissed, each group summarized which board norms they thought were important.

#### ***Main Topic***

### Public Comments

#### Summary –

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All participants were given 3 minutes to comment. One person expressed their concerns about agencies claiming clients who were no longer being serviced on their HMIS service reports. Their question was referred to Kiana Harrison from HAND's HMIS department.

**Celia T. closed the meeting at 4:30pm.** *The next CoC Board meeting will be on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022 from 2 – 4:30pm. Location will continue to be virtual.*