

Detroit Continuum of Care | Board of Directors

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

(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.

Board Announcements

YHDP Update

Summary –

- The YHDP team conducted a strategic plan in May and was approved by HUD; started applying for projects
- The YHDP team was in the process of how they want to utilize the funding for the projects; launched an RFP
- Then they transitioned into the funding review process to select which projects are going to receive funding
 - They will then partner with the projects to ramp up; potential start date is April 2023
- Now they are in the process of working to get the Coordinated Entry System data to collect data on the youth

Consent Agenda

August Board Meeting Minutes

Board Vote

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

Vote Topic

- Approval of CoC recommendations was motioned by Sarah R. and seconded by Donna P. The vote passed.

CAM Quarterly Report

Report Highlights

Summary –

- In the second quarter of 2022 (April 2022- June 2022), there were 11,200 combined visits to CAM Access Points and calls to Cam; that’s an average of 177 contacts per day. Of these were 1,141 in-person visits and 10,059 calls (April received the most calls).
- CAM staff completed 2,919 total engagements (households who are connected to a referral shelter that were diverted or not diverted and was sent as an overflow to one of the community shelters), an average of 46 engagements per day; 1,141 in person and 1,778 via phone
- About 60% of the households that were assess were single adults; majority of the households that are usually assessed falls into acuity group 3.
 - CAM referred 332 households to a housing program in Quarter 2
- CAM added 585 households to the Homeless Preference- Housing Choice Voucher waiting list in the 2nd quarter, and 335 households were pulled for a voucher. CAM added 19 households to the Moving Up waiting list in Quarter 2 of 2022 and 18 households were pulled
- To access CAM reports, please visit www.camdetroit.org or contact Paige Beasley @pbeasley@swsol.org

FY2022 CoC Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Analysis

Summary –

- The NOFO was released on August 1st which is due on September 30th in addition to the Unsheltered Supplemental NOFO
- Every year HUD releases priorities that are reflected in the application questions and the data that HUD evaluates; the more we are align with HUDs priorities the more money we will be rewarded.
 - The breakdown for each priority are listed in [the September 2022 Board Packet](#).

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- There were changes on various topics from the 2021 NOFO application compared to the 2022 NOFO. Some of those topics included:
 - Collaboration with Public Health
 - This was due because HUD wanted to know how we would respond to COVID-19. Now HUD want to ensure that we have continued collaboration to have policies and procedures in place in case of future pandemics.
 - Leveraging Housing and Healthcare Resources
 - Hud wants to ensure that the projects that are being submitted for funding are affectively leveraging resources for the people who are being served.
 - Increased emphasis on racial equity
 - HUD wants to know any specifics actions that the CoC has in place to address racial equity.
 - Increased emphasis on data- based metrics
 - HUD has made a shift in assigning a greater proportion of the CoC application’s score to data rather than using narrative responses.
- Total amount of funding available to apply for the 2022 NOFO is \$34.6 million
- The projects that are submitted to HUD are ranked based on the CoC’s Annual Renewal Demand.
 - Tier 1 is the amount of funding HUD is essentially guaranteeing to award to the CoC, and therefore projects placed within Tier 1 are highly likely to be selected by HUD for funding. Projects placed into Tier 2 are less likely to be selected by HUD for funding. The extent to which the CoC is awarded projects in Tier 2 depends on the CoC application score.
- Some of the elements from the CoC Application Scoring Criteria has changed since the 2021 application
 - 2021 questions related to COVID response (for which we scored very well) have been replaced by questions on how the CoC is implementing on-going strategies to de-congregate shelters and work with public health to prevent the spread of infectious disease.
 - The points associated with demonstrating coordination with housing and healthcare have moved from being “bonus points” to be a part of the base score. This aligns with HUD’s increasing emphasis on CoC’s being able to demonstrate an ability to leverage other resources.
- The next steps for the local application are:
 - Reviewing and finalizing funding decisions.
 - September 12th: The board will be asked to vote on new project recommendations in the CoC Board meeting
 - September 14th: Executive Committee meeting will be held for non-funded Board members(with Board member invited) to vote on final project ranking list
 - September 30th: All projects will be submitted to HUD
 - Early 2023: HUD funding announcements will be made
- The next steps for the National Application process are:
 - September 12th: the Board will be asked to provide input to draft the CoC application
 - September 20th: CoC membership will be asked to vote to approve the final application; application will be submitted to HUD September 30th.

Vote on CoC New project recommendations

Summary –

- There was an open discussion about the new project recommendations, but only non-funded agencies could vote.
- The recommendations were presented from the review committee on which projects to submit for funding and how to proceed with the next steps.

❖ The approval for the Domestic Violence Bonus Project was motioned by Sarah R. and seconded by Amy B. The vote passed.

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- ❖ The approval for the CoC Bonus Projects recommendations was motioned by Sarah R. and seconded by Donna P. The vote passed.
- Next Steps
 - September 13th: Values and Funding Priorities committee meeting (committee version 1.0) will develop the final project priority ranking list (Based on priority ranking policies Board approved in July)
 - September 14th: CoC Executive Committee meeting will be held to vote to approve the final priority ranking list (all CoC Board members invited are encouraged to attend this meeting).
 - September 15th: All project applicants will be informed if the projects are accepted or rejected and their placement on the ranking list.

CoC Board input on the draft for the regular CoC Application

Summary-

- HAND are currently developing responses to questions in the CoC Application.
- The CoC Application questions are a mixture of describing how things are, what our community has done, and will do within our community and system.
- The input that was gathered in the breakout rooms will help craft responses to questions in the applications. There were 2 rounds of breakout rooms which participants self-selected which rooms they wanted to go in according to the topics.
- The CoC General Membership will be asked to approve the application on the regular scheduled meeting on September 20th.
- Following the application submission, a debrief will be provided to the CoC Board about how the process went and the potential areas for improvement.

Values & Funding 2.0 - Request for Board Rep

Summary-

- This CoC committee will operationalize the CoC vision by strategizing on how to utilize existing funding resources that align with CoC values and priorities, and identify funding gaps and potential resources to meet those needs
- This committee will partner closely with provider workgroups, engage private funders, and engage key partners (i.e., Detroit Housing Committee, Detroit Wayne integrated Health, etc.)
- Ideally, this committee would meet two times a month and create additional subcommittees.

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
- The floor was opened for public comments. No questions were asked.

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