

**GA Balance of State CoC Standards, Rating & Project Selection Special Committee Meeting  
July 11, 2106 / 10:30 AM**

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### **Agenda**

- FY2016 Balance of State Continuum of Care Competition
  - Policy and Process
  - Timeline
  - Competition Materials
- Next Meeting Date

### **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:**

John Bassett, Department of Community Affairs  
Tina Moore, Department of Community Affairs  
Shawn Williams, Department of Community Affairs

This special meeting of the Standards, Rating and Project Selection Committee began at 10:30 a.m.

Tina Moore welcomed everyone and introduced Randy Lane, the newest member of the Committee (replacement for the fifth seat of this Committee). Ms. Moore provided a staff update and introduced John Bassett, who is assisting with the CoC Competition, and Ms. Moore reported that Amy Zarembo left DCA to accept a position in Atlanta.

Collaborative Applicant staff and the Committee then discussed the 2016 Continuum of Care Competition for the BoS CoC. Tina Moore first provided an overview of the Continuum of the Care Competition and of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) seven policy priorities highlighted in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The seven policy priorities include a systematic response to ending homelessness, strategic resource allocation, ending chronic, family, youth, and Veteran homelessness, and using a Housing First approach.

The group worked to establish:

- BoS CoC NOFA strategy and policy on reductions or reallocations of projects where funds are being underutilized or the project is significantly underperforming;
- Program priorities according to program type (permanent supportive housing, rapid re-housing, etc.);
- The policy and procedure for NOFA applications (both renewal and new);
- The process for submitting applications (both renewal and new); and
- The scoring criteria for project application reviews.

There was discussion on the FY 2016 CoC Competition; new projects availability through reallocation; federal and CoC priorities; strategic resource allocation; policy priorities for ending Chronic; Family, Veteran, and Youth Homelessness; Housing First; permanent supportive housing priority; HUD's two Tier System for project ranking (7% for Tier 2); federal priorities as it relates to Tier 1 and Tier 2 funding; the bonus opportunity; threshold criteria; and scoring for agency capacity. The group discussed the scoring criteria around using project performance to score and rank projects, the proposed policy to reduce or reallocate projects for underutilization or low performance, consideration of returns to homelessness, and consideration of maintaining or increasing units for people who are chronically homeless. The group discussed proposed competition policy around the prioritization of projects in groupings, incentives for agencies to partner with the CoC in a housing blitz for Veterans identified on the by-name list, and other bonus points available.

The Collaborative Applicant staff reviewed the proposed NOFA strategy and process for the 2016 competition, proposed scoring criteria for new and renewal projects, and proposed review application forms for new and renewal projects. There was some discussion on the Certification and Policy Addendum document to collect information related to policy and scoring criteria from all applicants. There was discussion on the need to dedicate beds for chronically homeless individuals in the future. The Collaborative Applicant staff requested the Committee's approval of the competition policy and process, Addendum, scoring criteria, review application forms, and other related materials for new and renewal projects.

Motion to approve the proposed competition policy and process, Addendum, scoring criteria, competition documents, and other related materials was made by Randy Lane and seconded by Phillippa Moss. The motion passed unanimously, and the recommendations will move forward to the Board for approval.

Tina Moore then noted that a second Special Meeting of this Committee will need to be called to review the results and make priority ranking recommendations to the Board for approval. During the meeting, the Committee set the next meeting for 11:00 AM on August 22, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.