

PA-504 Continuum of Care Governing Board Meeting Minutes

7/21/2022

3:00pm-4:00pm

via Zoom

Distributed Documents:

- YWH Montgomery County CoC Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered Overview

Attendees:

Governing Board Members:

Mark Boorse, Jade Utz, Dennis Miller, Adrienne Aiken, Penny Johnson, Jason Alexander, Joanne Washington, Synethia Hill, Cynthia Heron, Allie Pope Burger, Joelle Pitts, Meg Snead

Guests: Mikaela Lanford, Ruth Almy

Notes

- I. Welcome CoC Board – Dennis Miller
- II. YWH Montgomery County CoC Special NOFO to Address Unsheltered – Jason Alexander
 - Maximum award of \$4,054,309
 - Due by October 20, 2022
 - New opportunity – similar to the regular application. All projects must be rated and ranked on the appropriate project listing, including CoC planning and UFA costs
 - 3 year grant term
 - HUD policy priorities: reduce unsheltered homelessness, involve a broad array of stakeholders (including those with lived experience), advance equity, use a housing first approach

- Eligible projects: permanent housing (including permanent supportive housing), supportive service only (coordinated entry, street outreach, standalone SSO), HMIS, CoC planning, UFA costs
- **Cannot** solicit projects for emergency shelter
- HUD scoring priorities want to fund projects that are new and not necessarily just expansions of traditional homeless services
- Scoring criteria on a 100 point scale; applications must receive 50 points to be considered, and HUD will fund 10 per state; communities with larger unsheltered populations are eligible for up to 30 bonus points, and the YWH CoC is not eligible for these
- Montgomery County Priorities for the special NOFO: Address racial and other disparities, improve coordination between law enforcement and homeless services, improve coordination between behavioral health and homeless services, help people exit from street homelessness directly to permanent housing
- We will publish the scorecard for the NOFO with the application

III. Feedback & Input, Announcements, Closing Statements
(Open to Group)

- Mark Boorse – challenge and opportunity: how to marry our current unsheltered homeless crisis

and HUD priorities; Feedback on priorities – need to imagine what a coordination effort with, for instance, law enforcement, would achieve and look like

- Allie Pope Burger – from a recent conference, a HUD priority is reducing health disparities between sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations; There are HMIS-participating programs linking homeless service providers and law enforcement in New Jersey that could serve as a model
- Joanne Washington – we would need to include case managers in the process and create an overall system that can show results
- Jason Alexander – there is interest nationally in more mobile behavior health crisis response units; projects that formally bring health and street outreach together will be scored well
- Meg Snead – make sure we have the right services and resources in place before implementing; other resources in place would go a long way toward helping the Commonwealth maximize the benefits of the new 988 number
- Jason Alexander - Volunteers from the Board will be needed to take part in the scoring committee; we will also need to invite people not on the governing board; Need to emphasize in application for providers to include people

	<p>with lived experience as part of crafting their proposals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penny Johnson – YWH is convening Lived Experience Advisory Board which could take part in the scoring • Discussion raised the question about the value of responding to this NOFO while also completing the annual NOFO, including staff and governing board time commitments. Point is raised that applying for this now might help similar applications in the future, if HUD continues with this funding. Legitimate concern is that the CoC should apply for this due to the closure of the CHOC. • All voting members recommend sending a survey to the board as to if to pursue the NOFO <p>IV. Adjourn</p>
Action Items	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete Survey Monkey for the pursuit of the Unsheltered NOFO
Next Meeting	August 26 at 11:00am