

Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care

FY 2019 Rank and Review Committee Training

INTRO TRAINING



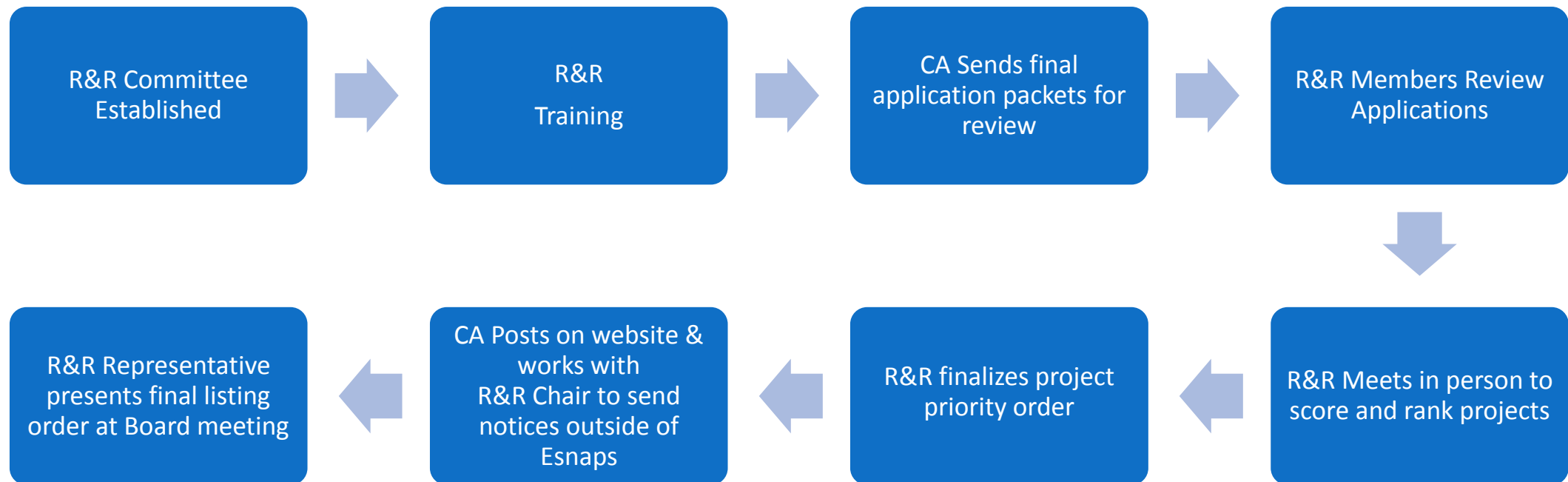
Agenda

- **The Continuum of Care Process**
 - Your Role
 - Continuum of Care System
 - Responsible Entities
 - Key Definitions
 - Common Acronyms
 - Timeline
 - Rank and Review Committee Chair

Continuum of Care Review Committee (You!)

- You're **vital** to this process:
 - Elect a chair to lead the committee, present decisions and communicate with applicants.
 - Determine project eligibility
 - Review and analyze application packets prepared by Collaborative Applicant.
 - Score new and renewal project applications.
 - Meet to discuss, review, and rank new and renewal project applications in person by utilizing approved score sheets.
 - Make final decisions on project ranking position in an objective and unbiased manner .

Continuum of Care Review Committee (You!)



Continuum of Care System

- The Continuum of Care is recognized by The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as a community plan to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and maximum self-sufficiency
- It includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness
- Resources:
 - [HUD CoC Program Page](#)
 - [How to Govern Geographically Diverse CoCs](#)
 - [Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care website](#)

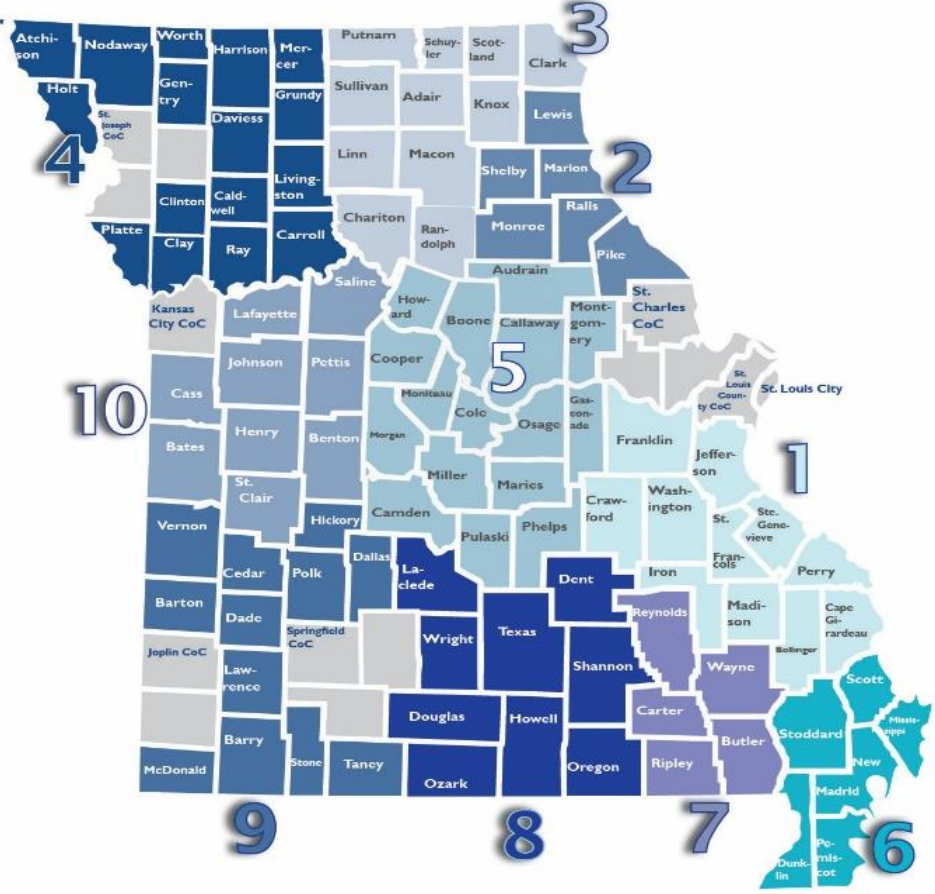
Continuum of Care Program

- The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) amended the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
 - Consolidated the three separate McKinney-Vento homeless assistance programs into a single grant program known as the Continuum of Care Program
 - Supportive Housing program, Shelter Plus Care program, and Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation SRO programs
- The Continuum of Care Program Interim Rule now governs the Continuum of Care Program
 - <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/2033/heardh-coc-program-interim-rule/>

Continuum of Care Program Cont.

- Designed to assist individuals (including unaccompanied youth) and families experiencing homelessness and to provide the services needed to help such individuals move into transitional and permanent housing, with the goal of long-term stability.
- Designed to:
 - Promote community-wide planning and strategic use of resources to address homelessness.
 - Improve coordination and integration with mainstream resources and other programs targeted to people experiencing homelessness.
 - Improve data collection and performance measurement.
 - Allow each community to tailor its program to the particular strengths and challenges within that community.

Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care Map



Responsible Entities

- The Mo BoS Board has the following application responsibilities:
 - Assist the Collaborative Applicant in preparing the Collaborative Application by contributing requested information, reviewing content and approving final submission of the Collaborative Application and ranked projects.
 - Review and approve the Priority Listing, as presented by the Rank and Review Committee.
 - Board Information: <https://www.moboscoc.org/governance>.
- The Grants Committee
 - The Grants Committee will assist the Mo BoS Board in reviewing the scoring process, and assist in completing the Collaborative Application.

Responsible Entities Continued

- The Collaborative Applicant (Missouri Housing Development Commission) is the lead agency and eligible applicant that has been designated by the Continuum of Care to submit the full application annually.
- The HMIS Lead Agency (Institute For Community Alliances) is the agency that has been designated by the Continuum of Care to apply for Homeless Management Information System dollars to support the Continuum of Care data requirements.
- The Continuum of Care Collaborative Applicant will provide guidance in the review process, but are excluded from making decisions.
- The HMIS Lead agency will provide the needed reports ahead of time, and be available via phone if needed, but will not attend the in-person scoring day.

HUD Definition of Homelessness

- Continuum of Care emphasizes Categories 1 and 4
- [Link to HUD homeless definitions](#)



CRITERIA FOR DEFINING HOMELESS	Category 1	Literally Homeless	<p>(1) Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); <u>or</u> (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less <u>and</u> who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
	Category 2	Imminent Risk of Homelessness	<p>(2) Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; <u>and</u> (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
	Category 3	Homeless under other Federal statutes	<p>(3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes; (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application; (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; <u>and</u> (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers
	Category 4	Fleeing/ Attempting to Flee DV	<p>(4) Any individual or family who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence; (ii) Has no other residence; <u>and</u> (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

Definition of Chronic Homelessness

- Meets the HUD Category 1 definition of homelessness; and
- Has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, safe haven, or emergency shelter continuously for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years, totaling at least 12 months; and
- Must be diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the developmental disabilities assistance bill of rights act of 2000), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability.

Common Acronyms

(PH) Permanent Housing - *is community-based housing, the purpose of which is to provide housing without a designated length of stay.*

(RRH) Rapid Rehousing - *Programs provide temporary, time limited financial assistance, including rental and utility subsidies, offering supportive services to help those who are experiencing literal homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized in permanent rental housing of their choosing. Consumers must meet criteria for Category 1 or 4 of the HUD Definition for Homelessness .*

(PSH) Permanent Supportive Housing - *combines permanent affordable housing with optional, voluntary supportive services that are tailored to the needs of each homeless individual. Head of household, including a minor head of household, must have a documented disabling condition. PSH typically serves the highest need homeless households who have the most barriers to permanent housing. Consumers must meet criteria for Category 1 or 4 of the HUD Definition for Homelessness.*

(SH) Safe Haven - *as defined under the former Supportive Housing Program, is a form of supportive housing that serves hard-to reach homeless persons with severe mental illness who come primarily from the streets and have been unable or unwilling to participate in housing or supportive services. Safe Haven projects must serve literally homeless individuals who reside on the streets or places not meant for human habitation, AND who have severe and persistent mental illness.*

Common Acronyms (Continued)

(TH-RRH) Transitional Housing to Rapid Rehousing - *was designed to help communities provide crisis housing with financial assistance and wrap around supportive services needed by program participants to quickly move into permanent housing.*

(HMIS) Homeless Management Information System - *is a local information technology system. This system is used to collect and aggregate client-level data regarding the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families, as well as to persons at risk of homelessness. Each Continuum of Care is responsible for selecting an HMIS software solution that complies with HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards.*

(CA) Collaborative Applicant - *An eligible applicant (state, unit of local government, private, nonprofit organization, or public housing agency) designated by the CoC to apply for a grant for Continuum of Care planning funds under this part on behalf of the Continuum.*

(ARD) Annual Renewal Demand - *is the sum of the annual renewal amounts of all projects within the Continuum eligible to apply for renewal in that fiscal year's competition, before any adjustments to rental assistance, leasing, and operating line items based on FMR changes.*

Common Acronyms (Continued)

(BoS) Balance of State – *a Continuum of Care consisting of the geographic areas not claimed by other CoCs within a state.*

(ICA) Institute for Community Alliances – *the HMIS Lead agency for the Missouri Balance of State CoC.*

(MHDC) Missouri Housing Development Commission – *the Collaborative Applicant for the Missouri Balance of State CoC.*

Estimated Timeline

NOFA Release	
3 weeks later	New & Renewal Project Training Columbia, MO (Encouraged New & Renewal Projects)
30 days later	Project Applications Due to MHDC (Required new & renewal) Both In eSnaps & outside of eSnaps 2 nd Rank and Review Training
Less than 1 week	Collaborative Applicant Review & Confirm eSnaps Information with agencies (required new & renewal)
1 week later	Rank & Review (Project Applicants must make available a staff person to be open for questions and responses during this time period)
1 week later	Final Project Listing Uploaded/ Notifications Sent to Agencies outside of eSnaps
Less than 1 week	Grievance Period after public posting
3 weeks later	Final Submission of full CoC Application
Total time from NOFA release = roughly 90 days	

Training Part 2

Funds Available

CoC Priorities

HUD Priorities

Funding Components

Grant Types

Ranking & Scoring Process

Policies & Documents

Chair Election

- Evaluation Day
- Tie Breaker
- Letters
- Communications
- Board meeting
- Scoring and Prioritization

Questions

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