

Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care Adopted Moving On Strategy

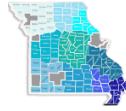
Background

In order to build effective programs, improve system performance and ensure continued reduction in the total number of people experiencing homelessness in the 101 county service area, the Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care (Mo BoS CoC) has adopted a Move On Strategy to be incorporated by recipients of CoC funding. Move On implementation varies in size and scope; nearly all programs involve multiple collaborating organizations, including supportive housing providers, local/state housing agencies, public housing providers, Continuums of Care (CoCs), human service agencies, and private foundations. Developing transparent relationships between Public Housing Agencies (PHAs), Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) developers, and Continuum of Care will be key to the strategies of improving the outcomes of exits to permanent housing.

Strategy

The Mo BoS CoC has the following strategy to incorporate Moving On through the system of care.

1. Double the preference for homeless and formerly homeless individuals or families at LIHTC developments, PHA-HCV or Multifamily properties by the end of 2022 in coordination with the State Consolidated Plan.
 - A. Create materials to educate LIHTC developers and PHAs on the HUD published toolkit that explains how they can create homeless or formerly homeless preferences.
 - B. Develop a list of all PHA contacts and owners of PHA-HCV, Multifamily and LIHTC housing that exist in the Mo BoS CoC to work with regional leads to build relationships within each region.
 - C. Host a focus group to allow PHAs and LIHTC owners to come together with CoC funded projects to better understand each other's roles and responsibilities.
2. Increase the number of PHA and LIHTC developer participants within the Mo BoS CoC membership by 10 members by 2022 in conjunction with the State Consolidated Plan timeline.
 - A. Work with the CoC Membership Committee to target PHAs to apply for Mo BoS CoC membership.
 - B. Engage at least one PHA to consider applying for an open board seat in 2019 and help advocate to other PHA's the importance of becoming involved with the Mo BoS CoC.
 - C. Develop promotional Mo BoS CoC materials for service providers to ask local PHAs to become members.
3. Monitor system performance for Permanent Housing (PH) programs to decrease Measure 2: Returns to Homelessness from 7% to 5 % by 2022 in conjunction with the State Consolidated Plan timeline.



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- A. Work with the CoC Data Committee to review participant demographics and stayer information.
 - B. Work with data committee to determine the average lengths of stay in each program type.
 - C. Work with Mo BoS CoC funded agencies to help them develop a plan to discuss exit planning and Move On preferences with clients along with encouraging follow-up planning to ensure stability after exiting a program.
4. Engage USDA Housing providers within the Mo BoS CoC by 2022 in conjunction with the State Consolidated Plan timeline.