

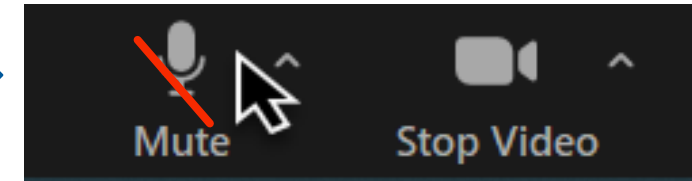
PARTNERS IN PROGRESS

August 12, 2022

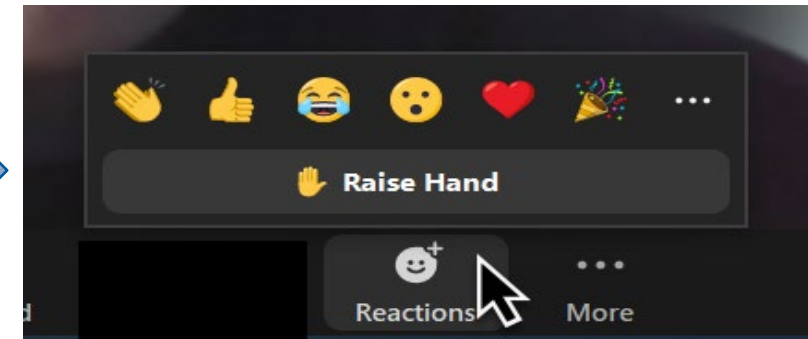
Practical Methods for Including Persons with Lived
Experience in CoC leadership

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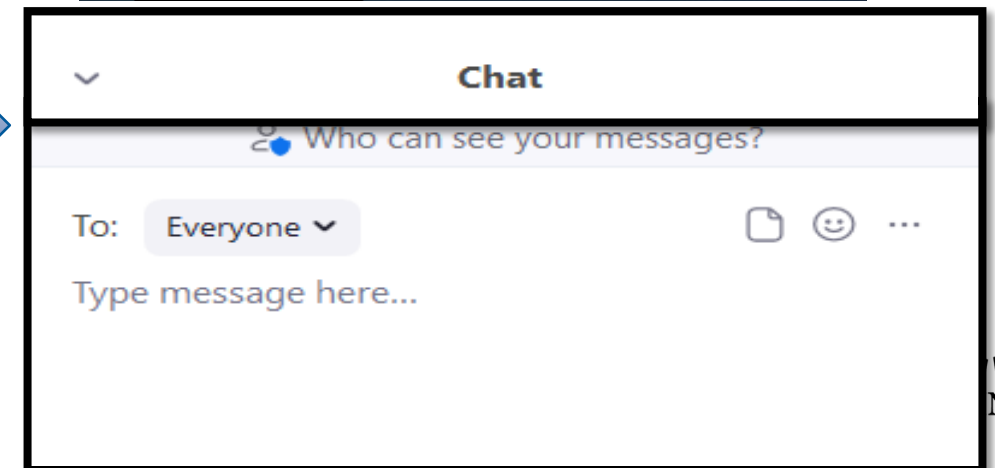
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During discussion, raise your hand virtually



Use the chat to ask questions and engage in conversation



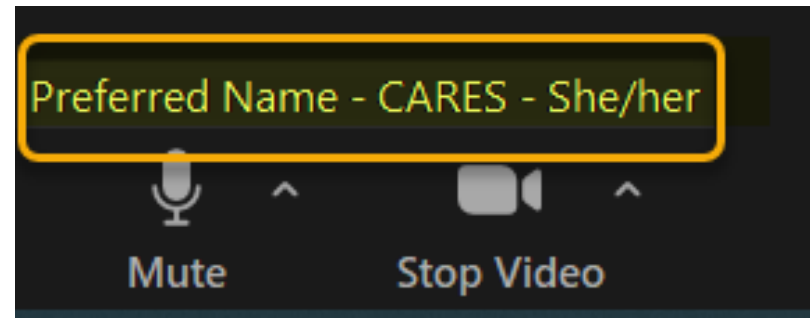
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Ideally, your video is on to make it easier to engage in conversation

Name your Zoom Box

(ie: tell us your name, the organization you represent, your preferred pronouns, & your CoC)



PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- Goals of the Presentation
- Benefits of involving people with lived experience
- Engagement process
- Compensation
- Eliminating Barriers
- Avoiding Tokenism
- Action Steps- Creating a Committee in your CoC
- Discussion & Questions
- Overview of directly impacted requirements for Supplemental NOFO Application

GOALS

1

Engaging Persons with Lived Experience (PWLE)

2

How the CoC can Establish a PWLE Committee

3

HUD Supplemental NOFO and Role of PWLE

ENGAGEMENT PROCESS

Persons with Lived
Experience Committees

BENEFITS OF INVOLVING PERSONS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE (PWLE)



PWLE understand what works, what doesn't work, and why

Even the most well-rounded policies will be incomplete without input from PWLE

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

Diversity

Imperative that the PWLE are representative of the overall population served by the CoC

Recruitment

People with lived experience should be supporting recruiting *efforts for board* and committee position

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT CONT.

CoC Programs

Educate on CoC purpose and programs and how their input is applicable and valued

Forums

Consider asking PWLE Committee members to host forums with others experiencing past or present homelessness.

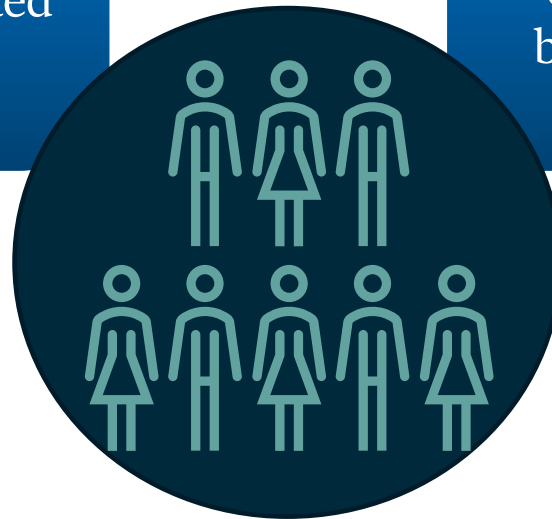
COMPENSATION



Time and effort is a commodity!

PWLE deserve their time & expertise compensated

Create an advisory committee and assign someone to track participation so that compensation can be based on participation



ELIMINATING BARRIERS



Involving those
with lived
experience
requires the CoC
to work differently.



TOKENISM

How to avoid this as we
engage with PWLE



National Alliance to
END HOMELESSNESS

Webinar Recording: Nothing
About Us Without Us:
Involving People with Lived
Experience in CoC Decisions

8/12/2022



RECAP OF PRINCIPLES

- Whenever possible, persons with lived experience and expertise of homelessness should be included from the inception of all CoC planning and processes, rather than as a last thought.
- Allow Persons with lived experience to select their own representatives, rather than choosing those that you may prefer to work with.
- Make meetings inclusive by avoiding jargon and providing equal access to speaking opportunities.

SETTING UP YOUR COMMITTEE

For Persons with Lived Experience

CREATING A COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS IN YOUR COC

Get CoC Support

- CoC Boards and Membership should support this initiative

Procure Funding

- CoCs should devote funds to a standing committee
- Membership dues, annual contribution

Establish Advisory Committee

- Members committed to supporting this committee
- Able to assist with recruitment and training

Recruit

- Online Job Boards
- Drop-in Centers
- Paper flyers
- Word of mouth

CREATING A COMMITTEE OF PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS IN YOUR COC

Set Expectations

- What will the time commitment be for committee members?
- When, where, and how will meetings be held?

Onboard Members

- Training to take place over months
- CoC 101
- How the committee can influence CoC processes

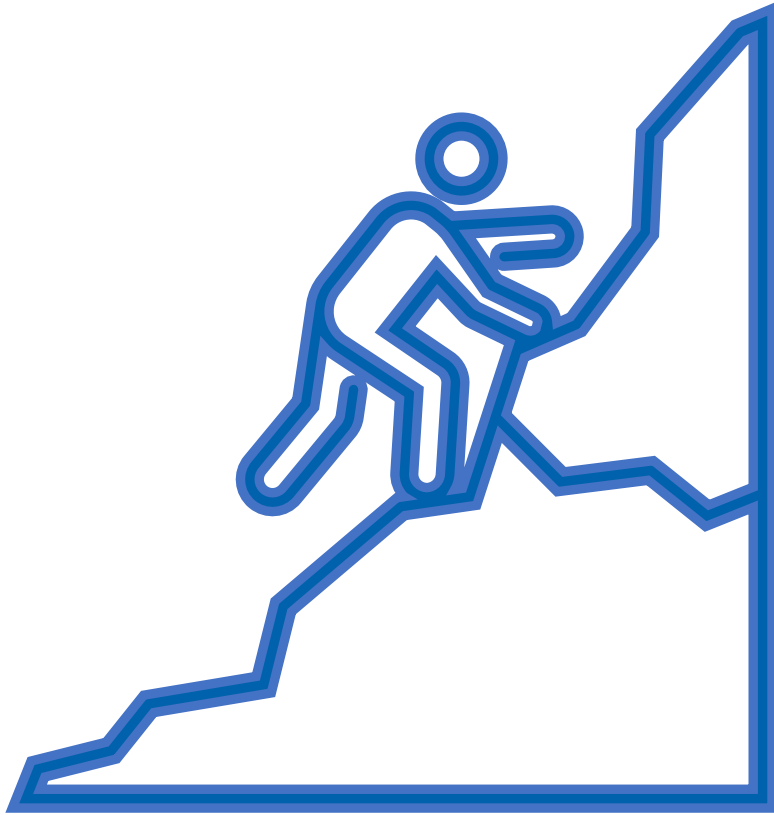
Outline goals

- What will this committee be charged with working on?

Provide continuous opportunities for decision-making

- At the table for funding decisions, board member recruitment, and more.

THE HARDEST STEP IS THE FIRST ONE



These committees cannot happen without dedication from individuals and a commitment from the CoC. The first thing to do is get started!



QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION



Please use the raise hand function or chat to engage in conversation!





**HOW ARE YOU BRINGING BACK THE INFORMATION
YOU LEARNED HERE TO ENGAGE THOSE WITH
LIVED EXPERIENCE IN YOUR COC?**

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS

Strategies to Prevent and End Youth Homelessness

September 9th, 2022 @10:00am

COCS APPLYING FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NOFO

- Albany
- Columbia/Greene
- Saratoga North Country
- Franklin/Essex
- Points North
- Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Otsego, Delaware, and Tioga

HUD SUPPLEMENTAL NOFO - PEOPLE WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

Overview



HUD'S DEFINITION

Persons with Lived Experience

Persons with first-hand knowledge of homelessness who can **share their perspective on how social, economic, and political situations affect homelessness.**

Provides insight, training, and voice from persons who have or are experiencing homelessness regarding the current homeless system through discussion, recommendation, and participation.

CoCs must meaningfully engage persons with lived experience in the planning and application process.



SUPPLEMENTAL NOFO REQUIREMENTS



Meaningful outreach efforts to engage those with lived homelessness experience to develop a working group



Meaningful & intentional integration into the CoC decision-making structure



Involvement of individuals and families with lived experience of **unsheltered** homelessness in service delivery



Letter Signed by Working Group Comprised of Persons with Lived Experience of Homelessness

The deadline for submitting applications to HUD for the initial selection process in the Supplemental NOFO is October 20, 2022



THANK YOU!

If you have any questions, please feel
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