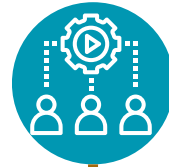


Homeless Services Planning Board

The Schenectady County Homeless Services Planning Board is dedicated to eliminating homelessness and ensuring that a comprehensive system of care and services is in place to respond to the needs of homeless individuals and those at risk of homelessness in Schenectady County.



What are the key roles of a CoC?

To respond to and end homelessness

Overseeing Coordinated Entry (CE)

Oversight of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS)



What are CoC-Funded Programs?

Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)



it is an affordable housing option that has an indefinite rental assistance paired with services to help homeless people with disabilities achieve housing stability

Rapid Re-housing (RRH)



a model that emphasizes housing search and relocation services and short-and medium term- rental assistance to move homeless people as rapidly as possible into permanent housing

Transitional Housing (TH)



these are temporary housing units designed to help people gain stability through supportive services and successfully transition into permanent housing.

Support Services Only (SSO)



service providers conduct outreach to sheltered and unsheltered homeless persons, link clients with housing or other necessary services and provide ongoing support.

What is a Continuum of Care (CoC)?

Federal Funding Stream

-and-

Planning Body

CoC refers to both

The CoC Planning Body makes decisions about local CoC funding for homeless programs and coordinates services and housing designed to support the unhoused

Who is part of the CoC?



People with Lived Experience

Healthcare Providers

Emergency Housing Providers & Non-Profits

Community Advocates

Emergency Response Entities

CoC Members

Faith-based Community Members

Local/State Government Officials

HSPB Committees



Board

The Board of Directors shall conduct any and all business necessary to facilitate the implementation of the Schenectady County Homeless Services Planning Board mission, vision and purpose, including setting goals, objectives and plans for the achievement of the purpose and mission, implementing HUD Continuum of Care requirements, designing and implementing a collaborative process for the development, submission and approval of the annual application for HUD funding, determining the applicants, the collaborative applicant or unified funding agency and approving the HUD Continuum of Care funding application, designating the HMIS lead, and ensuring that planning, systems development and implementation and program performance reviews occur in a collaborative and constructive manner.



CoC Committee

This Committee is responsible for conducting the annual Housing Inventory Count (HIC); conducting the Point in Time (PIT) count; for aggregating and reporting the numbers with the help of the Collaborative Applicant. The PIT Committee works with identified local agency partners who host the HUD-required annual 'Point in Time Count' held each year during the last 10 days of January. Members assist in collecting giveaways, arranging for volunteers and peer guides, collect the PIT documents and calculate the number of identified homeless for each location.



Governance Committee

This Committee develops and presents a slate of candidates for election to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting, conducts reviews of and recommends actions to be taken with respect to bylaws and governance charter, and oversees the membership application and renewal process.



Coordinated Entry Committee

The Coordinated Entry (CE) committee reviews the priority listing and identifies housing opportunities for PSH units.



Data Committee

This Committee reviews and prepares plans and recommendations and carries out action plans approved by the Board of Directors with respect to community wide data including, but not limited to, HMIS, PIT, YWCA, school districts, City Mission and DSS data to identify needs, trends, gaps, and emerging issues, the designation of the HMIS, and oversight of the operation of the HMIS.



HMIS Advisory Committee

This Committee is to work with the HMIS System Administrator to ensure proper and effective HMIS policies and procedures.



Complete the membership application to join the CoC

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