

Southern Tier Entry to Programs & Services (STEPS)

The mission of the NY-501 Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) is to identify persons in the region, and assess the needs of those persons, who are either homeless or most at risk of becoming homeless, and to channel the resources and efforts of public and private community agencies to strategically plan and meet the needs of these individuals in a collaborative fashion.



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)



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.

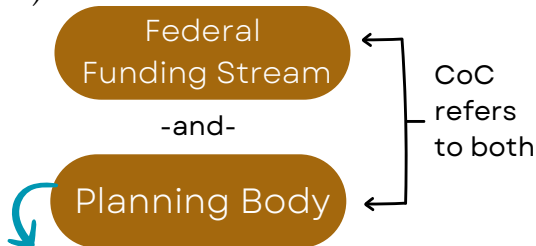
Support Services Only (SSO)



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



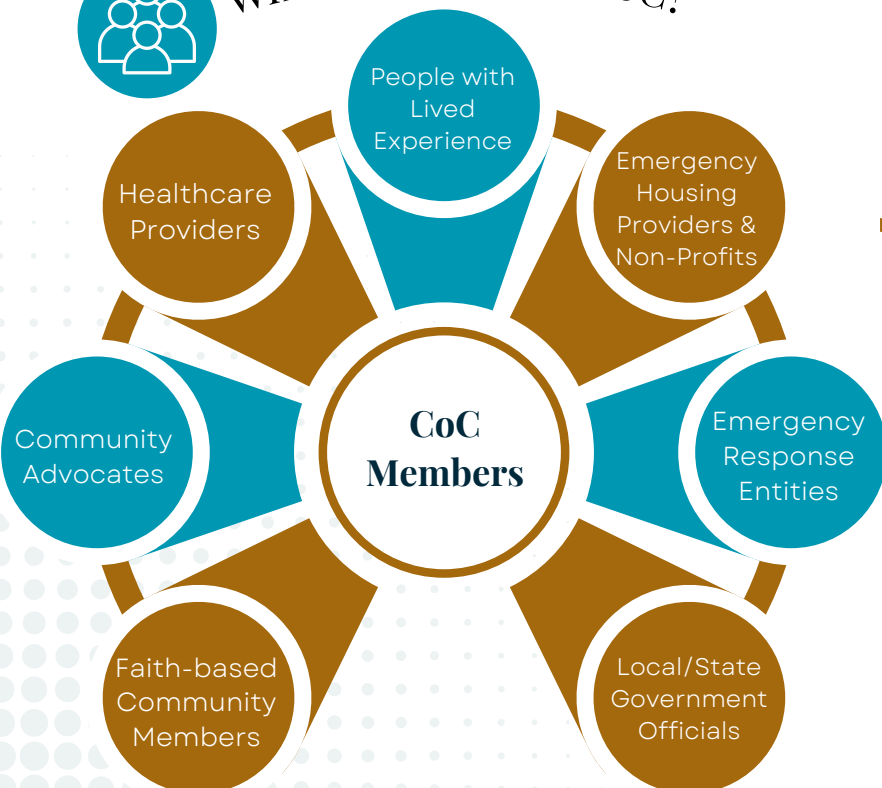
What is a Continuum of Care (CoC)?



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?



STEPS Committees



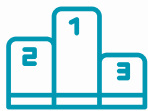
Board

Each county HHTF shall select and nominate 3 (three) members from its HHTF – one person from a public agency (usually the Department of Social Services) and two people from private agencies to represent them. Board members serve at the will of the county HHTF that seated them. In addition, the Board shall include one individual representing a public agency of the City of Elmira, a HUD special district under the designation of Entitlement Community (EC) and Participating Jurisdiction (PJ).



Planning Committee

The Planning Committee is responsible for the oversight of strategies developed by the Board to monitor and improve SPMs. The Committee is expected to work collaboratively with the HMIS Committee and Board to regularly review and analyze SPMs and the effectiveness of developed strategies specifically the following measures: Reduction in the Number of First-Time Homeless, Length-of-Time Homeless, Successful Permanent Housing Placement and Retention, Returns to Homelessness and Job and Income Growth.



Rank & Review Committee

This Committee reviews progress on tasks related to the CoC's Strategic Plan; and reports progress and recommendations to adjust tasks or timelines to the Executive Board with respect to the Strategic Plan to Prevent, Reduce and Combat Homelessness in Warren, Washington, Hamilton and Saratoga Counties.



HMIS Committee

The HMIS Committee develops plans and recommendations for review and approval by the Board of Directors and carries out action plans approved by the Board of Directors with respect to: prepare and provide data and reports to the Collaborative Applicant for analyzing and performance targets and outcomes in consultation with program recipients and sub-recipients, conducting evaluations and monitoring data quality including review of reports from HMIS, and taking action as warranted, ensuring compliance with HUD designation and operation of HMIS requirements.



Coordinated Entry Committee

The Coordinated Entry (CE) Committee is responsible for creating a CE process and is expected to: develop a unified or zone-oriented CE process that is accessible by all in need, review and recommend a CE plan to the Board for all stages of the process (assessment, referral, application, vacancy posting and acceptance/denial processes), and develop a policy and procedure manual and user guide to ensure community and agency understanding of the system



Housing Task Forces

There is a Housing Task Force for each of the five counties who participate in STEPS: Steuben, Chemung, Allegany, Livingston, and Schuyler. These committees are responsible for monitoring, planning, advocating, and executing such initiatives as are necessary to shape local written policy and muster resources to assure the adequate provision of shelter and supportive services – and to integrate these measures into the overall regional strategic plan.



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