

RNCoC Governance Meeting

04/11/2024

Via Teams

Attendees:

Mary Jane Ostrander

Jackee Stewart

Karyn Smith

Kathie McKenna

Chris Murphy

Jennie Martin

Michele Fuller-Hallauer

Summary: The governance meeting started with addressing email updates. Michele Fuller-Hallauer listed the responsibilities of the CoC and the importance of reflecting actual practices in governance documents and suggested modeling the CoC governance similar to other CoCs across the country.

The need for broader representation in the CoC in various categories such as law enforcement, hospitals and affordable housing developers was discussed. Michele and Mary Jane highlighted the importance of having representation from emergency rooms, individuals experiencing homelessness, law enforcement, universities, and affordable housing developers. Strategies for expanding the CoC membership and representation across the state were discussed and a suggestion was made to reach out to different regions and professions.

The group had a discussion around the decision-making processes and the restructuring of the CoC. Michele spoke on the CoC restructuring and leadership representation within the counties. The group spoke on the importance of having two levels of decision-making and the need for representation from different counties, particularly in rural areas. Challenges of region-based representation and the idea of maintaining a full geographic area were spoken about. Additionally, the group highlighted the need to involve rural communities in addressing homelessness and the significance of educating counties about the CoC.

Michele provided updates on the Balance of State Continuum of Care Toolkit and the HEARTH Act and discussed the importance of adhering to the law and HUD regulations. Michele emphasized the need to align with the HEARTH Act to ensure compliance. The group also discussed reporting to the steering committee, exploring the establishment of a board, expanding CoC membership and coordinated entry meeting. The group focused on clarifying meeting names and ensuring proper communication of calendar invites.

Next Steps:

- Mary Jane Ostrander will review the written standards for the CoC and ensure they meet all requirements.
- Michele Fuller-Hallauer will reach out to the leadership of some counties to schedule meetings and discuss CoC restructuring and leadership representation.
- Mary Jane Ostrander will reach out to Lourdes about the coordinated entry committee leadership and meetings.
- Michele Fuller-Hallauer will ask Danita to send a calendar invite for the coordinated entry committee meeting.
- Mary Jane Ostrander will send a repeated calendar invite for the next meeting.