



Balance of State IRC Meeting July 23, 2021

Present: Hana Gosset (New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness), Tristin Maroney (Child Youth and Families Department), Lisa Howley (Behavioral Health Services Division), Henrietta Correra (Community Member), Rebekah Pieniadz (Mortgage Finance Authority), and Felicia Vargas (New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness)

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 1:16 pm.

Meeting Summary

The objective of the meeting is for the Impartial Review Committee to set the tentative evaluation and ranking criteria for the 2021 competition so the CoC Team can proceed with collecting renewal documentation to complete the threshold review of CoC renewal projects.

1. Evaluation and Ranking Criteria

Hana provided an explanation regarding the changes, starting by updating the title, by overviewing the process and program type of what the CoC is and why we have this competition, noting the CoC team will facilitate meetings but not engage in the decision making process.

Hana proceeded to the The Renewal Project Section, which provides a definition on each criteria. Hana moved towards the Renewal Project Ranking Criteria and Ranking Process, and gave two exceptions that are outlined in the document, which are, projects that are fairly new and projects that support clients who are escaping domestic violence. Hana transitioned into the allocation process. This happens in 3 different occasions which are the following:

1. Retooling, which means the program volunteers to change program types (ie. changing a Transitional Housing project to be a Rapid Re-Housing project).
2. When a program is not being compliant in the criteria, IRC must reduce or remove all of the program funds,
3. The project volunteers to no longer participate in the CoC housing and gives up their funding.

Hana proceeded to the Renewal Procedures, this is where NMCEH will collect all information and data on behalf of the IRC.

Lastly, Hana provided an overview of the matrix. There were no changes to the threshold chart. However, there were changes made to the scoring criteria, this change accommodates how the HMIS provides information. This supports agencies to have a clear understanding of how they will be rated based on their project's performance. At the last meeting, it was discussed to increase scoring points for housing placement and retention and increase in and retention of income. The rubric demonstrates a bonus point opportunity for agencies when they submit documents on time. Hana clarified in number six, length of time to housing, there are no points in this section,



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but to collect data on how long it is taking agencies in New Mexico to house clients to inform how the system is performing in this measure.

2. Feedback from BoS IRC members

The IRC provided feedback that the document appeared thorough and ready until the NOFA is released. In order for the CoC team to start to collect the renewal documentation in preparation for the NOFA, the IRC must establish this document tentatively. This would be tentative because when NOFA does drop, HUD may require additional information or a change of approach, at that time the CoC team will work to review the NOFA and provide updates, suggested changes, and explanations to the IRC..

Trisstian calls a motion, Henrietta seconds the motion. All in favor, none opposed. The motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29pm

Minutes compiled by Felicia Vargas, CoC Administrative Specialist