



Balance of State IRC Meeting July 15, 2021

Present: Rebekah Pienadaz (Mortgage Finance Authority), Eva Nevarez (St. John's), Anita Dunmar (Century Bank), Hana Gossett (NM Coalition to End Homelessness), Kate Cleaver (NM Coalition to End Homelessness), Nathan Fuhr (NM Coalition to End Homelessness), and Felicia Vargas (NM Coalition to End Homelessness).

A quorum wasn't established with only 3 board members present. The three members present asked that we start going over the updates while we wait to see if any other members join and reconvene at a later date if no others do join.

Meeting Summary

The CoC Team explained the updates made to the evaluation and ranking criteria for the 2021 Competition so the Independent Review Committee can establish and vote on the new procedure.

1. Evaluation and Ranking Criteria

Hana shared the new draft based on the discussion at the last meeting of the IRC. Hana also noted that we found that there was more clarification provided in the 2020 version of the ABQ IRC document. Hana went through the changes found in the 2020 version from the ABQ IRC as NMCEH staff felt this would provide improved information for the CoC and the IRC going forward.

The first change noted would be the overview section, this section outlined the renewal's process and rationale, then broke out into a separate section for an explanation of the IRC and its process.

Further differences would be, providing explicit criteria based on pass, pass with comment and fail. If an agency lands in pass with a comment or fails, they can provide the IRC with a formal response to the committee. If a provider fails any threshold criteria, they cannot proceed to renewal.

The largest difference in the scoring and rating process is spelling out where the data comes from. This version does not place Transitional Housing (TH) in the bottom of tier 1 automatically as with the current measures, they should be able to meet them similarly to other project types. Committee members didn't feel the need to add the protection to TH any longer. The remaining exceptions are:

- New projects that haven't been made a full year. This would be on the bottom of tier 1, due to data not being accurate compared to other providers for not being over the same timeframe.
- Domestic Violence specific providers that are required to use Osnum instead of HMIS, due to providers working with clients who are experiencing domestic violence. These agencies would receive full points on those measures.



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The scoring chart was updated to reflect more accurately the current breakdown in HMIS of how the data can be collected. The ABQ IRC also put more emphasis on retention and increase of income and housing placement and retention in their scoring.

Hana continued to explain the Bonus Points system; the ABQ committee felt that when providers submit documents on time, they will receive 5 extra points.

There is also a proposal to include length of time to housing as an unscored measure to collect data on how long it takes for providers to get people into housing and figure out what this looks like across the CoC.

The IRC members present expressed that they would like NMCEH to proceed with aligning the document for BoS with what was established for ABQ, ensuring that the tables are all updated and that the added clarity was included. NMCEH agreed to make these changes and provide an updated version to the BoS IRC very soon.

Eva, Anita and Rebekah agreed to reconvene to vote on the Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC) Review, Scoring, Ranking and Reallocation Process for FY 2021 Renewal Projects once NMCEH made the requested updates.

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