

Continuum of Care meeting
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I. Introductions

II. Follow-up

The group discussed the September 18th phone call with Lynn Morrow, HUD CPD Representative, and Brian Fitzmaurice, SNAPS Director. The CoC can request a no-cost extension for the disputed projects (22 Park Avenue, Bell Street RRH, Planning Grant, HMIS, Employment Assistance, Job Training Fund, and the Collaborative). HUD could extend projects with a new grant start deadline of February, meaning those projects would go three months without funding. HUD did not promise to extend grants but advised the CoC to submit a request. The Opportunity Alliance would need to request full funding in the amount of \$129,354 as they were only awarded \$47,827 and need \$81,527. HUD recommends that each applicant submit a letter and the CoC make a request on behalf of all applicants. The letter should include how lack of funding will impact the CoC and our consumers. This should also state that each agency will be able to find funding for the next few months. Anne has offered to write a draft for each agency and will be working with Bob on compiling the packet. She will have the draft out by the end of the week. Joe expressed his concerns with the process and reinforced the need to include Congressional delegates in the process. Jon discussed the meetings which occurred in D.C. this summer and the work that Collins office has already put into the project. Bob mentioned that Cullen has been working closely with Collins' office on this proposed solution. Vickey solved the 5% reduction issue: HUD did a 5% cut for SSO projects in Tier 2 projects nationwide. The Portland CoC listed the Collaborative application last and Job training second to last with the knowledge that these programs could be cut. HUD funded some CoC at 5% less than the ARD for SSO projects only if they were requesting funds for SSO projects. Portland CoC does have SSO projects and would fall into this category. These projects most likely will not qualify for a no-cost extension.

III. HUD Application Process

Anne and Vickey gave an overview of the HUD application. The process will be much easier this year and there is no need to complete the goals and objectives and other data normally required for the consolidated application (former Exhibit 1). The CoC will need to prioritize projects again into to Tiers 1 and 2 and anticipate a 2% cut. See NOFA on the City's website (<http://www.portlandmaine.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/6723>).

IV. New Project

Anne gave an overview of the new project: HUD will set aside approximately \$40 million for a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Bonus to create new dedicated permanent supportive housing to serve the chronically homeless. Priority will be given to those CoCs that have a high need in relation to chronic homelessness. The maximum amount that the CoC may request for the PSH is 15% of the CoC Final Pro Rata Need which is \$176,332. The Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus is based on two overarching criteria: CoC need and project quality. In addition to the criteria, projects

must also meet additional project eligibility threshold criteria. Anne discussed the strict criteria for start dates, agreeing to the consolidated application model and scoring. Vickey mentioned that CHOM would not be able to apply due to the HUD criteria. Jon discussed a possible site-based Avesta/Preble Street model. Bob stated that he would have this posted as per HUD requirements on the City Web site today (9/22/2014). The group also discussed the Needs Score. For the Permanent Supportive Housing Bonus competition, each application will be awarded a relative need score (defined as need in comparison to other CoCs) based on the following data: The number of chronically homeless reported in the 2013 Point-in-Time Count; The number of dedicated permanent supportive housing beds available with the CoC from any funding source, dedicated for use by chronically homeless as reported in the 2013 Housing Inventory Count; and the extent to which the CoC has prioritized existing permanent supportive housing beds/units not currently designated for the chronically homeless. HUD has calculated the need score for each CoC. Need Scoring is based on a sliding scale, with the CoCs with the highest relative need in the U.S. receiving the full 60 points. The Portland CoC scored a 45. In addition, applicants may receive up to 5 points based on the CoC's score from the FY 2013/FY 2014 CoC Application. However, HUD has not released the CoC scores from the FY 2013/2014 Application yet.