Los Angeles Continuum of Care

Quarterly Community Meetings – February/March 2017

**Agenda**

| I. | Welcome |
| II. | Los Angeles Continuum of Care Regional Homelessness Advisory Council Update (10-minutes) |
| III. | HMIS Migration Project Plan Overview (15-minutes) |
| IV. | Review of recent Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Guidance (30-minutes) |
| V. | Funding Opportunities (5-minutes) |
| VI. | 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count Debrief & Community Feedback (1-hour) |
Regional Homeless Advisory Council (RHAC) Update

Irma Gorrocino, Policy Analyst
February 6, 2016
RHAC Purpose

- Connect the Dots
- Spread Solutions
- Raise Concerns
- Track Progress
RHAC Purpose

RHAC

- Service Providers
- Public Agencies
- Lived Experience
- Education
- Health Sector
- Business Community
- Advocates
- Philanthropy
- Faith Community
Nominees for RHAC

- Confirmed Nominees = 56

Please refer to the membership list handout for full list of members.
First RHAC Convening

✓ Finalized Date and Time
  - Wednesday February 15, 2017 from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

✓ Finalized Location
  - Los Angeles County Workforce Development, Aging and Community Services Headquarters
    - 3175 West 6th Street Los Angeles, CA 90020
I. Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose
II. Overview: Data on Homelessness
III. Overview: County and City Homeless Strategies
IV. RHAC Structure
   a. LA CoC Board Nominating Committee
V. Discussion of Future Agenda Topics
VI. 2017 Meeting Schedule
VII. Public Comment
VIII. Closing Remarks & Adjournment
The Nominating Committee’s responsibilities will include:

- Establishing by laws

- Establishing a nominating process for the LA CoC Board
  - 10 to 15 Members
  - LA CoC Board will replace the LA CoC Coordinating Council (Nominees will be identified in May 2017 and seated by June 2017.)
2017 RHAC Meeting Dates

- February 15, 2017 from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm
- May 17, 2017 from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
- August 16, 2017 from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
- November 17, 2017 from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm
## Regional Homelessness Advisory Council

*Co-Convened by LAHSA and Home For Good*

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HMIS Migration Project Plan Overview

February 2017
Project Overview
Establish a strong feedback loop with internal and external stakeholders to configure “our” HMIS

Thoroughly and accurately migrate current and historical client and program data from Adsystech HMIS to BitFocus Clarity

Implement a CES workflow to align and enhance our system and conform to the policies and processes of our community

Comprehensively re-train all current HMIS users in the LA CoC on the new HMIS application

Update reports and dashboard linkages to align with the new data structure
Schedule of major project components and deliverables

1/13
• Project Kickoff Call with BitFocus
• Project Start

1/17 - 1/20
• System Administrators trained

1/23 - 1/27
• Completed Project Plan
• Identify communication channels and groups

2/10
• All data elements sent to BitFocus for review
• Prioritized list for training/report revisions

2/10 - 3/31
• Data Cleanup for active programs and client data

2/13 - 4/28
• Revise training materials
• Revise data reports

Mid-March
• Program Setup
• Access Roles Setup

Mid-March - 4/28
• Finalized System/CES Workflows
• Proposed Adsystech HMIS Training Cut Off
• Train-the-Trainer with BitFocus

5/1
• Live Demo to Community
• Training for all community users begins

5/15
• LAUNCH!
Resources
## External supports for project success

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Communication Plan
Monthly updates will be provided through multiple forums:

- **Monthly Report** presented at respective meetings
- **Standard template** to provide updates at all levels
- Provides audience an avenue for input and to provide support (feedback loop with HUD TA assistance)
- Posted online on the LAHSA website for view
We’ll provide the following updates every month!

- Progress during month
- Expected Progress in next month
- Current Timeline
- Identified areas needing input
- Identified areas needing resources
- Decisions points
- Decisions made
### BitFocus Project Team: Weekly Calls
- Include Pasadena and Glendale CoC Collaborative Leads
- Update project status
- Discussions on setup

### Collaborative: Bi-Weekly Work Session Calls
- Discuss Collaborative specific setup items (programs, accounts, access rules)
- Discuss Policies and Procedures
- May include legal counsel and policy team

### LAHSA Staff: LAHSA Updates
- Shorter/smaller versions of monthly reports
- CES Newsletter
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Questions?
Update on Federal Notices

Maggie Potthoff, Senior Policy Analyst
Four recent notices cover the following topics:

1. Equal Access in Accordance with Gender Identity
2. The Mobility of Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Across CoC Boundaries
3. The Availability of Crisis Services to Anyone, Regardless of Documentation Status
4. Clarification on Category 4 of HUD’s “Homeless” Definition
Equal Access in Accordance with An Individual’s Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs (CPD)

- Effective October 21, 2016
Purpose: addresses gender-based discrimination in HUD programs

- Applies to all HUD assisted programs

- All people have a right to services – regardless of their gender identity

- Meant to address discrimination against transgender and gender non-conforming individuals
Gender Identity is how a person self-identifies

- Does not necessarily match their sex assigned at birth or external perceptions

Perceived gender identity is how a person is perceived by others

- Based on that person’s appearance, behavior, expression, other gender related characteristics, or sex assigned to the individual at birth or identified in documents
Equal Access Rule

Access

Must be provided in accordance with gender identity

Services

Must be provided in accordance with gender identity

Privacy

Individuals are not subjected to intrusive questioning or asked to provide documentation
Continuum of Care Program: Increasing Mobility Options for Homeless Individuals and Families with Tenant-Based Rental Assistance

- Effective July 14, 2016
Mobility Rule

Purpose: increase tenant-choice and expand housing opportunities

- Applies only to projects that receive CoC Program funds to provide tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA)

- Allows persons to choose housing outside of the CoC’s geographic area

- Persons at risk of further domestic violence can already use their housing assistance outside of the CoC’s geographic area
Mobility Rule

Approving the request:

Program participant consults with CoC recipient about possible move.

CoC where program participant is moving does not need to approve.

Declining the request:

CoC recipients can deny only if they cannot comply with CoC program requirements.

Program participants can contact LAHSA or HUD if denial is unreasonable.
Mobility Rule

Statutory requirements

- HQS inspections
- Addressing supportive service needs
- Ensuring children are enrolled in school and appropriate community services

Regulatory requirements

* DV exempt

- Calculating rent contributions
- Reviewing income
- Providing monthly case management (for RRH)
- Conducting an annual needs assessment

Compliance with CoC Program

(can be met with staff or MOU in destination CoC)
HUD, HHS, and DOJ Joint Letter Regarding Immigrant Access to Housing and Services

- Released on August 11, 2016
Immigrant Access Guidance

Purpose: reminds recipients of federal funds that immigration status prohibits access to certain public benefits, not all  (Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996)

- The act uses a three-part test to determine what types of federal assistance are not subject to its restriction

- Using this test, several types of homeless services qualify as being available to all people, regardless of status
Immigrant Access Guidance

Does my program deliver in-kind services at the community level?

Are my services necessary for the protection of life or safety?

Do I provide assistance regardless of the program participant’s income or resources?
HUD guidance states that the following services are available to all people:

- Street outreach
- Emergency shelter
- Short-term housing, including some transitional housing
- Rapid re-housing
- Crisis counseling
- Intervention programs

Services NOT available to all people include:

- Federally-funded permanent rental subsidies
Definition of Homelessness and Human Trafficking

- Released in the “Concepts” section of the NOFA for the FY 2016 (and 2015) CoC Program
Category 4 and Fleeing Violence

Purpose: clarifies that persons fleeing or attempting to flee human trafficking may qualify as “homeless” under category 4
Category 4 Homeless: Any individual or family who is fleeing, or is attempting to flee,
- domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking,
- other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence”

Human trafficking: Human trafficking is modern-day slavery and involves the use of force, fraud, or coercion to obtain some type of labor or commercial sex act.
Category 4 and Fleeing Violence

“is fleeing or attempting to flee... dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual,” making the person afraid to return to primary nighttime residence.

Has no other residence

Lacks resources or support networks to obtain housing

= Eligible for Homeless Services

Homeless under Category 4
Resources Available


- **Mobility Rule (HUD Webinar):** [https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/increasing-mobility-options-for-homeless-households-assisted-with-tbra-webinar1/](https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/increasing-mobility-options-for-homeless-households-assisted-with-tbra-webinar1/)


- **Homeless Definition (NOFA 2016)**
  - [https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2016-CoC-Program-NOFA.pdf](https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2016-CoC-Program-NOFA.pdf) and
Questions?

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Supporting Equal Access Across the Full Spectrum of Services

**Encouraging**

- A staff person accepting the name and gender given by the potential client.
- The staff person uses the pronouns as indicated by the client. This allows the person to feel more comfortable and continue in the outreach and engagement process.
- If ID is required and the gender marker does not correspond to the client’s current gender expression, the staff person uses the current gender expression as indicated by the client.

- Providing a confidential area to describe services that the client may want to access to ensure the client’s confidentiality.
- The staff does not ask about the client’s sex assigned at birth during the intake process.
- A staff person at a project that segregates services based on gender accepts the client whose gender expression does not fit the stereotypical gender expression.

- A staff person quickly resolves conflicts severe enough to warrant the expulsion of a harassing client.
- Staff model appropriate respect and coach clients that express verbal and non-verbal disrespect.
- Staff provide confidential space to allow clients to discuss issues related to harassment or other concerns connected to their current gender expression within the project.

- If the person is feeling respected, they may give important information not included in the assessment that will assist in finding the right services for the individual. For example, based on the interaction, the staff may be able to recommend services to change the individual’s ID along with risks and benefits.
- Making the connection to the referred project and only sharing information that the client has approved.
- Listening to and respecting the client’s assessment of what feels safe to them when determining the referral options.

- A staff person recognizing the client’s right to access all services for which they are eligible.
- Upon complaint, staff correct and engage clients’ misconceptions that gender expression creates a safety risk.
- A staff person promotes non-discrimination by ensuring all clients understand that verbal and physical bullying are not allowed.

**Discouraging**

- A staff person accepting the name and gender given by the potential client.
- The staff person uses the pronouns as indicated by the client. This allows the person to feel more comfortable and continue in the outreach and engagement process.
- If ID is required and the gender marker does not correspond to the client’s current gender expression, the staff person uses the current gender expression as indicated by the client.

- A staff person ignoring unreasonable requests for accommodation in bed assignments based on a client’s health and safety concerns.
- Staff move the more compliant client to a shelter that will make them “more comfortable” based on the staff person’s perceptions.

- A staff person not respecting the client’s assessment of their safety and tries to encourage them to go to a shelter that will not discriminate against the client.
- A staff person does not follow-up with the receiving agency to make sure they are not discriminating against the client and turning them away.

- A staff person providing information to the receiving project that discloses the client’s transgender status without the client’s consent.
- A staff person treating a client in a way that violates the individual’s confidentiality around gender expression.

- A staff person turning away a potential client based on their gender expression.
- A staff person does not consider the client’s consent.

- A staff person does not take in a transgender client’s safety concerns seriously and fails to address them.
- A staff person ignores reasonable requests for accommodation in bed assignments based on a client’s gender identity.

- A staff person not respecting a transgender client’s safety concerns seriously and fails to address them.
- A staff person overlooking the gender non-conforming client when conflict arises based on the client’s gender expression.

- A staff person failing to intervene when a client is harassing someone based on their gender expression.
Notice on Equal Access Regardless of Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, or Marital Status for HUD’s Community Planning and Development Programs

This [shelter/building/housing/facility] receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Department’s (HUD) Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) and MUST comply with the following REQUIREMENTS:

- Determine your eligibility for housing regardless of your sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status, and must not discriminate against you because you do not conform to gender or sex stereotypes (i.e., because of your gender identity);
- Grant you equal access to CPD programs or facilities consistent with your gender identity, and provide your family with equal access;
- MUST NOT ask you to provide anatomical information or documentary (like your ID), physical, or medical evidence of your gender identity; and
- Take non-discriminatory steps when necessary and appropriate to address privacy concerns raised by any residents or occupants, including you.

If you think this program has violated any of these requirements, including any denial of services or benefits, contact your local HUD office for assistance with alleged violations of HUD program regulations. Local offices can be found at:

If you believe you have experienced housing discrimination because of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, or sex, including discrimination because of gender identity, contact 1-800-669-9777 or file a written complaint with HUD at: www.hud.gov “file a discrimination complaint”. Persons who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have speech impairments may file a complaint via TTY by calling the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To better understand HUD’s requirements, the following definitions apply:

- **Sexual orientation** means one’s emotional or physical attraction to the same and/or opposite sex (e.g. homosexuality, heterosexuality, or bisexuality).
- **Gender identity** means the gender with which a person identifies, regardless of the sex assigned to that person at birth and regardless of the person’s perceived gender identity.
- **Perceived gender identity** means the gender with which a person is perceived to identify based on that person’s appearance, behavior, expression, other gender related characteristics, or sex assigned to the individual at birth or identified in documents.
# Continuum of Care (CoC) Program
## Interim Rule Amended

### Background
Recipients that receive CoC Program funding to house households experiencing homelessness may provide tenant-based rental assistance to these households. HUD is amending this part of the CoC Program interim rule (Section 578.51).

### Why was the rule amended?
HUD determined the requirement that tenant-based rental assistance be used within the CoC’s geographic area limited household’s ability to obtain and maintain safe and desired housing, particularly in high cost markets.

### Which projects are impacted by this amendment?
This amendment affects projects that receive CoC Program funds to provide tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA).

### Where can I find the rule?
The rule was published in the [Federal Register](https://www.federalregister.gov) on June 16, 2016, and is called the “Increasing Mobility Options for Homeless Individuals and Families with Tenant-Based Rental Assistance.”

### What changes were made to the CoC Program rule?
- The amendment allows persons to choose housing outside of the CoC’s geographic area.
- They can move and retain their assistance as long as the recipient continues to meet certain requirements.
- Persons at risk of further domestic violence can already use their housing assistance outside of the CoC’s geographic area.

### What does the rule become effective?
The rule became effective July 14, 2016.
The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 and HUD’s Homeless Assistance Programs

On August 11, 2016, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), and the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a joint letter to remind recipients of federal financial assistance that they must not withhold certain services based on immigration status when the services are necessary to protect life or safety. This guidance provides additional information to recipients of funds under HUD’s Homeless Assistance Programs – the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and the Continuum of Care (CoC) Programs – about how this joint letter and the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act of 1996 (“the Act”), the Act on which this letter is based, applies to assistance funded through these programs. For more information about these programs, please see 24 CFR Part 576 and 24 CFR Part 578.

In the Act, Congress restricted immigrant access to certain federal public benefits but also recognized exceptions to protect life or safety, based on a 3-part test. There are certain types of federal assistance that are not subject to the Act’s restriction on access to public benefits based on immigration status. This includes activities that: (1) deliver in-kind services at the community level, (2) are necessary for the protection of life or safety, and (3) do not condition the provision of assistance on the potential program participant’s income or resources. The remainder of this document covers the types of assistance funded through the ESG and CoC Programs that are covered by this life or safety exception.

HUD has determined that the following forms of assistance meet this three-part test and, therefore, are not subject to the Act’s immigration-based restrictions:

- Street Outreach Services
- Emergency Shelter
- Safe Haven
- Rapid Re-Housing

Transitional housing meets the 3-part test and falls within the exception for life or safety, and therefore must be provided to persons without regard to immigration status, when the recipient or subrecipient owns or leases the building used to provide transitional housing. However, in transitional housing programs where the recipient or subrecipient provides rental assistance payments on behalf of program participants, this type of program does not fall within the life or safety exemption because the rental assistance provided is required by regulation to be based on the program participant’s income and, therefore, does not meet the 3-part test.

HUD reminds nonprofit organizations that are recipients of CoC or ESG Program funds that the Act does not require nonprofit charitable organizations to verify the immigration status of applicants for federal, state, or local public benefits.¹

1) CES for Families (formerly HFSS) RFP has been release, Proposers Conference is this Thursday, Questions can be submitted through Feb 13th and proposals are due back to LAHSA by March 8th. 

2) Intimate Partner Violence RRH RFP has an anticipated Spring Release (aiming for March).

3) 2017 CoC New Projects RFP has an anticipated late Spring Release

Awards should be announced in early Spring (@FCGM) for the following provider services:

- Mobile Showers (Released an RFI in early January)
- Safe Parking (Released an RFI in early January)
- Homes for Heroes (Funds Bridge Housing and waiting on approval from CEO’s office to see if we can use the remainder of funds for Motel Vouchers in SPAs 1 & 3)

We are also contracting with consultants through the Request for Bids (RFB) process for the following services:

- Shared Housing Study
- Coordination of Trauma Informed Care Training for First Responders
- D5: Support for Homeless Case Managers

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