

Los Angeles Continuum of Care

# Quarterly Community Meetings

## Presentation

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**Agenda**

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- 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



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# 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

# Agenda

- 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

# LA CoC Board Nominating Committee

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*

Representative	Representative Title	Organization
Abigail Marquez	Assistant General Manager	City of LA Housing and Community Investment Department
Adam Murray	Executive Director, Inner City Law	Advocates United
Alison Hurst	Executive Director, Safe Place for Youth	At-Large Provider Representative
Angela Chandler	Coordinator, Homeless Education Program	LA Unified School District
Benita DeFrank	Director, Neighborhood Services	San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
Carlos VanNatter	Director, Section 8	Housing Authority of the City of LA
Carol Crabson	Chief Executive Officer, Valley Oasis	SPA 1 Provider Representative
Chris Hubbard	Program Officer, California Community Foundation	Funders Together LA
Christine Mirasy-Glasco	Executive Director, Upward Bound House	SPA 5 Provider Representative
Danielle Noble	Deputy City Manager, City of Santa Monica	Westside Cities Council of Governments
Darlyne Pettinicchio	Bureau Chief	LA County Probation Department
Dora Leong Gallo	Executive Director, A Community of Friends	At-Large Provider Representative
Earl Paysinger	Vice President, Civic Engagement	University of Southern California
Edna Naito-Chan	Acting Director, Community Engagement and Reintegration Services	VA Greater LA Healthcare System
Eva Williams	Director, Corporation for Supportive Housing	Advocates United
Gilbert Saldade	Manager, Public Outreach & Housing, Tri-City Mental Health	SPA 3 Provider Representative
Hazel Lopez	Director of Community Services, The People Concern/LAMP Community	SPA 4 Provider Representative
Herbert Smith	President, LA Mission	SPA 4 Provider Representative
Jaime Garcia	Regional Vice President	Hospital Association of Southern California
Jaime Pacheco-Orozco	Director, Workforce Development Division	City of LA Economic & Workforce Development Department
James Hellmold	Chief	LA County Sheriff's Department
Jennifer Brogin	Manager, Transit Security Special Projects	LA Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Jennifer Vanore, Ph.D.	VP of Programs, UniHealth Foundation	Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
Jerrid McKenna	Management Analyst, City of Santa Clarita	San Fernando Valley Council of Governments
Jerry Neuman	Co-Chair, Liner LLP	LA Business Leaders Task Force on Homelessness
John Horn	Senior Vice President of Programs, LA Family Housing	SPA 2 Provider Representative
Judy Cooperberg	Executive Director, Mental Health Associates	At-Large Provider Representative
Keith Parker	Assistant Vice Chancellor, Government Community Relations	University of California, LA

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Kerry Morrison	Executive Director, Hollywood BID	LA Business Improvement District Consortium
Lucie Hollingsworth	Director of Legal Services, City of Glendale	Glendale CoC
Luther Evans, Jr.	Division Chief	LA County Department of Public Social Services
Malcom Bennett	Broker/Realtor, Minority Apartment Owners Association	Landlord Association
Marc Trotz	Director, Housing for Health	LA County Department of Health Services
Maria Cabildo	Director, Homeless Initiatives	Housing Authority of the County of LA
Maria Funk	Mental Health Clinical Program Manager III	LA County Department of Mental Health
Marion Sanders	Sr. Manager, Community Services, SSG-HOPICS	SPA 6 Provider Representative
Maury Pearl	Associate Vice Chancellor	LA Community College District
Meg Barclay	City Homeless Coordinator	City Administrative Officer of LA
Melissa Schoonmaker	Consultant, Homeless Children and Youth	LA County Office of Education
Meredith Berkson	Regional Director, South County, PATH	SPA 7 Provider Representative
Neil Haltrecht	Member	LA Business Leaders Task Force on Homelessness
Nina Vaccaro	Director, Clinical Services	Community Clinic Association of LA County
Phil Ansell	Director, LA County Homeless Initiative	LA County Office of the Chief Executive Officer
Reba Stevens	Advocate	LAHSA LEAG Representative
Roberta Medina	Deputy Director	LA County Department of Children and Family Services
Ryan Macy-Hurley	Director, Resource Development & Program Planning, 1736 Family Crisis Center	SPA 8 Provider Representative
Shannon DeLong	Assistant to City Manager, City of Downey	Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Stephanie Jaeger	Reverend	CLUE
Stephanie N. Caldwell	Chief of Staff	LA County Department of Public Health
Teresa Chandler	Homeless Services Officer, Community Health Bureau, City of Long Beach	Long Beach CoC
Todd Chamberlain	Assistant Commanding Officer	LA Police Department
Vicki Ann Vickers	Advocate	Corporation For Supportive Housing/Speak UP!
Wayne Windman	Lieutenant, City of Redondo Beach	South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Wendy Greuel	Commission Chair	LAHSA
William Huang	Director, Housing and Career Services, City of Pasadena	Pasadena CoC
Zachary Hoover	Executive Director	LA Voice

# HMIS Migration Project Plan Overview

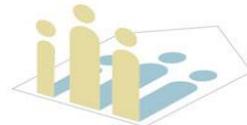
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# Project Overview

# Project Objectives

- 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 Adsystem 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
- 1/23 - 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
- 2/13 - 4/28
  - Revise training materials
  - Revise data reports
- Mid-March - 4/28
  - Program Setup
  - Access Roles Setup
- 5/15
  - LAUNCH!**



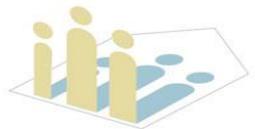
- 1/17 - 1/20
  - System Administrators trained

- 2/3 - 2/10
  - Initial System Workflow** designed for feedback

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

- Mid-March
  - Finalized System/CES Workflows**
  - Proposed Adsystem HMIS Training Cut Off
  - Train-the-Trainer with BitFocus

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



# Resources

# External supports for project success

Resource	Requested Contribution
HUD TA	Support for Community Meetings, Frameworks for training and other materials, Data Mapping
City/County Partner Agencies & Departments	Reporting and potential user experience feedback for other city/county organizations/departments
United Way	Communication Support to Community
HMIS User Forum	User experience feedback, workflow and access role definitions
CES Ops, Tiger Team, CES for Families Meetings	User experience feedback, workflow and access role definitions (more specifically around CES)



# 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



# Communication plan for project management

## BitFocus Project Team Weekly Calls

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- Include Pasadena and Glendale CoC Collaborative Leads
- Update project status
- Discussions on setup

## Collaborative Bi-Weekly Work Session Calls

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- Discuss Collaborative specific setup items (programs, accounts, access rules)
- Discuss Policies and Procedures
- May include legal counsel and policy team

## LAHSA Staff LAHSA Updates

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- Shorter/smaller versions of monthly reports
- CES Newsletter



# Communication plan for community stakeholders

## General Community

Monthly Updates through LAHSA Website

- Monthly updates to regional homeless coalitions
- CES Newsletter
- Live Demonstration and Webinars

## Governing Bodies

Monthly Reports

- LAHSA Commission
- Coordinating Council
- Regional Homelessness Advisory Committee

## HMIS User Forum

Revised to Monthly Schedule for feedback (more frequently, if needed)

- Gather input for user experience and reporting
- User community surveys

## CES Tiger Team

Bi-Weekly Updates

- Discuss CES-specific software configuration
- Updates on progress



Questions?

# Update on Federal Notices

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## 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

# Equal Access Rule

## 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

# Equal Access Rule

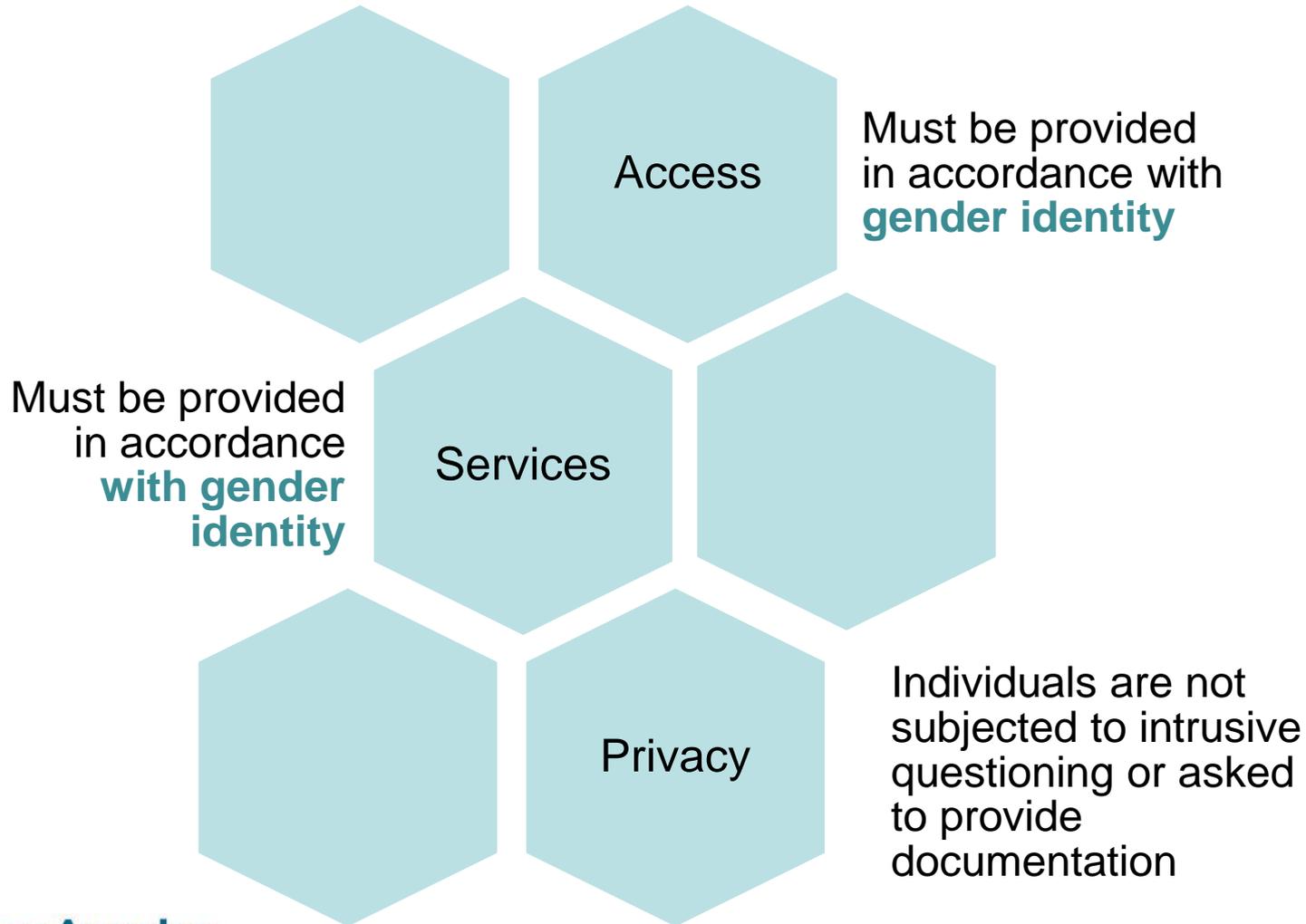
**Gender Identity** is how a person self-identifies

- 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



# 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?



# Immigrant Access Guidance

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**

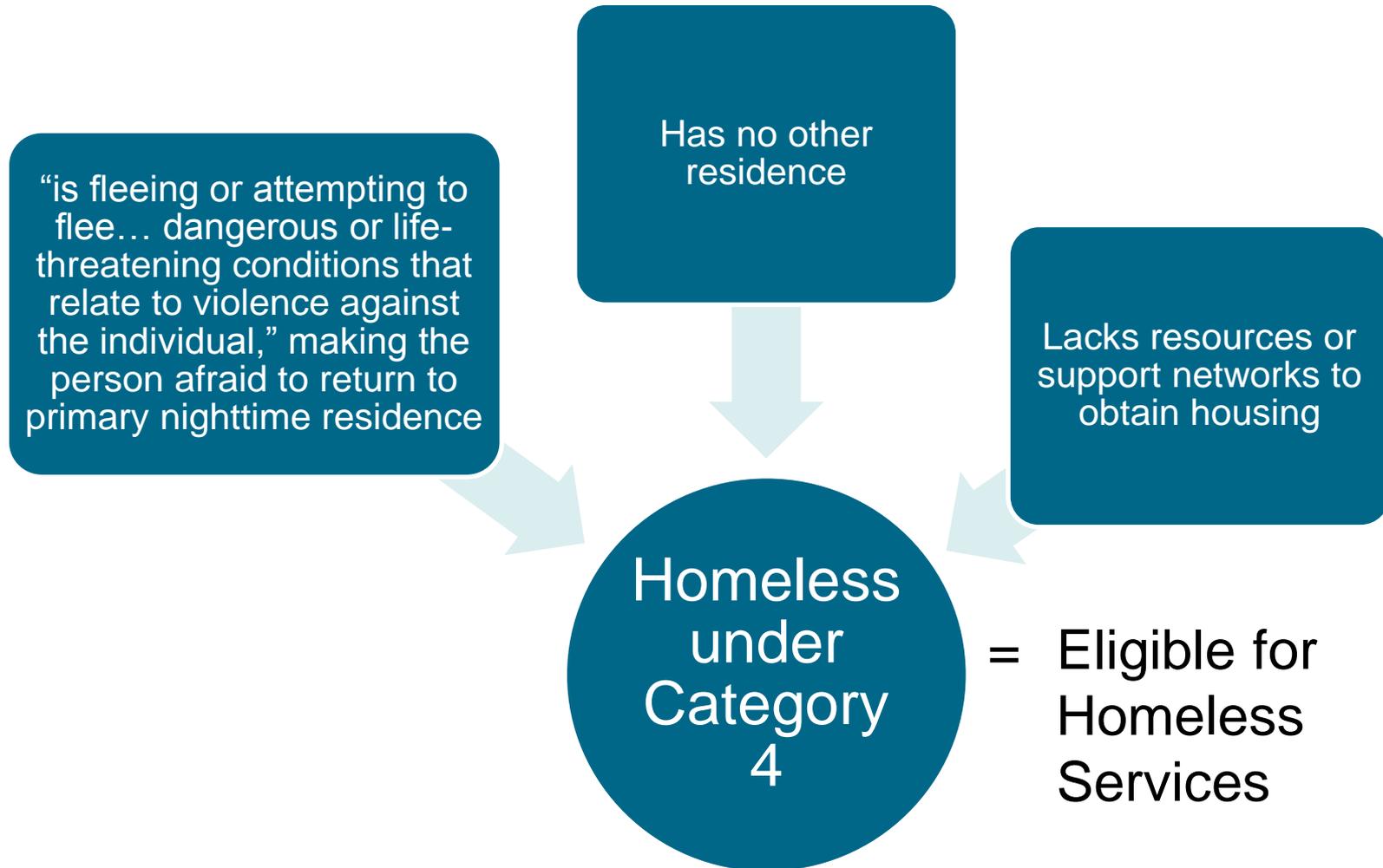
# Category 4 and Fleeing Violence

**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



# Resources Available

- **Equal Access (HUD Webinar):** <https://www.hudexchange.info/course-content/equal-access-and-gender-identity-rules-training/Implementing-HUDs-Equal-Access-and-Gender-Identity-Rules-Slides-2016-11-17.pdf>
- **Mobility Rule (HUD Webinar):**  
<https://www.hudexchange.info/trainings/courses/increasing-mobility-options-for-homeless-households-assisted-with-tbra-webinar1/>
- **Mobility Rule (HUD One-Pager):** <https://www.hudexchange.info/course-content/increasing-mobility-options-for-homeless-households-assisted-with-tbra-webinar1/Increasing-Mobility-Options-for-Homeless-Households-Assisted-with-TBRA-Webinar-One-Pager-2016-07-12.pdf>
- **Immigrant Access (Fact sheet):**  
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/PRWORA-Fact-Sheet.pdf>
- **Homeless Definition (NOFA 2016)**  
<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/FY-2016-CoC-Program-NOFA.pdf> and  
[http://www.endhomelessness.org/page/-/files/3006\\_file\\_Summary\\_and\\_Analysis\\_of\\_Final\\_Definition\\_Rule.pdf](http://www.endhomelessness.org/page/-/files/3006_file_Summary_and_Analysis_of_Final_Definition_Rule.pdf)



# Questions?

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# Supporting Equal Access Across the Full Spectrum of Services

## Encouraging

## Discouraging

### Outreach/Engagement

- ✓ A staff person accepting the name and gender given by the potential client.
- ✓ The staff person uses the pronoun 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 rejecting the client's name or gender based on assumptions of the person's name or sex-at-birth.
- ✗ Using the incorrect pronoun after the client has given their preference.
- ✗ Asking probing questions not necessary for engaging the individual. The individual may feel unsafe and choose to leave before outreach/engagement is complete.

### Assessment

- ✓ 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.
- ✓ A staff person accepts and uses the client's preferred name and gender pronoun regardless institutional documents or sex-assigned at birth. This allows the client to feel more comfortable and complete the assessment process.

- ✗ A staff person rejecting the client's name or gender based on assumptions of the person's name or sex-at-birth.
- ✗ Using incorrect pronoun after the client has given their preference.
- ✗ Asking probing question regarding medications and medical procedures. If the individual feels harassed or violated by the staff or the process, the individual may abandon the assessment process and lose access to critical and potentially life saving services.

### Referral

- ✓ When referring a client to a single-sex or sex segregated project, the staff person offers to assist the client to ensure they are able to access services for which they are eligible. If the project rejects the client based on gender expression, the staff person reports the violation to the CoC while continuing to work with the client.
- ✓ Making the connection to the referral 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 only makes referrals to projects that the staff thinks will accept the client due to inappropriately perceived barriers.
- ✗ 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 provides information to the receiving project that discloses the client's transgender status without the client's consent.

### Enrollment

- ✓ 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 at a project that segregates services based on gender accepts the client who identifies with that gender.

- ✗ A staff person turning away a potential client based on their gender expression.
- ✗ A staff person treating a client in a way that violates the individual's confidentiality around gender expression
- ✗ A staff person does not respect the client's assessment of their safety and tries to encourage them to go to a shelter that will make them "more comfortable" based on the staff person's perceptions.

### Unit/Bed Assignment

- ✓ 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.

- ✗ A staff person ignores reasonable requests for accommodation in bed assignments based on a client's health and safety concerns.
- ✗ Staff move the more compliant client when conflict arises even if that client was the subject of harassment.
- ✗ A staff person moves the gender non-conforming client when conflict arises based on the client's gender identity.
- ✗ The agency does not have bathrooms and showers arranged to provide privacy.

### Ongoing Service Provision

- ✓ A staff person recognizes the client's right to access all services for which they are eligible.
- ✓ Upon complaint, staff correct and engage clients' misperception 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.

- ✗ A staff person does not take a transgender client's safety concerns seriously and fails to address them.
- ✗ A staff person reassigns a transgender client's bed based on another client's complaint related solely to gender expression.
- ✗ A staff person fails to intervene when a client is harassing someone based on their gender expression.

*This form is currently available for information purposes. Use of this form is not required until OMB approval is obtained. This form is subject to change.*

**U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**  
Office of Community Planning and Development  
**OMB Approval No. XXXX-XXXX**  
**Expires XX/XX/XXXX**

### **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:**

**[http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program\\_offices/field\\_policy\\_mgt/localoffices](http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD?src=/program_offices/field_policy_mgt/localoffices)**

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](http://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](#) 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.





August 16, 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.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> For more information about verification and the nonprofit exemption, see Department of Justice, Interim Guidance on Verification of Citizenship, Qualified Alien Status and Eligibility Under Title IV of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, 62 Fed. Reg. 61344, 61345 (Nov. 17, 1997).

# Funding Opportunities

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

Please submit questions to: [fundingopportunities@lahsa.org](mailto:fundingopportunities@lahsa.org)

# 2017 Greater Los Angeles Homeless Count

## Debrief & Community Feedback

Jonathan Hans, Manager, Planning  
February/March 2017



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