

Phoenix/Maricopa County Continuum of Care

Questions for CoC to Decide

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Background

The CoC developed a technical assistance work plan consisting of action steps the community has to take over the next year for implementation of the HEARTH Act. Workgroups currently meet, as needed, to work through the myriad of details and design features to develop and implement a coordinated assessment system, make improvements toward a more effective and open HMIS, as well as to evaluate and re-tool transitional housing programs throughout the region.

Participation in the workgroups has steadily increased and membership is fairly large. According to the results of the CoC Governance Survey, it is recommended that a smaller advisory group be established to facilitate a more streamlined process to arrive at final recommendations/decisions.

If the CoC decides to establish an advisory group, the group will have various responsibilities, including:

- Taking recommendations for policy and procedures for the Coordinated Assessment system.
- Finalizing the assessment tool and referral processes.
- Recommending and facilitating a process to choose “entry points and agencies to deliver assessment and referral services” such as an RFP process.
- Providing ongoing quality assessment of the system after implementation
 - Meeting with providers after the Coordinated Assessment goes “live” to make changes to the assessment tool and referral system as needed.
 - Providing continued oversight/monitoring of Coordinated Assessment System.
- Making decisions regarding data-sharing in HMIS.
- Providing oversight to transitional housing re-tooling activities.

Questions for the CoC to Decide

1) How will decisions be made about the Coordinated Assessment system and changes to Transitional Housing programs?

- A) An advisory group/subcommittee of the CoC, with limited membership, takes recommendations from the workgroups and makes decisions and reports back/consults with the CoC periodically on key issues.
- B) An advisory group/subcommittee of the CoC, with limited membership, recommends action to the CoC; the CoC votes on major decisions regarding the development of Coordinated Assessment and retooling transitional housing activities.
- C) All recommendations from the workgroup are made directly to the CoC to vote upon.
- D) Other

2) Who should appoint members of this smaller group?

- A) The CoC should appoint members.
- B) The CoC Lead, CoC Chair, and CoC Planning Subcommittee Chair should appoint members.
- C) Members should volunteer/be nominated and be voted on by CoC.
- D) Workgroup should choose members that are voted on by CoC.
- E) Other

3) What types of members should be included on this smaller group?

- A) Providers (conflict of interest issue should be considered regarding certain responsibilities)
- B) Funders
- C) Elected officials
- D) Consumers
- E) Other