

4A. Accessing Mainstream Benefits

Instructions:

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4A-1. Does the CoC systematically provide information to provider staff about mainstream benefits, including up-to-date resources on eligibility and mainstream program changes that can affect homeless clients? Yes

4A-2. Based on the CoC's FY 2015 new and renewal project applications, what percentage of projects have demonstrated that the project is assisting project participants to obtain mainstream benefits, which includes all of the following within each project: transportation assistance, use of a single application, annual follow-ups with participants, and SOAR-trained staff technical assistance to obtain SSI/SSDI?

FY 2015 Assistance with Mainstream Benefits

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| Total number of project applications in the FY 2015 competition (new and renewal): | 10 |
| Total number of renewal and new project applications that demonstrate assistance to project participants to obtain mainstream benefits (i.e. In a Renewal Project Application, "Yes" is selected for Questions 3a, 3b, 3c, 4, and 4a on Screen 4A. In a New Project Application, "Yes" is selected for Questions 5a, 5b, 5c, 6, and 6a on Screen 4A). | 10 |
| Percentage of renewal and new project applications in the FY 2015 competition that have demonstrated assistance to project participants to obtain mainstream benefits: | 100% |

4A-3. List the healthcare organizations you are collaborating with to facilitate health insurance enrollment (e.g. Medicaid, Affordable Care Act options) for program participants. For each healthcare partner, detail the specific outcomes resulting from the partnership in the establishment of benefits for program participants. (limit 1000 characters)

1. CA is Medicaid expansion state.
2. Humboldt County DHHS, Open Door Community Health Centers
3. DHHS (Collab App) is the primary organization responsible for MediCal enrollment in the county. The CoC's partnership with Medi-Cal Enrollment Division has led to significant increases in Medi-Cal enrollment among participants in CoC projects in the county as DHHS & partner organizations have made significant efforts to enroll all who are eligible in Medi-Cal services. As participants are referred by projects, the Eligibility Department & the DHHS Mental Health Case Management department work together to ensure a streamlined enrollment process. Approximately 62% of renewal project participants have access to health insurance, and county data shows strong trends in increased access to Medi-Cal benefits. Once a participant is connected to healthcare benefits, a CoC partnership with Open Door Community Health Centers ensures that the participant has an established primary care center.

4A-4. What are the primary ways that the CoC ensures that program participants with health insurance are able to effectively utilize the healthcare benefits available?

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| Educational materials: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| In-Person Trainings: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Transportation to medical appointments: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Coordination with Open Door Community Health Centers to establish medical home/primary care clinic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Not Applicable or None: | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4B. Additional Policies

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4B-1. Based on the CoC's FY 2015 new and renewal project applications, what percentage of Permanent Housing (PSH and RRH), Transitional Housing (TH) and SSO (non-Coordinated Entry) projects in the CoC are low barrier? Meaning that they do not screen out potential participants based on those clients possessing a) too little or little income, b) active or history of substance use, c) criminal record, with exceptions for state-mandated restrictions, and d) history of domestic violence.

FY 2015 Low Barrier Designation

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| Total number of PH (PSH and RRH), TH and non-Coordinated Entry SSO project applications in the FY 2015 competition (new and renewal): | 10 |
| Total number of PH (PSH and RRH), TH and non-Coordinated Entry SSO renewal and new project applications that selected "low barrier" in the FY 2015 competition: | 10 |
| Percentage of PH (PSH and RRH), TH and non-Coordinated Entry SSO renewal and new project applications in the FY 2015 competition that will be designated as "low barrier": | 100% |

4B-2. What percentage of CoC Program-funded Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH), RRH, SSO (non-Coordinated Entry) and Transitional Housing (TH) FY 2015 Projects have adopted a Housing First approach, meaning that the project quickly houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements?

FY 2015 Projects Housing First Designation

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| Total number of PSH, RRH, non-Coordinated Entry SSO, and TH project applications in the FY 2015 competition (new and renewal): | 10 |
| Total number of PSH, RRH, non-Coordinated Entry SSO, and TH renewal and new project applications that selected Housing First in the FY 2015 competition: | 10 |
| Percentage of PSH, RRH, non-Coordinated Entry SSO, and TH renewal and new project applications in the FY 2015 competition that will be designated as Housing First: | 100% |

4B-3. What has the CoC done to ensure awareness of and access to housing and supportive services within the CoC's geographic area to persons that could benefit from CoC-funded programs but are not currently participating in a CoC funded program? In particular, how does the CoC reach out to for persons that are least likely to request housing or services in the absence of special outreach?

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| Direct outreach and marketing: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Use of phone or internet-based services like 211: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Marketing in languages commonly spoken in the community: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Making physical and virtual locations accessible to those with disabilities: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Cultural competency training, including on LGBT homeless issues | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advertising on public access television | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Advertising in local newspaper | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Not applicable: | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4B-4. Compare the number of RRH units available to serve any population from the 2014 and 2015 HIC.

| | 2014 | 2015 | Difference |
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| RRH units available to serve any population in the HIC: | 0 | 33 | 33 |

4B-5. Are any new proposed project applications requesting \$200,000 or more in funding for housing rehabilitation or new construction? No

**4B-6. If "Yes" in Questions 4B-5, then describe the activities that the project(s) will undertake to ensure that employment, training and other economic opportunities are directed to low or very low income persons to comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) (Section 3) and HUD's implementing rules at 24 CFR part 135?
(limit 1000 characters)**

Not applicable.

4B-7. Is the CoC requesting to designate one or more of its SSO or TH projects to serve families with children and youth defined as homeless under other Federal statutes? No

4B-7a. If "Yes" in Question 4B-7, describe how the use of grant funds to serve such persons is of equal or greater priority than serving persons defined as homeless in accordance with 24 CFR 578.89. Description must include whether or not this is listed as a priority in the Consolidated Plan(s) and its CoC strategic plan goals. CoCs must attach the list of projects that would be serving this population (up to 10 percent of CoC total award) and the applicable portions of the Consolidated Plan. (limit 2500 characters)

Not applicable.

4B-8. Has the project been affected by a major disaster, as declared by President Obama under Title IV of the Robert T. Stafford Act in the 12 months prior to the opening of the FY 2015 CoC Program Competition? No

4B-8a. If "Yes" in Question 4B-8, describe the impact of the natural disaster on specific projects in the CoC and how this affected the CoC's ability to address homelessness and provide the necessary reporting to HUD. (limit 1500 characters)

Not applicable.

4B-9. Did the CoC or any of its CoC program recipients/subrecipients request technical assistance from HUD in the past two years (since the submission of the FY 2012 application)? This response does not affect the scoring of this application. Yes

4B-9a. If "Yes" to Question 4B-9, check the box(es) for which technical assistance was requested.

This response does not affect the scoring of this application.

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| CoC Governance: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CoC Systems Performance Measurement: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Coordinated Entry: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Data reporting and data analysis: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| HMIS: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Homeless subpopulations targeted by Opening Doors: veterans, chronic, children and families, and unaccompanied youth: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Maximizing the use of mainstream resources: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Retooling transitional housing: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Rapid re-housing: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Under-performing program recipient, subrecipient or project: | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Client eligibility and documentation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Not applicable: | <input type="checkbox"/> |

4B-9b. If TA was received, indicate the type(s) of TA received, using the categories listed in 4B-9a, the month and year it was received and then indicate the value of the TA to the CoC/recipient/subrecipient involved given the local conditions at the time, with 5 being the highest value and a 1 indicating no value.

This response does not affect the scoring of this application.

| Type of Technical Assistance Received | Date Received | Rate the Value of the Technical Assistance |
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| Retooling transitional housing | 04/01/2015 | 5 |
| Client eligibility and documentation | 05/01/2015 | 5 |
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4C. Attachments

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For required attachments related to rejected projects, if the CoC did not reject any projects then attach a document that says "Does Not Apply".

| Document Type | Required? | Document Description | Date Attached |
|---|-----------|----------------------|---------------|
| 01. 2015 CoC Consolidated Application: Evidence of the CoC's Communication to Rejected Projects | Yes | 2015 CA-522 Evide... | 11/13/2015 |
| 02. 2015 CoC Consolidated Application: Public Posting Evidence | Yes | | |
| 03. CoC Rating and Review Procedure | Yes | 2015 CA-522 Ratin... | 11/11/2015 |
| 04. CoC's Rating and Review Procedure: Public Posting Evidence | Yes | 2015 CA-522 Ratin... | 11/17/2015 |
| 05. CoCs Process for Reallocating | Yes | 2015 CA-522 CoC P... | 11/13/2015 |
| 06. CoC's Governance Charter | Yes | 2015 CA-522 CoC G... | 11/17/2015 |
| 07. HMIS Policy and Procedures Manual | Yes | 2015 CA-522 HMIS ... | 11/16/2015 |
| 08. Applicable Sections of Con Plan to Serving Persons Defined as Homeless Under Other Fed Statutes | No | | |
| 09. PHA Administration Plan (Applicable Section(s) Only) | Yes | 2015 CA-522 PHA A... | 11/11/2015 |
| 10. CoC-HMIS MOU (if referenced in the CoC's Governance Charter) | No | 2015 CA-522 CoC-H... | 11/13/2015 |
| 11. CoC Written Standards for Order of Priority | No | 2015 CA-522 CoC W... | 11/13/2015 |
| 12. Project List to Serve Persons Defined as Homeless under Other Federal Statutes | No | | |
| 13. Other | No | | |
| 14. Other | No | | |
| 15. Other | No | | |

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