

Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care

Polices, Plans, and Procedures

COC Governing Council

Project Ranking and Prioritizing		
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- I. Subject:** Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care (CoC) Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CoC Recipient Monitoring
- II. Purpose:** To establish guidance for the CoC System Performance Committee to provide monitoring, consultation and coordination of HUD CoC monies within the CoC geographic area.
- III. Objective:** To meet the requirements of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care Interim Rule (24 CFR 578) and Notice CPD 16-11.
- IV: Authority:** TN Valley Continuum of Care

V: Procedure and Responsibilities:

1. TN Valley Continuum of Care (TVCoC) will follow the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CPD-16-11 guidance and the Continuum of Care Interim Rule (24 CFR 578). This guidance is based upon:
 - a. The Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act), enacted into law on May 20, 2009, consolidates three of the separate homeless assistance programs administered by HUD under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act into a single grant program. The

HEARTH Act also codifies into law the Continuum of Care planning process, a longstanding part of HUD's application process to assist homeless persons by providing greater coordination in responding to their needs.

- b. The TVCoC in conjunction with Collaborative Applicant is designated as the entities that will monitor and promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness; provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness; promote access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
 - c. TN Valley Continuum of Care will follow the HUD CoC Interim Rule. The interim rule, was published in the Federal Register on July 31, 2012. The interim rule establishes the regulations for the Continuum of Care Program and focuses on regulatory implementation of the Continuum of Care Program, including the Continuum of Care planning process. The existing homeless assistance programs that comprise the Continuum of Care Program are the following: the Supportive Housing Program, the Shelter Plus Care Program, and the Moderate Rehabilitation/Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Program. The final Homeless Definition is in effect for administration of the CoC Program interim rule.
2. Per the CoC Interim rules the CoC will annually monitor all HUD CoC Funded Projects following 24 CFR 578as well as Notice: CPD-16-11 through the development and use of a System Performance Committee. Monitoring of HUD CoC recipients will occur through the following procedures;
- a. The Governing Council is designated as the coordinator of the annual System Performance Committee
 - b. The System Performance Committee with consultation from the Governing Council will annually evaluate, monitor and rank all Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Funded programs.
 - c. The System Performance Committee will consist of individuals nominated by the Governing Council or who have volunteered to participate, who do not receive any HUD CoC monies.
 - d. The individuals nominated to serve on the System Performance Committee will be presented by the chair of the Governing Council to the HUD CoC grantees to verify that no known "conflict of interest" exist. If no "conflict of interest" is verbalized the committee is finalized.
 - e. To coordinate the annual evaluation, monitoring and ranking a chair for the System Performance Committee will be assigned. The chair of the System Performance Committee will email all CoC renewal applicants a "Renewal Project Review Form" after the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) NOFA is announced.

- f. The “Renewal Project Review Form” will be used to evaluate performance of projects and will include a performance criteria including reducing the length of time people experienced homelessness and the degree to which people exited program for permanent housing designation.
- g. The applicants will have a designated date to return the form prior to the scheduled meeting of the System Performance Committee with all required attached documents.
- h. The System Performance Committee will review submitted forms and provide a report of final ranking of recipient projects based upon recipient’s self- disclosure self –ranking and 24 CFR 578 rules and CoC prioritizing requirements.
- i. Once ranking report is finalized it will be presented to the Governing Council, full CoC body and posted online (by Collaborative Applicant).

IV: Cancellation:

This policy supersedes all previous instructions.

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