

**Minutes of the August, 15, 2017 meeting of
Somerville-Arlington Homeless Providers Group**

- 1. See attached *sign in* sheet for attendees. A round of introductions was made.**

- 2. An announcement was made: CoC encouragement of new project proposals for NOFA**
 - HUD
 - Opportunity for funding for new project applications
 - Reallocation funds available: up to \$158,881
 - Permanent Housing Bonus: \$106,470
 - the CoC especially encourages applications for HMIS-dedicated projects, PSH and RRH, Joint TH/RRH projects
 - All new projects must participate in Coordinated Entry
 - Anticipating renewals
 - The need to balance building capacity with units offered in a program
 - \$100-125 thousand available for permanent housing—Just-A-Start would welcome another agency taking on the 3 units in their Next Step project, including supplying supportive services
 - Eligibility factors that are taken into consideration for assistance with services:
 - Immigration
 - Conviction for meth
 - Mandatory factors

- 3. NOFA Deadlines**
 - **Friday August 18th, by noon-** New applications for reallocation funds are to be submitted through a quick application and concept papers
 - **Tuesday August 22nd-** Projects for renewal are to be submitted for review before final submission through email containing a pdf of the project proposal
 - **Friday August 25th-** Drafts for new projects due
 - **Tuesday August 29th-** All applications and projects must be submitted through ESNAPS
 - **Thursday September 28th-** NOFA deadline

- 4. Project Review Scoring and Ranking**

- The order is now more chronological
- Specific rating tool attached in handout
 - Rating tool was reviewed, further questions can be directed to lead agency representatives
- A significant new process has been added to the rating plan this year
 - Lead agency representatives along with a CoC planning consultant are holding meetings with each recipient agency to review project performance and goals, before the project rating and ranking takes place
- Expectations that each project in renewal are “safe”: all projects will be in Tier 1.
- Leading agency, CoC members, and a third party TBA are a part of the rating committee. The rating tool is populated with data from each project’s APR.
- Noted that system performance measures for every project listed in the HIC affect the CoC’s overall score

5. Vote on Recommended Ranking Plan

- Passed
- Cambridge and Somerville Legal Services made the motion
- Wayside seconds the motion
- 7-0 in favor
- Town of Arlington was not present

6. ESG Supplemental Allocation

- Request for proposal package able to be picked up at Somerville City Hall starting Wednesday August 16th, 2017
- Paperwork due by September 12th, 2017 through email
- This is one time supplemental money
 - \$219,875.00 available
 - Rapid rehousing, Street Outreach, and Prevention only
 - HMIS needed for all
- Another note regarding ESG: SHC has ESG-funded RRH and other projects can make referrals to their program

7. Agency Updates

- Anthony Joseph mentions a ‘private landlord list’
 - Mass landlords
 - Chambers of commerce has a meeting once a month, during which the idea could be presented

8. 8. Technical Assistance.

- TA for Project Applications to be offered by CoC planning consultant Joyce Tavon after today's meeting

9. Next Meeting

September 19th, 2017 2pm at VOA Mass Bay Veteran Center, 2 North Street, Somerville