Continuum of Care – Rating and Ranking Criteria

Why:

- All CoC's have to demonstrate a fair and impartial project ranking, review and selection process
- A process makes difficult decisions less personal
- Funding is scarce, prioritize by need
- Specific criteria is unbiased
- HUD is doing some funding based on CoC's ranking, review and selection process

When

- Started with FY12 funding cycle
- Part of the Collaborative Application (NOFA May- August, funding end of calendar year)
- Includes tiering of project applications

Who

- 425 CoC's in the country – down from 500 due to consolidation
- Larger CoC's are out performing smaller ones due to the administrative burdens
- Applies to all projects – new, renew, bonus

Where

- Local and balance of state CoC
- Subcommittee/standing committee – not comprised of applicants

How

- Establish a written process and have your CoC adopt it
- Include standard minimum requirements: match, expenditure of grant funds, bed utilization, cost effectiveness of project, HMIS implementation and compliance
- Review specific project performance via APR's, HMIS data quality and performance, LOCCS drawdowns
- Include HUD and your CoC priorities which should be adopted
- Develop a rating tool

Resources

https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/guide-to-reallocating-funds-in-the-coc-program

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/coc/toolkit/responsibilities-and-duties/#preparing-an-annual-application-to-hud-for-funds

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