



Columbus & Franklin County Ohio Continuum of Care Membership Minutes

Date: January 29, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

Location: Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Buck Bramlish, Carlie Boos, Chanda Wingo, Diane Alecusan, Ian Labitue, Jeff Pattison, Jim Rose, Juliet Dorris-Williams, Katie Farabee, Lauren Wilson, Le-Ann Harris, Malcolm Turner, Marcus Johnson, M.Ed., Mary O’Doherty, Matt Martin, Meghann Cicola, Michael Wilkos, Ben Sears, Scott Scharlach, Shannon Isom, Shianne Howard, and Walter Dillard. Tina Rutherford was not present but was represented by a different individual

Members not present: Allison Marker, Beth Fetzer-Rice, Beth Lonn, Courtney Elrod, Donna Mayer, Dr. Desiree Polk-Bland, Emerald Hernandez-Parra, John Oswald, Lt. Kyle Kincade, Makaylah Downour, MarQuan McCarrel, Melissa Sirak, Nancy Hashman, Rei Scott, Scott Johnson, Sheila Prillerman, Sonya Higginbotham, Sue Villilo, Terri Power, Tiara Ross, and Vunessa Allen-Martin

CSB Staff Present: Adam Rowan, Samba Silla, Tracy Whalen Payne, Sherrice Seldge-Thomas, Steve Skovensky

I. Call to Order

- a. Meeting was called to order at approximately 2:02 PM by Michael Wilkos.

II. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion to approve was made by Jeff Pattison and was seconded by Shannon Isom and was unanimously approved.

III. FY25 NOFO Status Update

- a. HUD rescinded the original FY25 NOFO following litigation.
- b. A court order issued December 23, 2025, requires HUD to operate under the FY24/FY25 NOFO.
- c. HUD reopened the FY24/FY25 NOFO on January 9, 2026, with renewals due February 9, 2026.

- d. The current cycle is largely non-competitive renewals, no new projects or reallocations.
- e. Only one local project requires a new priority listing.
- f. HUD is prohibited from penalizing CoCs based on policy priorities challenged in litigation.
- g. If HUD prevails in court, a revised FY25 NOFO may be reinstated, potentially reintroducing funding caps and competition requirements.

IV. Governance Charter Review

- a. Expand CoC Board size up to 13 members.
- b. Clarify representation categories (e.g., law enforcement, funders, elected officials, advocacy, lived experience).
- c. Standardized three-year renewable terms.
- d. Strengthen conflict of interest and appeals policies with clearer procedures and timelines.
- e. Update HMIS governance to enhance privacy and security protections.
- f. Shift from standing committees to more goal-oriented, time-limited working committees.
- g. No formal action taken; a draft charter will be presented at a future meeting.

V. System Performance Measures

- a. Length of Time Homeless: Increased slightly, consistent with national trends; growth has slowed.
- b. Returns to Homelessness (24 months): Improved significantly; nearing national average.
- c. Increased Earned Income at Exit: Rebounded to near national average after declines during COVID.
- d. First-Time Homelessness: Decreasing; interpretation requires caution due to system capacity factors.
- e. Street Outreach Successful Exits: Significant improvement over two years.
- f. Successful Exits from ES/TH/RRH: Increased steadily; now exceeding national average.
- g. Permanent Supportive Housing Retention: Stable at 98%, consistent with national performance.
- h. Strong positive trends are recognized.
- i. Members emphasized interpreting data beyond HUD metrics to assess community-wide impact.
- j. Acknowledgment of partner agencies' efforts to drive improved outcomes.

VI. Winter Response Update

- a. Expanded winter capacity with approximately 200 additional emergency and warming center beds.
- b. Strategic use of a non-congregate hotel shelter to support housing placements.
- c. Strong coordination among outreach, shelter, and emergency response partners during severe winter storms.
- d. Continued capacity available; community messaging emphasized walk-in access.
- e. Collaboration with Franklin County Animal Shelter for emergency pet boarding.

VII. Adjournment

- a. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:23 PM