Coordinated Entry Equity Initiative Kick-Off Call

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- System Level Setting - getting on the same page!
- Equity Initiative Opportunity - what it is, and where we’re at
- Q&A
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What is a Continuum of Care?

A *community plan* to organize and deliver housing and services to meet the specific needs of people who are homeless as they move to stable housing and self-sufficiency. It includes action steps to end homelessness and prevent a return to homelessness.

A *system of programs and resources* in a geographic area designed to address and end homelessness. Parts of a continuum:

- Outreach, intake, and assessment
- Emergency shelter
- Transitional housing with supportive services
- Permanent and permanent supportive housing
What is a Continuum of Care?

A *planning body* organized to carry out the responsibilities prescribed in the **CoC Program Interim Rule** for a defined geographic area.

*The CoC Program* is the largest federal program providing grants to homelessness assistance projects.
Coordinated Entry Definition

Coordinated Entry (CE), also known as coordinated intake, coordinated systems, or coordinated assessment...is a process or system that coordinates entry into, movement within, and ultimately exit from a homeless system. Coordinated Entry processes increase the efficiency of a homeless assistance system by standardizing access to homeless services.
Coordinated Entry and the CoC

• A Continuum of Care (CoCs) is expected to address homelessness through a coordinated community-based process of:
  • Identifying needs
  • Building a system of housing and services that meet those needs with the goals of ending and preventing homelessness.
Coordinated Entry Key Elements

- Prioritize households with greatest needs
- Include projects that serve all household types and target populations
- Provide easy access through street outreach, hotlines, and physical locations
- Use standardized assessments that are person-centered
- Have a fair and equal referral process
- Lower barriers to entry using a Housing First approach to enrollment and service delivery
Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care

• The Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BoSCoC) represents the 80 non-urban counties in Ohio.

• The 80 counties within the Ohio BoSCoC are divided into 17 Homeless Planning Regions.

• These Homeless Planning Regions are responsible for implementing coordinated entry in their communities.

• The Ohio BoSCoC currently has eight standing committees/workgroups in addition to the CoC Board.
Ohio BoSCoC Structure and Organization

- **CoC General Membership**
- **CoC Board of Directors**
  - **Collaborative Applicant Lead Agency (ODOD)**
  - **HMIS Lead Agency (COHHIO)**
  - **Subcontracts with (COHHIO)**
  - **Coordinated Entry**
Racial Disparities in the Ohio BoSCoC

CoC Distribution of Race

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What is the HUD Coordinated Entry Equity Initiative?
Ohio BoSCoC Was Selected!

- Ohio CoC’s are participating in the initiative as part of a near statewide effort
  - 8 of Ohio’s 9 CoCs are participating
Draft Statewide Goal Statement

By October 2022, the Ohio statewide Racial Equity Team will address inequities in the access, assessment and prioritization phases of Coordinated Entry by:

1) Centering people with lived expertise and Black, Indigenous, and people of color to make/co-design decisions and serve as accountability partners.

2) Determining agreed-upon statewide measures to evaluate and analyze our local data.

3) Adopting a process for developing and evaluating a racially equitable assessment and prioritization tool that is designed and administered with an equity lens.
Ohio BoS CoC CE Equity Initiative
Core Team

• Has been meeting twice monthly since March
•Outlined some shared values
• Completed a power mapping exercise
Community Experiences

• Where we were
  • Race Equity Task Force
• What we did
  • Community Charter
  • Continued work of Austin Prioritization Index
• Where we’re going next
  • Piloting API with CQI
  • Specified outreach and navigation
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Questions?
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