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CoC Membership Meeting


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Purpose of CoC Membership Meetings

- HUD Requirement
- Opportunity to provide updates outside of stand-alone webinar



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HUD's Equal Access Rule

- Three total rules focused on ensuring fair and equal access to housing for all Americans, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, non conformance with gender stereotypes, marital status.
 - https://www.hud.gov/LGBT_resources

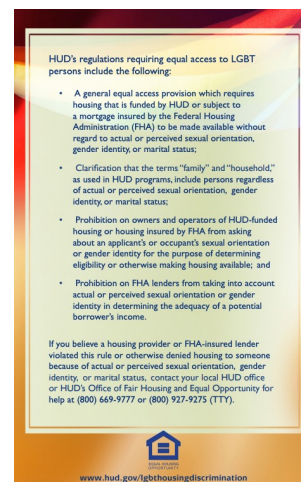


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HUD's Equal Access Rule

- The first rule, issued February 3, 2012, is the "Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity"
 - Determination of eligibility for housing assisted by HUD should be made available without regard to actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status



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HUD's Equal Access Rule

The Equal Access Rule also defines family as follows:

1. A single person, who may be an elderly person, displaced person, disabled person, near-elderly person, or any other single person; or,
2. A group of persons residing together, and such group includes, but is not limited to:
 1. A family with or without children (a child who is temporarily away from the home because of placement in foster care is considered a member of the family);
 2. An elderly family;
 3. A near-elderly family;
 4. A disabled family;
 5. A displaced family; and,
 6. The remaining member of a tenant family.

<https://www.hudexchange.info/faqs/programs/emergency-solutions-grants-esg-program/program-requirements/eligible-participants/how-is-the-definition-of-family-that-was-included/#:~:text=A%20permanent%20supportive%20housing%20program,identities%20of%20the%20family%20members.>

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HUD's Equal Access Rule

- The second rule, issued September 21, 2016, is the [“Equal Access in Accordance with an Individual’s Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs Rule”](#)
 - Providers who operate single-sex shelters using funds awarded through CPD are required to provide all individuals, including transgender individuals and other individuals who do not identify with the sex they were assigned at birth, with equal access to programs and services without being subjected to intrusive questions or documentation.

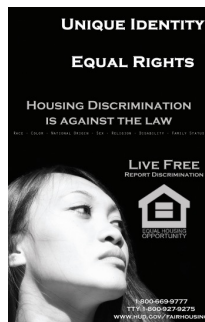


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HUD's Equal Access Rule

- The third rule, issued November 17, 2016, is the "Equal Access to Housing in HUD's Native American and Native Hawaiian Programs – Regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity"
 - Applies to HUD's Native American and Native Hawaiian Programs



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Non-Discrimination Review

- Fair Housing Act
 - Prohibits discrimination in housing because of:
 - Race
 - Color
 - National Origin
 - Religion
 - Sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation)
 - Familial Status
 - Disability



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What is SOAR?



SOAR stands for SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery.



SOAR is for people who are experiencing or at-risk of homelessness.



SOAR is a model for assisting individuals to apply for Social Security disability benefits.



SOAR has been sponsored by SAMHSA in collaboration with SSA since 2005.



50 states are currently participating.

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Why is SOAR Important?



The SSA application process is often overwhelming and time consuming.



People experiencing homelessness are often denied for reasons unrelated to their disability or lack thereof.



SOAR provides access to housing and healthcare, increasing the likelihood of stability for anyone at-risk or experiencing homelessness.



SOAR decreases the chances of homelessness for those exiting institutions.

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BoSCoC Program Standards Updates

- Pending Updates
 - CoC grantees must ensure they execute grants and submit APRs on time
 - Category 4 of homeless definition updated
 - Requirement for all projects to provide individualized supportive services that, at minimum, help clients access cash and non-cash benefits they are eligible for and obtain/maintain housing
 - Project P&P for working with survivors and engaging in safety planning
 - HP and RRH Standards to be updated post-COVID pandemic and CARES Act funding

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2023 CoC Competition

- CoC Competition opened July 5, 2023
- Deadline to submit September 28, 2023
- \$3.134 billion available nationally
- Ohio BoSCoC funding availability:
 - \$24,470,190 for renewals
 - \$2,362,109 for DV Bonus projects
 - \$1,662,632 for CoC Bonus projects



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RFP #2 for New Project Proposals

- RFP available at <https://cohhio.org/boscoc/coc-program/>
- Proposals due August 25, 2023
 - ohioboscoc@cohhio.org
- Seeking new PSH projects that partner with local PHA
 - Max funding request = \$1m
- Project selections announced no later than September 7, 2023

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Application Reminders

- After completing renewal or approved new project application:
 1. Export to PDF and save using the following file naming convention: Agency Name_Project Name
Example:
Athens MHA_Athens Shelter Plus Care
 2. Email to ohioboscoc@cohhio.org-
 - Put the Applicant Name and Project Name in the Subject Line

Renewal app drafts due by August 28, 2023

DO NOT submit the application in e-snaps until approved to do so

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2023 Project Evaluation

- CoC Compliance was a new evaluation item this year
- CoC staff will be emailing completed compliance scoring tool to recipients for review
- A debrief webinar reviewing common findings and examples will be held Wednesday, September 12th at 11am

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/tZcqce6upz0pHNKe6QpxPlWLJBpW1JckBZmb>

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Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB)

- Completed Spring 2023 Partnering with People with Lived Experience Cohort from HUD
 - Coaching
 - Tools and resources
- Address challenges: building relationships in the BoS context, meeting online vs in person, sharing ownership of process
- Would like to work with providers across the BoS to host local PLE meetings once a month.

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Lived Experience Advisory Board (LEAB)

- Hosted two online info sessions in July with attendance from NE, NW, and SE Ohio
- Began regular meetings in August for short-term workgroup to prepare and help review the CoC Application
- Once complete, shift to ongoing LEAB work starting late October

**SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE
MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

**PERSONS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE
OF HOMELESSNESS WORKGROUP**



The Persons with Lived Experience (PLE) Workgroup works with COHHIO's CoC Team to **provide insight and feedback about projects and systems** that serve people experiencing homelessness. Through this workgroup, the CoC team and PLE members will **incorporate the voices, opinions, and ideas of people with lived experience** into plans for system improvement to help **prevent and end homelessness** in Ohio.



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HMIS Update

- New data element for tracking translation needs
 - What non-English languages are spoken in your community?

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