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**Balance of State
Continuum of Care**

CoC Membership Meeting

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June 10, 2025

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Purpose of CoC Membership Meetings

- HUD Requirement
- Opportunity to provide updates



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Shared Housing CoP



Shared Housing: When two or more people live together and share common space in temporary or permanent housing

BoSCoC goal: offer resources and support to build capacity to support more use of Shared Housing in the BoS

- Training CoC staff through Shared Housing Institute
- Convening CoP via Slack and monthly online gatherings
- Developing e-learning, released later this year

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Common Assessment Tool

- CE Core Team drafted new common assessment tool to replace the VI-SPDAT – goal was to make a tool more trauma-informed and culturally appropriate
- HARP Tool – Housing Assessment and Resource Prioritization Tool launched June 3rd.
- The VI-SPDAT has been retired and no longer available to report data on in HMIS
- Live HARP Tool Transition Training June 17th at 11am
- Providers are encouraged to review the guidance documents and resources available on the COHHIO website and to complete the *Administering the HARP Tool* eLearning course.

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YAB Update

- We have recruited 3 new BoS CoC YAB Members who will be fully onboarded at the end of July.
- YAB members are eager to begin SSO and TH•RRH system reviews
- YAB members have made strides in developing leadership roles for themselves and developing a presence online via social media to spread awareness about resources and access points in the community.

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Strategic Plan

- HomeBase was selected as the consulting/TA firm that will be conducting the Strategic Plan.
- Ohio BoS CoC and ODOD are meeting with HB on a weekly basis as we move this work forward.
- We are just finishing up the information-gathering stage:
 - Core Team was developed
 - The Community Survey was completed and sent out
 - System-level data on homeless programs and resources was gathered and is currently being reviewed.

Strategic Plan

- **Next Phase: July through October – Engagement and Planning**
- Focus groups will be conducted across the regions
- In-person Strategic Planning Event during the week of September 8th
- Four in-person events across the state
- The results of the survey's and HMIS system level data will be shared during the meetings.

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Ohio BoSCoC Program Standards Updates

- CoC Team is leading three ad-hoc workgroups to revise current Program Standards
 - Street Outreach Program Standards Workgroup
 - Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Program Standards Workgroup
 - Permanent Supportive Housing Program Standards Workgroup
- Meetings began in April and will last through December

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2025 Point-in-Time Count

- PIT count was held on the night of January 28, 2025
- CoC Team anticipates submitting final HIC & PIT data to HUD by June 12th
- County level breakdown of sheltered and unsheltered data will be posted to HIC PIT page of the Ohio BoSCoC website by June 16th

2025 Point-in-Time Count

Preliminary Results:

- **Sheltered** = 2,815
 - 4 person decrease from 2024
- **Unsheltered** = 1,481
 - 211 person increase from 2024
- **Total** = 4,296
 - 207 person increase from 2024

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Client Privacy & Confidentiality

- Ohio BoSCoC HMIS Policies and Procedures Manual states that providers may disclose client info in response to the following situations:
 - Legal
 - Warrants, subpoenas, etc
 - Health & safety
 - If someone is a threat to themselves or others
 - Law Enforcement
 - Request for a suspect, fugitive, material witness, or missing person

<https://cohhio.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/08/HMIS-Policies-and-Procedures-Manual.pdf>

Client Privacy & Confidentiality

- If any legal disclosures are made, providers must notify an HMIS System Administrator and/or the CoC team at COHHIO
- If unsure about whether your agency should disclose client information, notify an HMIS System Admin or the CoC
 - HMIS – hmis@cohhio.org
 - CoC – ohioboscoc@cohhio.org

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Client Privacy & Confidentiality

- **Search Warrant**

- Must state specifically the place to be searched and items to be seized
- Staff should tell officers they can only search the areas identified in the warrant and point out those areas
- If officer asks to search areas not identified in the warrant, staff should say "No. You are not authorized to search this area, and it is our policy not to allow searches without warrants"

<https://housingnothandcuffs.org/iceraidresources/>

Client Privacy & Confidentiality

- **Arrest Warrant**

- To protect client confidentiality, do not confirm or deny the person in question resides within your emergency shelter
- Ask to see the warrant
- Offer to take any copies of the paperwork or information
- If the person named on the arrest warrant does reside in your shelter, notify the person in private and offer resources to help resolve the issue

Client Privacy & Confidentiality

- Both search and arrest warrants must be:
 - Signed by a judicial officer (a judge or magistrate); and
 - Describe the place to be searched, and/or the person or things to be seized and
 - Have the correct date and have been issued within the past 14 days
- If the warrant is missing one or more of these requirements, it is invalid
- Verbally refusing to allow a search without a warrant or asking to see a warrant is not illegal harboring or an obstruction of justice

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Client Privacy & Confidentiality

- **Subpoena**

- Written request for information that gives the recipient a certain amount of time to respond. Immediately after staff receive a subpoena, staff should maintain the subpoena and make a copy of it, note the date it was served, note how it was served and by whom, and report this information to a supervisor and the CoC.
- Consult counsel to see if the subpoena must be complied with
- If a response is required, respond within the time allocated to avoid adverse legal action

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FY2025 CoC Comp

- FY2024 CoC Competition Awards were announced on January 17, 2025
- The Ohio BoSCoC was awarded \$30,432,740
- Renewal grants are now being executed
 - Be on the lookout for possible changes to grant agreements

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Advocacy Updates

- Proposed HUD Staffing Cuts
- Threat of Medicaid cuts
- How to take action:
 - Call or email your local representative
 - Sign up for advocacy alerts
 - <https://cohhio.org/>
 - <https://endhomelessness.org/actions/sign-alliance-advocacy-alerts/>
 - If you need details about CoC Program awards in your community or your representative's district, email ohioboscoc@cohhio.org

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Training & TA Needs

Discussion:

What additional training and TA needs do you have?

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Listserv Reminders

- Email ohioboscoc@cohhio.org to be added to the Ohio BoSCoC listserv.
 - Listserv messages include important CoC updates, reminders, training announcements, etc
- To register for Advocacy Alerts, please visit the COHHIO webpage to sign up:
 - <https://cohhio.org/>

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