

Continuum of Care Steering Committee

What is the Continuum of Care?

- The Continuum of Care is a consortium of individuals and organizations with the common purpose of planning for a housing and services continuum for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- This is a funding stream that comes from HUD. While many members are recipients of this funding stream, most members are not, and participate because they are committed to working toward ending homelessness
- Members include: Continuum of Care funding recipients, programs/agencies serving homeless populations that participate in the Coordinated Housing Access system but do not receive Continuum of Care funding, programs/agencies that serve those at-risk of homelessness or those exiting the criminal justice system, programs/agencies that serve low-income populations who's population overlaps with homelessness significantly, individuals who care about this issue, public entities with overlapping missions (DHS, HUD, State OHCS).

Role and Responsibilities for Steering Committee

- Be representative of the relevant organizations and of the projects serving the diversity of people and homeless subpopulations in Clackamas County
- Evaluate and approve Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant homeless project performance measures
- Evaluate and approve Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant funding priorities
- Annually evaluate and approve Continuum of Care and Emergency Solutions Grant program policies
- Follow the Continuum of Care Code of Conduct in the Bylaws
- Analyze homeless program policies and performance data to identify needs, areas for improvement and future program development
- Assign workgroups, as necessary, to carry out the responsibilities of the Continuum of Care
- Engage in strategic planning of homeless services, programs, funding, goals and policies

How to join

Contact Abby Ahern (abbyahe@clackamas.us or 503-650-5663) if interested.

1. H3S seats (2)- Appointed by H3S Directors – none up for re-election
2. At-large seats (5) - elected by Continuum of Care - 2 up for election, 1 currently vacant
3. Continuum of Care Representatives (2)- elected by Continuum of Care - 1 up for election, 1 currently vacant
4. Lived Experience (2)- elected by Continuum of Care - both up for election, both currently vacant

Commitment

- 2-year term
- ***Steering Committee Minimum Attendance Requirement:*** In order to remain on the Steering Committee, members must attend at least half of the annual Steering Committee meetings. A

member's level of participation outside of regular meetings (email responses, subcommittees, etc.) will be taken into consideration before a member is asked to vacate his/her/their seat.

- Meetings take place every other month, 2 hours per meeting
 - May be up to one additional meeting, lasting up to 4 hours for annual Continuum of Care ranking process.