

WCICCC 2017 HUD CoC Competition Project Ranking

The CoC Program Application Committee (CPAC) met August 23, 2017 at 2 p.m. to discuss the six projects that needed to be ranked for the 2017 HUD CoC Competition. There were six renewal projects.

The CPAC consisted of four individuals from our CoC with three being CoC's governing board members. The CPAC is chaired by CoC governing board member Jerry Gille with the Quincy Housing Authority. He was assisted by Dona Leonard, Glenda Hackemack, and Lori Sutton. Leonard also represents our CoC's governing board; she is the Executive Director of the Crisis Center Foundation in Jacksonville a domestic violence shelter. Hackemack works for the Quincy Medical Group. Prior to working for the Quincy Medical Group, Hackemack was the Executive Director of the YWCA and ran their HUD CoC-funded supportive housing program for homeless women with children. Sutton is the Executive Director of the Eagle View Community Health System in Oquawka. Sutton previously worked with the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs at Western Illinois University as the Support Entity for the CoC. Sutton helped facilitate the group through the ranking and tiering process.

YWCA of Quincy and MCS Community Services of Jacksonville were the two entities with renewal projects to be ranked. In this year's competition, HUD had two tiers. Tier 1 is equal to the CoC's annual renewal demand (ARD) amount approved in the registration process, less 6%. Tier 2 is the 6% plus the permanent housing bonus, if applicable. The ARD for the CoC is \$631,767. Tier 1 is normally considered safe funding.

Lori provided the group a spreadsheet with overall performance data. The committee examined:

- CoC Participation (monthly meetings)
- CoC Participation in Continuum Committees or Leadership Positions
- HMIS Data Completeness of Universal Data Elements
- Length of Stay
- Unit Utilization
- Violence Against Women Act Compliance
- Housing Stability
- Housing First Initiative with Low Barriers
- Client Income & Employment, including Mainstream Benefits
- Cost Effectiveness & Cost Per Person
- Drawdown Frequency
- Recaptured Funds

Points ranged from 262 to 346 out of 375 on the ranking matrix which was used as a beginning point for ranking purposes. Since the CoC doesn't have a dedicated HMIS project, bonus points are awarded to the two grants that contain funds to operate the HMIS to ensure the CoC is in compliance with HUD. The HMIS funds are in two of the YWCA projects (Project B & A). The Notice of Funding Availability stressed the importance of using cost, performance, and outcome data in ranking projects. The CPAC gave higher weights to the Housing Stability, Increased Income, Unit Utilization, Cost Effective and Cost Per Person variables, which are the performance measurements in the ranking matrix.

The CPAC did receive an appeal about how the cost per person is calculated. The original value was based on the application being submitted. The formal appeal suggested using APR data. This also changed the Cost Effective variable [Leasing / (Operations \$ + Supportive Services \$)]. In both scenarios, original and revised calculations, the rankings remained the same for the projects.

The CPAC decided to move forward with the original methodology used. Next year, the matrix will include a variables that looks at past performance for renewal projects along with what the current grant application is proposing.

The CPAC recommends the following ranking of renewal projects:

Rank 1	YWCA Project A	\$142,247	Tier 1
Rank 2	YWCA Project D	27,047	Tier 1
Rank 3	YWCA Project C	29,012	Tier 1
Rank 4	MCS-II	72,140	Tier 1
Rank 5	YWCA Project B	340,327	Tier 1 & 2 (\$16,912 in Tier 2)
Rank 6	MCS-I	20,994	Tier 2

All member of the CPAC unanimously agreed on the above ranking.