

WCICCC 2018 HUD CoC Competition Project Ranking

The CoC Program Application Committee (CPAC) met August 10, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. to discuss the six projects that needed to be ranked for the 2018 HUD CoC Competition. The meeting was held online, via GoToMeeting in order for ranking tool, applications, and documents to be viewed by the group and discussed. There were six renewal projects to be ranked.

The CPAC consisted of five 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 Leanard, Glenda Hackemack, Candace Whitman and Lori Sutton. Leanard 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. Whitman is the Executive Director of Genesis Garden in Macomb, Illinois. Genesis Garden provides emergency homeless services. Candace is as a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor, and she has several years experience providing mental health and addictions counseling to individuals and families who experience homelessness. In past years, Whitman has facilitated individual and group counseling for Lost-N-Found Youth, a homeless shelter for LGBTQ Youth in the city of Atlanta, Georgia. 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 \$641,558. 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
- 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 171 to 344 out of 360 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 three 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) and MCS's Project II. 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.

Last year, 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 appeal suggested using APR data. The process looked at the grantees past performance with the APR and the application submitted. The ranking tool only lists the grant application data. The ranking remained the same with either variable used.

The points are used as a starting point in deciding on how to rank the projects. The group then looks at making sure the projects with HMIS system funds are in secure locations and projects are distributed geographically. As noted above, Tier 1 is considered the safest location for projects. Historically, we have had projects in Tier 2 and they have been funded, but it is not guaranteed.

The CPAC recommends the following ranking of renewal projects:

Rank 1	YWCA Project A	\$143,957	Tier 1
Rank 2	YWCA Project C	29,877	Tier 1
Rank 3	MCS-II	76,696	Tier 1
Rank 4	YWCA Project B	344,863	Tier 1
Rank 5	YWCA Project D	27,506	Tier 1 & 2 (\$5,847 in Tier 2)
Rank 6	MCS-I	21,659	Tier 2

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

The CPAC also looked at the ranking tool that HUD has available. It has similar performance measures as our tool. HUD as had this available for at least two years and states that it matches goals of the latest NOFA. Our tool looks at similar measures in a different format. Sutton had put this year's applicant data into the tool to do a comparison of the two tools. The CPAP decided it would stick with the CoC's tool next year if HUD is not required CoC's to use their tool.