

Earlier this year advocates and experts in the field of homelessness joined together to strategize ways to improve and strengthen the Continuum of Care. These great ideas are reflected in the charts below and can be used as a foundation for discussing strategies for creating systems change.

Additionally, the following charts summarize the June 2007 McKinney-Vento ideas with respect to Continuum of Care planning bodies from current to proposed bills that re-authorize the McKinney-Vento Act, which could change the requirements for planning bodies.

The summaries of the bills requirements may no longer be accurate, as the bills are changing daily, however, the concepts even if currently removed from the bill could resurface. For our purposes, it is useful to examine some of the proposals.

### **BOARDS -- MEMBERSHIP**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuum of Care planning bodies are largely self-selecting and self-governing.</li> <li>• One factor the consolidated application is scored on it whether the CoC has successfully identified and developed partnerships with nonprofit organizations (including those representing persons with disabilities), government agencies, public housing agencies, faith-based and other community-based organizations, other homeless service providers, housing developers and service providers, private businesses and business associations, law enforcement agencies, funding providers, and homeless or formerly homeless</li> </ul>	<p>Membership in the Collaborative Applicant is dictated; inclusiveness is a scoring factor.</p> <p>Membership: Each CA must include the following persons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 2 persons who are experiencing or have experienced homelessness,</li> <li>• Persons who act as advocates for the diverse subpopulations of persons experiencing homelessness, persons or representatives of organizations who provide assistance to the variety of individuals and families experiencing homelessness,</li> <li>• Relatives of individuals experiencing</li> </ul>	<p>Membership in the Collaborative Applicant is dictated; inclusiveness is a scoring factor.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not less than 51% of whom are:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Persons who are experiencing or have experienced homelessness (at least 2)</li> <li>○ Persons who act as advocates for the diverse subpopulations of persons experiencing homelessness including for homeless veterans, the mentally ill, persons with physical disabilities, youth, victims of domestic violence and underserved populations</li> <li>○ Representatives of homeless services/housing providers,</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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<p>persons, and that the CoC structure and decision-making processes are inclusive of all of these parties.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relative power of government vs. non-government stakeholders varies widely.</li> </ul>	<p>homelessness,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government agency officials, particularly those that are responsible for administering funding under programs targeted for persons experiencing homelessness, and other programs for which persons experiencing homelessness are eligible, including mainstream programs identified in 2 previously cited GAO reports,</li> <li>1 or more local educational agency liaisons or their designees,</li> <li>members of the business community,</li> <li>members of neighborhood advocacy organizations,</li> <li>members of philanthropic organizations that contribute to preventing and ending homelessness in the geographic area of the collaborative applicant.</li> </ul> <p>The representatives of groups described above should rotate.</p>	<p>including those who have been awarded funds through Federal Government programs targeted to persons experiencing homelessness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Representatives of local educational agencies</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The remainder of whom are selected from among: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Government officials, particularly those responsible for administering funding under programs targeted for persons experiencing homelessness and other programs for which homeless people are eligible, including law enforcement responsible for persons on parole or probation,</li> <li>Business community</li> <li>Members of religious community or faith-based organizations;</li> <li>Members of neighborhood advocacy organizations; and</li> <li>Representatives within the geographic areas of the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## BOARDS: DUTIES, REPORTS AND COLLABORATIVE APPLICATION

<b>Current McKinney-Vento Legislation/2007 NOFA</b>	<b>CPEHA (Reed)</b>	<b>HEARTH (Carson)</b>
<p>The Continua of Care reports data, strategic goals and other information to HUD via the Consolidated Application (aka Exhibit 1) to establish that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The CoC has successfully identified and developed partnerships with other stakeholders and that the CoC structure and decision-making processes are inclusive of all of these parties. Also, other jurisdictional ten-year plans within the CoC’s geographic area must be integrated with the CoC plan;</li> <li>2. The CoC has created, maintained, and built upon a community-wide inventory of housing and services for homeless families and individuals (both HUD and non-HUD funded); identified the full spectrum of needs of homeless families and individuals; and coordinated efforts to fill gaps between the current inventory and existing needs. This coordinated effort must appropriately address all aspects of the continuum, especially permanent housing;</li> </ol>	<p>Collaborative applicants are required to provide data, strategic goals and other information annually in the application for funding</p> <p>Collaborative applicants also are charged with:</p> <p>Monitoring and providing annual performance reports to HUD</p> <p>Assessing local policies and practices and providing an Assessment of Relevant Policies and Practices, and Needed Corrective Actions to End and Prevent Homelessness” every three years to HUD</p> <p>These details of these responsibilities can be found on Attachment A to this document</p>	<p>Community Homeless Assistance Boards are required to provide data, strategic goals and other information annually in the application for funding</p> <p>Collaborative applicants also are charged with:</p> <p>Monitoring and providing annual performance reports to HUD</p> <p>Assessing local policies and practices and providing an Assessment of Relevant Policies and Practices, and Needed Corrective Actions to End and Prevent Homelessness” every three years to HUD</p> <p>These details of these responsibilities can be found on Attachment A to this document</p>

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<p>3. The CoC has instituted a CoC-wide strategy to achieve the CoC's goals, especially to end chronic homelessness. This can be accomplished through careful planning, coordination with other state and local plans, and through leveraging resources from multiple sources; and</p> <p>4. The CoC is working toward the HUD/national performance objectives, the CoC is reporting on progress toward the CoC's goals, and it is coordinating homeless assistance with mainstream health, social services, and employment programs.</p> <p>Project grantees prepare and submit Annual Progress Reports to HUD</p> <p>Many Continua of Care review the APR in making project ranking decisions during the funding competition</p>		
<p>What's the difference?  The CPEHA and HEARTH bills require the Collaborative Applicant/Community Homeless Assistance Board to assume significant, specific additional responsibilities than required of them under current law. (See the section on Administrative Fees, below, concerning any additional financial support for this work.)</p>		