

Columbus-Muscogee / Russell County Continuum of Care GA-505

*******5 Application for Continuum of Care Membership**

Date _____

Applicant Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Email _____

Type Organization: Government Non-Profit Homeless Assistance Provider
 Consumer and Advocates Community Stakeholder Individual

Organization Name _____

Executive Director/Administrator _____

Executive Director/Administrator Email _____

Members are requested to participate in the Continuum of Care’s collaborative efforts by selecting one or more of the Continuum of Care’s working committees

Performance and Outcomes Committee

Continuum of Care Application Committee

Mainstream and Outreach Committee

HMIS / Data Committee

Centralized/Coordinated Intake and Assessment Committee

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Brief statement regarding your interest/participation in the Columbus-Muscogee / Russell County CoC:

Return CoC Membership form
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COLUMBUS-MUSCOGEE / RUSSELL COUNTY CONTINUUM OF CARE GA-505

MISSION

The **MISSION** of the Columbus Muscogee / Russell County Continuum of Care GA 505 (CoC) is to work to end the cycle of homelessness in the Columbus Muscogee /Russell County CoC through interagency collaboration, effective allocation of resources, increased access to immediate services, and development of new strategies. Using shelters, service providers and people experiencing homelessness as points of contact, we will identify the service and housing needs of people who are homeless or about to become homeless and create solutions needed to prevent homelessness and move people from homelessness to housing and self-sufficiency.

PURPOSE

- **Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness;**
- **Provide funding for efforts by nonprofit providers and local governments to re-house homeless individuals and families rapidly while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness;**
- **Promote access to and effective utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families; and**
- **Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.**

COMMITTEES

Board of the CoC –

(7 to 11 members elected from CoC membership)

Representatives from CoC Collaborative Applicant (lead) and HMIS lead, and representatives from each of the following four groups: 1) Government; 2) Nonprofit Homeless Service Providers; 3) Consumers and Advocates; 4) Community Stakeholders. In addition the board must always have at least one homeless or formerly homeless individual.

COMMITTEES:

Performance and Outcomes -

The Performance and Outcomes Committee will collaborate with the CoC Administrator, CoC-funded entities, and CoC Membership to:

- Review PIT and HIC data, conduct a gaps analysis, and make recommendations for Board approval the priorities to be used in ranking requests for CoC funding;
- Establish performance targets appropriate for population and program type in consultation with recipients and sub-recipients, then monitor recipient and sub-recipient performance, evaluate outcomes, and recommend to the Board actions to be taken against poor performers;
- Develop performance measures to evaluate Muscogee / Russell County 's overall success in eliminating homelessness, using guidance available from HUD and making changes over time as necessary to incorporate new regulations or guidance available from state or local authorities;
- Evaluate outcomes of projects funded under CoC Program, and provide outcome data to the Collaborative Applicant to report to HUD; and
- Consult with state and local government agencies, homeless service providers, private funders, and other relevant entities and organizations to evaluate available resources and reach agreement about how those resources can be allocated most effectively to implement plans to eliminate homelessness.

CoC Application

The CoC Application Committee will:

- Work with the Collaborative Applicant to design and implement a collaborative process for developing a consolidated application for Muscogee / Russell County programs and projects seeking CoC funding;
- Review findings of the Performance and Outcomes Committee, the program priorities established by the Board, and the applications for new programs or projects, and make recommendations to the Board about which programs/projects to include in the annual CoC application, and rank projects for the application, suggest reallocation of monies from renewal projects; and
- Develop and oversee operation of a grievance process for agencies whose applications for funding have not been selected by the CoC.

Mainstream and Outreach

The Mainstream and Outreach Committee will work with Service Providers to:

- Develop strategies and programs to improve connections between persons experiencing homelessness and mainstream services, especially in the areas of vocational training, employment and supportive services,
- Oversees education and outreach to the homeless population, as well as the general population through collaborative relationships and public education efforts; and
- Updates the Board as to any areas of concern or gaps in services.

HMIS / Data –

The HMIS Committee will work with the HMIS Lead to:

- Develop, annually review, and, as necessary, revise for Board approval a privacy plan, security plan, and data quality plan for the HMIS, as well as any other HMIS policies and procedures required by HUD.
- Develop for Board approval and implement a plan for monitoring the HMIS to ensure that:
 - Recipients and sub-recipients consistently participate in HMIS;
 - HMIS is satisfying the requirements of all regulations and notices issued by HUD;
 - The HMIS Lead is fulfilling the obligations outlined in its HMIS Governance Charter and Agreement with the CoC, including the obligation to enter into written participation agreements with each contributing HMIS organization.
- Oversee and monitor HMIS data collection and production of the following reports:
 - Sheltered point-in-time count;
 - Housing Inventory Chart;
 - Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR); and
 - Annual Performance Reports (APRs).

Centralized /Coordinated Intake and Assessment-

The **Centralized /Coordinated Intake and Assessment** work group will work to:

- Establish and plan a coordinated or centralized assessment system.

Point in Time Count

The **Count committee** will work to:

- Oversee and conduct Point in Time Count focusing on the Street Count but to also include the Shelter count of people experiencing homelessness