



TX 700 Continuum of Care (CoC) Policy on CoC Membership

Purpose:

Membership in the CoC allows for participation in the selection of the Steering Committee and the ability to participate in setting policies for the CoC. Additionally, organizations that are members of the CoC will receive additional points in renewal and new project funding competitions. Previously membership was based on dues payment. The receipt of planning funds from HUD has, for the time being, eliminated the need for membership dues. Therefore this policy will base membership on participation in a minimum threshold of provider input sessions.

Each member organization in the CoC will be required to designate two 'authorized representatives' in addition to the CEO/ED who are always authorized to represent the organization. An authorized representative must have sufficient authority to speak on behalf of the member organization. Each year the member organizations must designate their authorized representatives to the CoC. Staff members other than authorized representatives are welcome to attend meetings but to ensure continuity of participation, only the participation of authorized representatives will count toward meeting CoC membership requirements.

Members will be required to participate in Provider Input Forums each year; organizational members of the CoC will be expected to have authorized representatives attend at least three-quarters of the four annual Provider Input Forums.

Policy:

Membership in the Houston/Harris County Continuum of Care is open to all organizations and individuals seeking to prevent and end homelessness in Houston/Harris County and surrounding areas. Members of the CoC are able to vote for Steering Committee members and on key policy issues and receive additional points when competing for new or renewal funding. Organizational members of the CoC must meet minimum participation thresholds by designated authorized representatives in order to maintain their membership. These thresholds are: participation by authorized representatives in a minimum of 75 percent of quarterly Provider Input Forums. Failure to meet participation thresholds will result in forfeiture of CoC membership.

Effective Date:

Immediate upon adoption by Steering Committee. Participation will be tracked starting as of Jan. 1, 2014. Member organizations that have not met minimum participation thresholds at the completion of the year will lose their CoC membership.