

# Continuum of Care Program Competition Debriefing

## FY 2017

CoC Name: Iowa Balance of State CoC

CoC Number: IA-501

This document summarizes the scores your CoC received in the FY 2017 Continuum of Care Program Competition application. It provides three sets of information:

- The CoC’s score on several high priority questions;
- A summary of the CoC’s scores on the four sections of the application; and
- A summary of the average CoC score, including the highest and lowest scores.

The scores are organized in the same manner as the CoC application. In a separate document, we are publishing a crosswalk showing how the questions in the CoC application were related to the questions in the NOFA.

### High Priority CoC Application Questions

Below is a selection of high priority CoC Application questions that includes the total points available for each of the questions listed and the points received by the CoC for the question. The chart below indicates the maximum amount of points available for each scoring category and the actual score your CoC received.

<b>High Priority CoC Application Questions</b>		
CoC Application Questions	Maximum Score Available	CoC Score Received
<b>1E. Continuum of Care (CoC) Project Review, Ranking, and Selection</b>		
<p><i>This question assessed whether a CoC used objective criteria and past performance to review and rank projects. To receive full points, CoCs would have had to use performance-based criteria to at least partially evaluate and rank projects. Examples of performance criteria include reducing the length of time people experienced homelessness and the degree to which people exited programs for permanent housing destinations.</i></p> <p><b>1E-1.</b> Using the drop-down menu, select the appropriate response(s) that demonstrate the process the CoC used to rank and select project applications in the FY 2017 CoC Program Competition which included (1) the use of objective criteria; (2) at least one factor related to achieving positive housing outcomes; and (3) included a specific method for evaluating projects submitted by victim service providers.</p>	18	17
<p><b>1E-2.</b> CoCs must provide the extent the CoC considered the severity of needs and vulnerabilities experienced by</p>	4	4

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program participants in their project ranking and selection process. Describe: (1) the specific vulnerabilities the CoC considered; and (2) how the CoC takes these vulnerabilities into account during the ranking and selection process.		
<b>2A. Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Bed Coverage</b>		
<b>2A-5.</b> Per the 2017 HIC use the following chart to indicate the number of beds in the 2017 HIC and in HMIS for each project type within the CoC. If a particular project type does not exist in the CoC then enter "0" for all cells.	6	3
<b>3A. Continuum of Care (CoC) System Performance</b>		
<i>This question captured the change in PIT counts of Sheltered and Unsheltered Homeless Persons</i> <b>3A-1.</b> Performance Measure: Reduction in the Number of First-Time Homeless. Describe: (1) the numerical change the CoC experienced; (2) the process the CoC used to identify risk factors of becoming homeless for the first time; (3) the strategies in place to address individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless; and (4) the organization or position that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce or end the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness for the first time.	3	2
<b>3A-2.</b> Performance Measure: Length-of-Time Homeless. CoC 's must demonstrate how they reduce the length-of-time for individuals and families remaining homeless. Describe (1) the numerical change the CoC experienced; (2) the actions the CoC has implemented to reduce the length-of-time individuals and families remain homeless; (3) how the CoC identifies and houses individuals and families with the longest length-of-time homeless; and (4) identify the organization or position that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to reduce the length-of-time individuals and families remain homeless.	11	9
<b>3A-3.</b> Performance Measures: Successful Permanent Housing Placement and Retention Describe: (1) the numerical change the CoC experienced; (2) the CoCs strategy to increase the rate of which individuals and families move to permanent housing destination or retain permanent housing; and (3) the organization or position responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy for	9	8

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retention of, or placement in permanent housing.		
<b>3A-4.</b> Performance Measure: Returns to Homelessness. Describe: (1) the numerical change the CoC experienced, (2) what strategies the CoC implemented to identify individuals and families who return to homelessness, (3) the strategies the CoC will use to reduce additional returns to homelessness, and (4) the organization or position responsible for overseeing the CoC's efforts to reduce the rate of individuals and families' returns to homelessness.	6	3
<b>3A-5.</b> Performance Measures: Job and Income Growth Describe: (1) the strategies that have been implemented to increase access to employment and mainstream benefits; (2) how the CoC program-funded projects have been assisted to implement the strategies; (3) how the CoC is working with mainstream employment organizations to help individuals and families increase their cash income; and (4) the organization or position that is responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to increase job and income growth from employment, nonemployment including mainstream benefits.	4	3
<b>3A-7.</b> Enter the date the CoC submitted the System Performance Measures data in HDX, which included the data quality section for FY 2016. (mm/dd/yyyy)	6	6
<b>3B. Continuum of Care (CoC) Performance and Strategic Planning Objectives</b>		
<b>3B-2.2.</b> Describe: (1) the CoCs current strategy and timeframe for rapidly rehousing every household of families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless; and (2) the organization or position responsible for overseeing the CoC's strategy to rapidly rehouse families with children within 30 days of becoming homeless.	3	0
<b>3B-2.3.</b> Compare the number of RRH units available to serve families from the 2016 and 2017 HIC.	4	0
<b>4A. Continuum of Care (CoC) Accessing Mainstream Benefits and Additional Policies</b>		
<b>4A-3.</b> Housing First: What percentage of CoC Program Funded PSH, RRH, SSO (non-coordinated entry), safe-haven and Transitional Housing; FY 2017 projects have adopted the Housing First approach, meaning that the project quickly	8	8

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houses clients without preconditions or service participation requirements?		
<b>4A-4.</b> Street Outreach: Describe (1) the CoC's outreach and if it covers 100 percent of the CoC's geographic area; (2) how often street outreach is conducted; and (3) how the CoC has tailored its street outreach to those that are least likely to request assistance.	3	1.5
<b>4A-6.</b> Compare the number of RRH beds available to serve populations from the 2016 and 2017 HIC.	8	8

<b>CoC Scoring Summary</b>		
Scoring Category	Maximum Score (Points)	Your CoC Score (Points)
Part 1: CoC Structure and Governance	50	45.75
Part 2: Data Collection and Quality	46	31
Part 3: CoC Performance and Strategic Planning	82	67
Part 4: Cross-Cutting Policies	22	20.5
<b>Total CoC Application Score</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>164.25</b>

**Overall Scores for all CoCs**

Highest Score for any CoC: 190.75  
 Lowest Score for any CoC: 57.75  
 Median Score for all CoCs: 147.5  
 Weighted Mean Score for all CoCs: 159.75

\*The weighted mean score is the mean CoC score weighted by Annual Renewal Demand. CoCs that scored higher than the weighted mean score were more likely to gain funding relative to their Annual Renewal Demand, while CoCs that scored lower than the weighted mean were more likely to lose money relative to their Annual Renewal Demand.