

**Moving Your
Continuum of Care
Forward**

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Welcome!


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Our Mission

CSH helps communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness.


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The Role of CSH 

CSH helps communities create permanent housing with services to prevent and end homelessness

CSH's Project Related Assistance

- Predevelopment Funding
- Technical Assistance
- Systems Advocacy



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Session Agenda

- Scope of CSH work
- 10 Year Plan and HMIS
- Planning, Implementation & Accountability
- Governance
- Effective CoC's
- Barriers to Success

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HEARTH Act

Purpose of HEARTH Act

- Consolidate homeless assistance programs
- Codify the continuum of care planning process
- Establish a goal of ensuring that families who become homeless return to permanent housing within 30 days

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Collaborative Applicant (CA) Duties

- Design collaborative process
- Consolidated Plan
- HMIS
- Receive up to 3% of the community's funding for administrative costs

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Unified Funding Agency

- CA may be the grantee for funding with the responsibility to distribute funding to project sponsors
– known as Unified Funding Agency (UFA)
- Conditions which this can occur:
 - CA applies to be a UFA OR
 - HUD designates the CA as a UFA
- UFA responsible for requiring each grantee
 - Maintain proper fiscal and accounting procedures and
 - Annual evaluation of their financial records
- Receive up to 6% of the community's funding for administrative costs

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Michigan CoC's

- Detroit CoC (HAND)
 - Saginaw CoC (SC-CHAP)
 - 10 Year Plans
 - National work
- www.housingoptionstool.org

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Scope of Work with HAND

The goal is to increase the capacity of HAND in the following areas:

- Self Governance
- Monitoring Grantees
- HUD funding process
- 10 year plan implementation

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Saginaw Scope of Work with CSH

The CoC requests technical assistance to move to a more formal process of business. The goals of technical assistance for the Saginaw Continuum of Care are to increase its capacity, structure and governance.

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Scope of Work

- 5 Planning sessions with Executive Board and key stakeholders to determine the vision, mission, policies and procedures.
- Analysis of currently funded programs and use of funds.
- Discussion of roles and responsibilities of Collaborative Applicant or Unified Funding Applicant, and strategies for implementation.
- Strategies for improving performance.
- Up to 10 hours of Individual TA with CoC Coordinator

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Scope of Work

Additional activities may include:

- Development of Quality and Performance standards
- Design and implementation of Continuum monitoring and evaluation process
- Training for homeless providers on HEARTH regulations and quality and performance standards
- Assist in review of policies, procedures and by-laws

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Planning, Implementation & Accountability

- Mission, Purpose, Values, Vision
- SWOT Analysis
- Building Membership
- Managing the CoC
- Accountability/Implementation
- Strategies for Improving Performance
- HMIS
- 10 Year Plan

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Governance

- Leadership
- Member Expectations
- Staffing

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Benefits of Effective COC

- More efficient service delivery system
- Communication data sharing
- Understanding of homeless community's needs
- Expand networking opportunities
- Strengthens political position in the community
- Increases access to funding opportunities

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Challenges

- Finding the "right" lead agency
- Competition
- Organizational Capacity
- Inability to agree on goals
- History of Partners
- Political Will

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■ Questions & Discussion

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