

**Cleveland/Cuyahoga CoC
Program Policy Committee Meeting
January 5, 2023**

Program Policy Committee Role (per CoC Bylaws):

- Provide guidance and leadership on practice standards and policies and procedures for housing and services programs funded by the CoC including the Coordinated Entry System (CES)
- Develop, revise, amend and recommend standards for the administration and operation of emergency shelter (ES), permanent supportive housing (PSH), rapid rehousing (RRH) and additional program models as funded by the CoC
- Develop, revise, amend and recommend standards for the administration and operation of the CoC’s CES
- Create a forum and systems for feedback, evaluation and continuous improvement of housing and service programs and the CES
- Review data on the operations and outcomes of CoC programs and the CES and make data-driven decisions about revisions to policies and practices
- Submit recommend policies and procedures for adoption by the Advisory Board

Meeting Agenda

<p>1. Welcome & Introductions</p>	<p>Melissa Sirak, OHS Martin Bielat, City of Cleveland</p>
<p>2. Review & Approve Guiding Principles for PPC</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Homelessness is the result of system failures to identify, engage, and adequately support the needs of individuals experiencing extreme poverty.</i> b. <i>All program models must adopt principles of Housing First, trauma-informed care, race equity and inclusiveness, and equal access for all family configurations, actual or perceived sexual orientations, and gender identities.</i> c. <i>All persons experiencing a housing crisis can be housed, with the right housing model and service supports and when other system barriers are addressed.</i> d. <i>To the greatest extent practicable, individual choices about where and how to live should be honored.</i> e. <i>Addressing homelessness requires collaboration from multiple sectors and systems; no single entity can or should have exclusive responsibility.</i> f. <i>Intensive and persistent client engagement is key to building trust among persons experiencing homelessness.</i> g. <i>Persons experiencing a housing crisis do best with clear pathways to housing, low-barriers to program entry and defined service strategies that result in permanent housing.</i> h. <i>Permanent Housing arrangements/placements should be followed by support services as needed to support individuals in successfully maintaining their housing.</i> i. <i>Program improvements and system refinements must be informed by data-driven decision-making with a race equity lens and centered on the experience and direct engagement of persons with lived</i> 	<p>Matt White, Housing Innovations</p>

<p><i>experience of homelessness (community representatives, persons experiencing housing instability, persons with no housing).</i></p> <p><i>j. Unsheltered homelessness placeholder...</i></p>	
<p>3. Review schedule for monthly PPC meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. January – March: Emergency Shelter Practice Standards b. April – June: Rapid Rehousing c. July – September: Permanent Supportive Housing d. October – December: Coordinated Intake 	<p>Matt White, Housing Innovations</p>
<p>4. Review standard considerations for Emergency Shelter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shelter Definition – Essential elements, outcomes 2. Homeless Status Definition (HUD) 3. Structure & Materials 4. Access 5. Space & Security 6. Interior Air Quality 7. Water Supply 8. Sanitary Facilities 9. Thermal Environment 10. Illumination and Electricity 11. Food Preparation 12. Sanitary Conditions 13. Fire Safety 14. Local Building Standards 15. Administration 16. Personnel 17. Facility 18. Fiscal Management 19. Food Service 20. Health 21. Operations 22. Additional CoC Standards (i.e. operational policies) 23. Non-discrimination, equal access 24. Documentation and record keeping 25. Philosophical approach - Housing First, trauma-informed 26. Emergency transfers 27. Diversion practices 28. Housing search and location support 29. Length of Stay Expectations 30. Safety and Security (crisis response procedures) 31. Income thru Employment Supports and Benefits 	<p>PPC Members</p>
<p>5. Other ad hoc policy discussions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Strategy for unsheltered homelessness and encampment decommissioning b. Integration of Youth Policy Board recommendations/decisions c. 	<p>PPC Members</p>