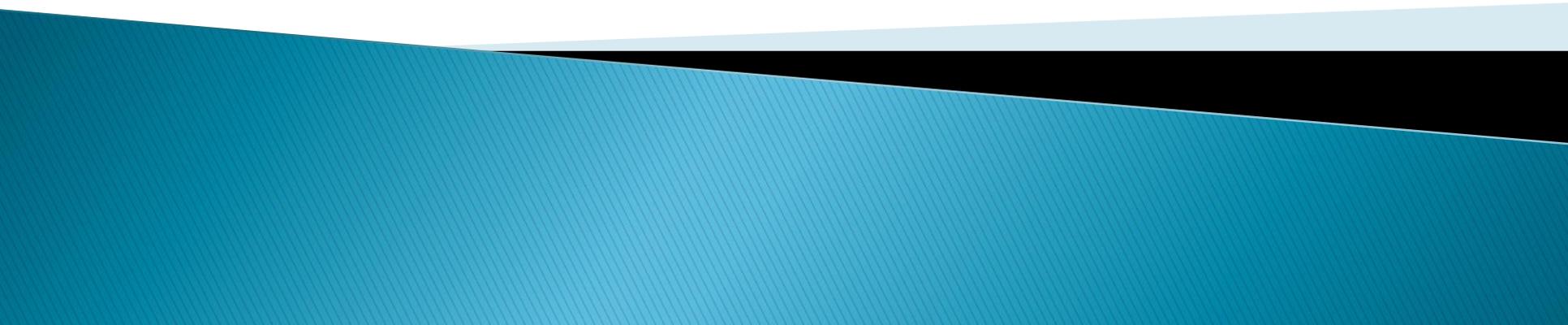


# **Charter Presentation to the Chicago Continuum of Care**

**June 25, 2014**



# Goals for Today

- ▶ Discuss why we need a charter
- ▶ Discussion of core values of the charter
- ▶ Share HEARTH requirements for the charter
- ▶ Ratify the charter with CoC stakeholders

# Why do we need a charter?

- ▶ Meets a key objective of Chicago's Plan 2.0
- ▶ Meets new HUD requirements as laid out in the HEARTH Act
- ▶ Promotes transparency and inclusion in CoC decision making
- ▶ Expands the focus of the CoC beyond HUD funding decisions
- ▶ **A new Charter must be approved by August 2014**

# Governance and Structure Steering Committee

In late 2012, the Chicago Planning Council on Homelessness delegated planning work to a representative committee:

Name	Agency/Affiliation	Representing
Allen-Reeves, Sherri	The Renaissance Collaborative	HMV Committee
Bendixen, Arturo V.	Center for Housing & Health	
Brennan, Nonie	CAEH	Collaborative Applicant
Doubet-King, Randall	CAEH Board	
Friedman, Fred	Next Steps	CAEH Lived Experience Commission
Grimberg, Ann Marie	Heartland Health Outreach	Plan Advisory Committee
Hicks, Angela	Institute for Women Today	
Mastracci, Tony	Mercy Housing Lakefront	Plan Advisory Committee
Murray, Sandi	Homeless Prevention Call Center	HMIS Committee
Pfeiffer, John	DFSS	DFSS
Reznick, Debbie	Polk Bros. Foundation	Funders
Rowe, Richard	A Safe Haven	Planning Council Executive Committee/ Lived Experience Commission
Thomas, Audrey	Deborah's Place	CAEH Service Providers Commission

# Core Values

- ▶ Clear and logical governance processes, structures and lines of accountability.
- ▶ Transparent decision making that makes the greatest possible use of data.
- ▶ Open, accessible CoC that includes all stakeholders and allies needed to achieve Plan 2.0 goals.
- ▶ Compliance with federal requirements for Continuums of Care.
- ▶ Communication between all members, committees and bodies that make up the CoC.
- ▶ Flexibility to respond to emerging ideas and challenges.

# Governance Requirements in the HEARTH Act

## The CoC Interim Rule Requires:

- ▶ That the Continuum of Care (CoC) be constituted as a **membership organization**, drawing its members from a wide range of "relevant organizations" and including homeless/formerly homeless persons.
- ▶ That the CoC "hold **meetings of the full membership**, with published agendas," at least twice a year.

# Governance Requirements in the HEARTH Act

- ▶ CoC Members must "adopt and follow a written process for selecting a **governing board**," which should be representative of the aforementioned relevant organizations and of projects serving homeless subpopulations, and which should include at least one homeless or formerly homeless individual.
- ▶ The written process needs to be "reviewed, updated, and approved by the Continuum at least once every five years."

# Governance Requirements in the HEARTH Act

- ▶ The CoC must "appoint additional committees, subcommittees, or workgroups" and designate a Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead agency to carry out CoC planning and operational requirements in the CoC Interim Rule.
- ▶ "In consultation with these groups, the CoC develop, follow, and update annually:" (a) a **governance charter** (which would include all the procedures and policies needed to comply with HUD requirements), and (b) a **code of conduct and conflict of interest policy** for the board, its chair(s), and any person acting on behalf of the board.

# Charter Themes from Public Feedback Sessions

- ▶ Membership
- ▶ SPC & Lived Experience Commissions
- ▶ Committee Purpose and Structure
- ▶ Conflict of Interest
- ▶ Alternates
- ▶ Advocacy
- ▶ Unified Funding Agency
- ▶ Legal Status of the CoC
- ▶ Recordkeeping of Voting

# Call for Ratification of charter

