

Federal Grant Recipient Monthly Call

June 2023



South Alamo Regional Alliance for the Homeless

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Updates at SARAH – System Advancement Department

- **Eboni Jett, Senior Director**

- **Data and Performance Team**

- Chelsey Viger, Director of Data and Performance
- Alfonzo Galvan, Data and Performance Analyst
- Vacant, Technical Assistance Specialist

- **Coordinated Entry Team**

- Patricia Palomo, Coordinated Entry Manager
- Judith Andrade, Domestic Violence and Training Coordinator
- Crystal Santibanez, Systems Administration Coordinator

CoC and YHDP project oversight and technical assistance (including SNOFO)

FY23 NOFO

Data dashboards, performance reporting, and HMIS coordination for ALL projects

Coordinated Entry strategy and day-to-day management

DV system strategy

Community trainings

Updates at SARA – Strategic Planning and Partnerships Department

- **Billy Mahone, Senior Director**

- **Strategic Planning Team**

- Dacey Werba, Strategic Planning Manager
- Joshua Yates, Research and Equity Analyst
- Azhalia Ramirez, Planning Coordinator

- **Communications and Partnerships Team**

- Vacant, Director of Communications and Development
- Allura Guerra, Communications Coordinator

Leads strategic planning and ensures alignment with community needs with emphasis in equity

Oversight of CoC's governing bodies, including the Board, committees, and advisory boards

Develops new partnerships in CoC

Fundraising and Development,
FY24 NOFO and beyond

Communications

Why Are We Here?

- Pertinent updates for agencies who receive federal funding through CoC, Special CoC, YHDP, ESG, ESG-CV
- Important information from SARAH on behalf of the TX-500 CoC, the Homelink Lead, the HMIS Lead, and ESG funders (City, County, and TDHCA)
- Trainings related to HUD or local requirements
- Relevant for program directors, grant administrators, compliance and quality assurance staff

Today's Agenda

- FY23 CoC Program NOFO Funding Competition
- CoC Scorecard
- Training Framework Update
- Homeless Strategic Plan Oversight Committee
- Special NOFO
- CoC/YHDP Participation
- Homelink Lead Agency Update
- HMIS Lead Agency Update
- Emergency Transfer Plan Training – Judith Andrade

FY23 CoC Program NOFO Competition

- Grant Inventory Worksheet (GIW) edits have been submitted to Local Field Office
- Anticipating HUD will release the NOFO in the next 1-3 weeks
- There will be a local application component this year with narratives and attachments
- We have 1 DV Bonus RRH project for \$661,697 that will be reallocated
- CoC Board reviewing proposed updates to CoC Program Policies and Procedures tomorrow

CoC Scorecard

- There are pending updates to the CoC Scorecard:
 - Updating Coordinated Entry section to include a “CE Prioritization” metric
 - Aligning the Coordinated Entry section logic to the new referral process that began 11/1/2022
 - TH Only – Reducing number of points for “Rapid Placement into PH”
 - Updating System Performance section to align with HUD SPM language
 - Fixing logic for Returns to Homelessness to capture 0-6, 6-12, and 12-24 months
 - Removing “Non-Cash Benefits” metric. Points from here will move to “Exits to Permanent Housing”
 - Reviewing “Increase in Income” metric to ensure it is only including income for adults in a household

Training Framework Update

- Training and quality assurance is a current priority for the Homelessness Response System Advisory Committee (HRSAC)
- The goal is to incorporate required trainings from HUD, written standards, and community trainings into a training framework that staff can use
- Training Framework Ad-Hoc members are currently revising Homelink Orientation which includes Homeless Response Overview, Homelink Functionality and Client Engagement.

Homeless Strategic Plan Oversight Committee

- CoC and ESG Written Standards Updates
 - Joint communication will be sent out soon regarding the community's new Grievance Appeal Policy
 - Beginning October 1, 2023, CoC and ESG Program grantees will need to follow [NSPIRE](#) (National Standards for the Physical Inspection of Real Estate), which HUD will use to assess whether housing meets minimum quality standards and may be assisted with HUD funds. Details forthcoming regarding updates to Written Standards.
- COSA GF Assistance Program
 - Temporary program to assist with Diversion funding running out
 - [Click here for more details](#)

Special NOFO

- We are anticipating project start dates of October 1, 2023
- Our plan is to align the Stability Vouchers with the same start date to ensure smooth implementation
- Our community will be assigned a technical assistance provider to help implement our new projects within the next month
- Once we have more information from our technical assistance provider, we will reach out to the funded agencies to discuss planning
- In the meantime, continue attending Street Outreach Managers Meeting (for SSO projects) and Homeless Response System Advisory Committee (all projects)

CoC Participation – CoC/YHDP Agencies

- Membership Council
 - Must attend at least 75% of meetings
 - Next Meeting: September 26, 2023
- Committees
 - Must have a representative at Homeless Response System Committee
 - Next Meeting: July 12, 2023 at 10:00am

For calendar invites or MC application, contact Azhalia Ramirez,
azhaliaramirez@sarahomeless.org

Homelink Lead Agency Update

Important updates sent to Skilled Assessors on 6/22/23:

- Resource Placement Index (RPI) Skilled Assessor Score prompt update
- Domestic violence safety planning message addition to the Homelink CE Workflow (to be discussed in detail on slide 13)
- Termination of LEO research consent process (to be discussed in detail on slide 14)

[Click here for more details](#)

HMIS Lead Agency Updates

- When an Entry Assessment indicates a client is a Survivor/Victim of DV, a new message will appear on the Custom Needs Assessment page:

💡 Domestic Violence

Domestic violence victim/survivor? ★ Yes ▾

When experience occurred ★ Within the past three months ▾

Are you currently fleeing? ★ Yes ▾



Assessment ★ Location Emergency Shelter including ▾

Assessment ★ Type In Person ▾

Assessment ★ Level Housing Needs Assessment ▾

Prioritization ★ Status Not placed on prioritization li ▾

Victims of Domestic Violence: Refer clients who disclose domestic violence to police or Family Violence Prevention Services' Battered Women & Children's Shelter (210-733-8810) for immediate assistance and safety. Provide information about the domestic violence shelter, hotline, and support services to help clients access resources for escaping abusive situations.

HMIS Lead Agency Updates

- LEO Research no longer requires a separate ROI for consent to participate, as consent is implied as long as HMIS Privacy Notice and ROI are properly used.
- All mentions of SAHA in HMIS will reflect new organization name.
 - San Antonio Housing Authority > Opportunity Home San Antonio
&
SAHA > OHSA
- This will affect all projects with SAHA in the project name.



Emergency Transfer Plan Training

Resources

- [Federal Grant Recipient Monthly Call Recordings and Slides](#) (posted the following week & sent out via email)
- [June 2023 CoC Newsletter](#)
- [Homelink Helpful Resources One-Pager](#)
- [CoC and ESG Virtual Binders](#)
- [CoC and ESG Written Standards](#)
- [Housing Voucher information](#)

Technical Assistance

- CoC, YHDP, Special NOFO
 - Chelsey Viger, chelseyviger@sarahomeless.org
- Homelink
 - Crystal Santibanez, crystalsantibanez@sarahomeless.org
- HMIS
 - HMIS Help Desk, hmis@havenforhope.samanage.com
- Local HUD Field Office
 - CPD_GeneralCorr-SAT@hud.gov

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