



Board Meeting
August 7, 2025
11:00am-12:30pm

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AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order** – Jeanne’ Freeman, Board Chair
- 2. Consent Agenda**
 - a. April 10, 2025 Membership and Board Meeting Minutes
 - b. May 2025 to July 2025 Finance Report
 - c. BBCoC Staff Report
 - d. Designation of Big Bend CoC as HUD Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead and Transition Update
(Annually requires a motion to approve BBCoC as Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead)
- 3. Discussion Items**
 - a. Funding
 - i. 2024-2025 DCF Closing Balance Report
 - ii. 2025-2026 DCF Contracts- Local Funding
 - iii. BBCoC Funding Balance Reports
 - iv. Potential HUD NOFO 2025
 - b. State of Homelessness
 - i. President Trumps Executive Order on Homelessness and THUD Bill
 1. Talking Points for Board Members and Stakeholders
 - c. Big Bend CoC New Website
 - d. Committee Reports
 - i. Coordinated Entry Committee
 - ii. HMIS Committee
 - iii. Needs Assessment and Planning Committee
 - iv. Project and Application Review Committee
- 4. Partner Updates**

a. City of Tallahassee	b. Leon County	c. Gadsden County
d. Wakulla County	e. Franklin County	f. Taylor County
g. Jefferson County	h. Liberty County	i. Madison County
j. Partner Agencies		
- 5. Public Comment/Announcements**
- 6. Adjournment of Meeting**



Semiannual Full Membership and Board Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, April 10th, 2025

11:00am

Board Members: Jeanné Freeman (Board Chair), Johnna Coleman (BBCoC), Mandy Bianchi (Ability 1st), Gwynn Virostek (CCYS), Sonya Wilson (CESC), Commissioner Rick Minor (Leon County), Fred Horace Thompson, Barbara Wills (TSC), Taylor Biro, Jim McShane (Career Source), Frank Norris (VA), Dianne Williams-Cox (City of Tallahassee), Emily Mitchem (Refuge House), Chuck White, Tracie Simmons (Catholic Charities).

Meeting Attendees: Dr. Lona Ford (BBCoC), Ciara Tucker (BBCoC), Lovena Basquin (BBCoC), Tori Stephenson (BBCoC), Janelle Cotton (BBCoC), Jeff Kane (BBCoC), Eric Layton (BBCoC), Broderick Seabrooks (BBCoC), Lisa Bretz (AAANF), Kim Galban-Countryman (AAANF), Rob Renzi (Big Bend Cares), Sylvia Smith (Big Bend Cares), Cindy Kimbrell (LSNF), Justin Barfield (CCYS), Cathy Campbell (Safe Families), Robyn Wainner (City of Tallahassee), Amber Tynan (Big Bend Cares), Sylvia Smith (Big Bend Cares), Freddy Branham (ECHO), Marison Heck (Apalachee Center), Red Caloca (Family Promise), Shawn Noles (Volunteers of America/Vet Village), Derek Hubble (Family Promise), Carol Weissert (First Pres.), Anneli Nystrand (LSNF), Rod Harvey (HCT CPA), Leigh Ann Ester (Family Promise), Byron Wade (DCF), Dee Clifton (Catholic Charities), Yavellie Cervantes.

AGENDA

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

1. Call to Order – Jeanne' Freeman, Board Chair

Jeanné called the Membership Meeting to order at 11:07 am by welcoming everyone to the meeting.

2. Audit Presentation- HCT Certified Public Accountants and Consultants, LLC.... Pg. 1-25

Presented by: Roderick Harvey, CPA (HCT CPAs)

- Unmodified/Clean audit opinion for FY ending September 30, 2024.
- No internal control deficiencies or material weaknesses found.
- Revenues increased from \$1.5M (FY23) to \$1.8M (FY24); expenses increased from \$1.4M to \$1.7M.
- Net assets increased from \$56K to \$215K.

3. BBCoC Agency Report.... Pg. 26-41

Led by: Johnna Coleman

- COC is now a standalone 501(c)(3) organization.
- Implemented online assessment tool — ~900 submissions to date.
- Expanded street outreach (now includes 3 HOST deputies).
- Developed community dashboards and improved data transparency.
- In-house rapid rehousing and prevention program: 4 prevention cases, 49 housed.

4. Membership Roster Pg. 42-46

- a. Partner Agency Membership List
- b. Board Member Application and Nomination Form

Johnna stated that nominations and applications for vacant board positions and committee chairs can be submitted to her. She will also send out a call for nominations. - Submit nominations for Board or Committee roles using the form.

- 5. General Membership Announcements
 - a. BBCoC Code of Ethical Conduct Policy Form. Pg. 47-48
- **Fillable copies will be emailed to board members via Docusign.**

- 6. Adjournment of Membership Meeting
- Membership Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.**

BOARD MEETING

- 1. Call to Order – Jeanne Freeman, Board Chair

Jeanné called the Board Meeting to order at 11:25 am immediately following the Membership Meeting.

- 2. Consent Agenda
 - a. BBCoC Financials (January- March 2025) Pg. 49-50

Jim McShane made a motion to approve Consent Agenda and Barbara Wills seconded. All were in favor of the approval and motion carried unanimously.

- 3. Discussion Items
 - a. All BBCoC Funding Contracts Spending Update.... Pg. 51-55
 - i. HUD CoC Funding Update

- HUD did not renew funding for “A Place Called Home for Families.”
- Exploring alternative funding including vouchers and RUSH rapid rehousing to house households in APCH.
- Taylor Biro asked if there were any updates on HUD regarding scoring- Johnna replied there had not been any communication from HUD. She also asked if there was a reserve fund that could be used. Jim McShane stated that we should explore all options before looking at reserves. Johnna agreed stating that reserves would most likely be the last option.
- Testimony from Mandy Bianchi emphasized emotional and logistical impacts on families.
- Sylvia Smith stated that it is important to look at the System Performance Measures and other ways to increase CoC more competitive.

- ii. DCF FY 25-26 Funding RFP
- **Johnna stated that DCF would release 2025-2026 funding allocations soon and a local RFP process would be released.**

- b. System Performance Measures 2024 Presentation – Eric Layton, Director of Operations
 - i. PIT and HIC 2025 Draft and Vote to Submit to HUD

Presented by: Eric Layton

- **Notable reductions in time spent in homeless.**
- **0% returns to homelessness from street outreach.**
- **Income gains significantly above national averages (54–61%).**
- **Pit count showed minor decline.**
- **Challenges noted: housing placement/retention metrics declined due to rising housing costs.**
- **Action Items: One-pager and dashboard to be published. Presentation to commissions by June 2025.**

c. Committee Reports

- i. Coordinated Entry Committee – Mandy Bianchi, Committee Chair.... Pg. 56-59

Led by Mandy Bianchi - Coordinated Entry: Exploring alternatives to VI-SPDAT; ongoing data cleanup.

- ii. HMIS Committee – Jim McShane, Committee Chair.... Pg. 60

Led by Eric Layton and Jim McShane- HMIS/Data: Continuing with WellSky vendor; encouraging data literacy and participation.

- iii. Needs Assessment and Planning Committee Pg. 61-62

Led by Johnna Coleman- NAP Committee: Meeting monthly through October for a needs assessment. Johnna will provide information to the Board soon.

Jeanne' stated, in response to Taylor's comment about participation- that the work should be occurring in the committees and board meetings should be a time for report out and information sharing.

- iv. Project Review and Performance Committee.... Pg. 63-64

Led by Johnna Coleman- Project Application & Review Committee: Needs better platform for application and review; looking for new members.

-Justin Barfield asked if this committee was only for HUD applications- Johnna replied it was for all funding applications that go through the RFP process.

- v. Executive Committee-Jeanne' Freeman, Board Chair.... Pg. 65-67

Led by Jeanne'- Executive Committee: Focus on county engagement, visibility, and strategy.

- vi. Work Group Updates.... Pg. 68-69

Led by Johnna- Lived Experience and Youth Workgroups in development. Racial Equity Workgroup to be reactivated.

7. County Updates

- a. Franklin
b. Gadsden
c. Jefferson

- d. Leon
e. Liberty
f. Madison

- g. Taylor
h. Wakulla

8. Public Comment/Announcements

9. Adjournment of Meeting

Membership Meeting was adjourned at 12:34 pm.

Statement of Activity

Big Bend Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care Inc

April 1-June 30, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
Income	
44800 Indirect Public Support	5.00
47200 Program Income	\$9,019.12
47210 State Contracts	606,099.93
47220 Local Government Contracts	37,893.41
47230 Membership Dues	150.00
47240 Program Service Fees	948.39
47260 Background Screens	159.60
Total for 47200 Program Income	\$654,270.45
Total for Income	\$654,275.45
Cost of Goods Sold	
Gross Profit	\$654,275.45
Expenses	
60800 Bank Service Fees	152.11
60900 Business Expenses	\$35.23
60920 Business Registration Fees	272.50
60940 Background Screens	39.90
Total for 60900 Business Expenses	\$347.63
62100 Contract Services	\$428,093.48
62110 Accounting Fees	7,857.00
62140 Legal Fees	1,000.00
Total for 62100 Contract Services	\$436,950.48
62800 Facilities and Equipment	0
62840 Equip Rental and Maintenance	150.00
62890 Rent, Parking, Utilities	7,716.73
Total for 62800 Facilities and Equipment	\$7,866.73
63000 Program Expense	3,644.83
64000 Specific Assist to Individuals	57,800.91
65000 Operations	\$6,056.84
65010 Books, Subscriptions, Reference	600.00
65020 Postage, Mailing Service	43.86
65030 Printing and Copying	778.49
65050 Telephone, Telecommunications	998.82
65060 Information Technology	8,251.70
65070 Advertising/Marketing	217.07
Total for 65000 Operations	\$16,946.78
65100 Other Types of Expenses	0
65120 Insurance - Liability, D and O	797.35
65170 Staff Development	4,364.69
Total for 65100 Other Types of Expenses	\$5,162.04

Statement of Activity

Big Bend Homeless Assistance Continuum of Care Inc

April 1-June 30, 2025

DISTRIBUTION ACCOUNT	TOTAL
66000 Payroll Expenses	\$609.64
66020 Health Insurance	6,768.09
66040 Life & Dental	463.58
66050 Travel	506.00
66070 Taxes	23,554.75
Company Contributions	0
Health Insurance	23,102.88
Retirement	4,218.95
Total for Company Contributions	\$27,321.83
Wages	183,481.00
Total for 66000 Payroll Expenses	\$242,704.89
68300 Travel and Meetings	\$8,443.63
68310 Conference, Convention, Meeting	1,800.00
68320 Travel	1,147.58
Total for 68300 Travel and Meetings	\$11,391.21
Reimbursements	2,899.97
Unapplied Cash Bill Payment Expenditure	141.40
Total for Expenses	\$786,008.98
Net Operating Income	-\$131,733.53
Other Income	
Other Expenses	
Net Other Income	0
Net Income	-\$131,733.53

COC STAFF REPORT

April 2025- July 2025

HIGHLIGHTS

BOARD MEETING

1. Board Meeting minutes were completed from April 10, 2025 and included with Board meeting agenda packet for review.

HOUSING ASSISTANCE INQUIRIES

1. During the months of April 2025- July 2025, the CoC responded to the following:
 - Homeless Prevention – 69 inquiries
 - Rapid Rehousing – 63 Inquiries
 - Emergency Shelter Assistance:
 - CESC/Kearney Center – 10 referrals
 - HOPE Community – 5 referrals

BBCoC DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO CLIENTS USING CHALLENGE PLUS FUNDING

- Online Inquiries: April 2025- May 2025- 182
- Homeless Prevention – 12 (9 from APCHF PSH program)
- Rapid Rehousing – 7
- # of households placed into permanent housing: 7

FINANCIAL, BUDGET and GRANT RELATED ACTIVITIES

1. Completed invoices for HUD, Leon County and City of Tallahassee funded programs April 2025-July 2025.
2. Completed Invoices, Status and Roll-Up Reports for DCF funded programs for April 2025- July 2025.
3. CoC staff attended DCF Office on Homelessness OFFICE HOURS bi-weekly calls.
4. Continuous research on resource development for additional more diverse funding opportunities for BBCOC.
5. Completed monitoring DCF and HUD contracts with sub-providers. Reports to be released September 2025.
6. Onboarded Contract and Program Director to CoC staff- Welcome Mahogany Brown.
7. Big Bend CoC has entered into the final stages of becoming the HUD Collaborative Agency.
8. Completed local funding competition for 25-26 DCF funding.
9. Completed drafts of the new DCF provider contracts for 25-26.
10. Began the draft budget for BBCOC FY 25-26.

COC ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

1. Hosted monthly BBCoC Networking meeting each month- April, May and June 2025.
2. Conducted CoC staff meetings with all CoC staff.
3. ED attends bi-weekly CoC Coordination Calls hosted by Florida Coalition to End Homelessness.
4. Attended the Community Housing Solutions annual conference in Chicago, IL in April 2025.
5. Attended National Alliance to End Homelessness annual conference in Washington DC in June 2025.
6. Assisted partner agencies with various solutions to programmatic and operational issues.

HMIS

1. Overhauling the BBCoC website to deliver streamlined agency referral tools, a centralized resource library, and on-demand training—making it easier for partners, funders, and those we serve to connect, collaborate, and stay informed. This upgrade also highlights our CoC and agencies' strategic role and value in unifying our region's homeless service network.
2. Working with Social Data Analytics, a research center in New Zealand, to integrate their Housing Assistance Screening Tool (HAST) into our HMIS as a replacement for our outdated SPDAT prioritization tool.
3. Implemented a Corrective Action Plan for the CoC data team—featuring enhanced data-quality monitoring and monthly system-wide trainings—to improve systemwide results and better align with HUD's goals of making homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring.
4. Performed quarterly cleanup of HMIS projects, closing inactive ESG-CV programs which expired on 6/30, and updating existing program data elements.
5. Submitted quarterly ESG CAPER reporting to DCF.
6. Finalized reporting of our Housing Inventory Count (HIC) and Point-in-Time (PIT) count reports to HUD.
7. Started training on Tableau, a data visualization tool, which will allow the CoC to present complex data concepts visually, making it easier to understand for stakeholders and our community.
8. Submitted monthly shelter capacity reports to the City of Tallahassee.
9. Supported 91 HMIS users and trained 8 new users.

STREET OUTREACH

1. Responded to numerous outreach requests (for emergency supplies/connection to housing assistance/referrals/clothing needs and transportation needs). This also includes heat-related concerns/requests including water, electrolyte packs, cooling towels, ice packs, sunscreen, aloe, hats, body wipes, bug spray, ponchos, umbrellas, etc.
2. Coordinated and participated in 2 weekly outreach efforts in Leon County with Service Providers (Ability 1st, CCYS, CESC and Family Promise's Outreach Teams) and Community Partners (City of Tallahassee Parks & Recreation, COT Department of Housing and Community Resilience, Leon County Sheriff's Office HOST Unit).
3. Street Outreach Supervisor focused weekly street outreach in targeted areas (Downtown Tallahassee, Southside, Pensacola Street, Thomasville, Crawfordville/Woodville and the North Monroe Corridor)
4. Escorted HOME Street Medicine Team to visit unsheltered individuals in need of medical care for check-ups, wound care, and assistance with first-aid supplies.
5. Continuously supported and coordinated with City of Tallahassee and Leon County staff to address citizen complaints related to unsheltered homelessness. The Street Outreach Supervisor attended a street outreach planning meeting with BBCoC, City of Tallahassee, and Leon County staff.
6. Provided guidance and support to COT Parks & Rec and LCSO HOST Unit for dismantling camps using Trauma Informed Care.
7. Street Outreach Supervisor met with CESC staff to establish partnerships for assisting unsheltered individuals with clothing and shoes.
8. Street Outreach Supervisor helped unsheltered clients obtain IDs, driver's licenses, and birth certificates on a weekly basis.
9. Attended bi-weekly permanent supportive housing meetings alongside BBCoC, Ability 1st, and Family Promise staff to monitor and discuss clients moving into supportive housing.
11. Collaborated with the City of Tallahassee to help relocate individuals to areas with family support and available housing options.
12. A partnership was established with Gray Memorial United Methodist Church and the church donates 100 snack bags and bottles of water monthly for street outreach distribution.
13. Street Outreach Supervisor participated in the BBCoC HMIS Training aimed at improving data quality.
14. The SOS conducts outreach at First Presbyterian Church on a weekly basis during their food giveaway & laundry/shower services as to meet those seeking assistance and connect them with needed services.

15. The SOS assisted several clients with Homelessness Prevention services.

COORDINATED ENTRY

1. Coordinated and facilitated Permanent Supportive Housing community case conferencing each month on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays.
2. Coordinated and facilitated community RRH case conferencing on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month.
3. Coordinated and facilitated Veterans case conference on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.
4. Coordinated individual and family referral placements into PSH and RRH programs.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR

1. Worked on updating HMIS data for unsheltered clients that have relocated from Tallahassee. The CEL worked alongside LCSO HOST to compare by-name lists and assist with data cleanup in Apricot (LCSO information database).
2. Collaborated with ECHO to assist multiple RRH households with furniture.
3. The liaison assisted a Leon County probation officer with an explanation of programs offered by BBCoC & partner agencies and discussed ways to assist individuals being released from the Leon County Detention Facility.
4. Met with BBCoC Executive Director and Leon County Human Services staff for multiple Corridor Plan meetings. Staff from the BBCoC, CESC, City of Tallahassee, and Leon County hosted several West Pensacola Street Corridor Public Meetings for residents, employees, and business owners in the West Pensacola corridor.
5. The liaison distributed BBCoC Street Cards to Leon County Libraries, churches, businesses, etc.
6. Attended monthly BBCoC Networking Meetings alongside various social service agencies.
7. The liaison met with Leroy Collins Main Library social worker to establish partnership. The liaison and library social worker have scheduled bi-weekly meetings to review any new resources and clients' needs/inquiries.
8. The CEL attended the BBCoC HMIS Committee Meeting, BBCoC Board Meeting, BBCoC Needs Assessment & Planning Committee Meeting, and BBCoC Coordinated Entry Subcommittee Meeting.
9. The liaison gave a presentation to First Presbyterian Church on BBCoC services and homelessness resources in Leon County. Liaison also gave an additional presentation to the Compassion & Social Justice Committee Meeting of First Presbyterian Church during their monthly meeting.
10. The liaison met with Downtown Community Church on several occasions to discuss BBCoC and additional agencies' resources as well as potential collaborations between the church and BBCoC.
11. The liaison attended the Big Bend Fair Housing Townhall to learn more about fair housing/resources available in Leon County.
12. The liaison met with Connections Church several times, to both discuss BBCoC services and homelessness resources in Leon County but also visited the church to assist a client in need of housing.
13. Attended Big Bend AFTER Re-Entry Coalition community meeting to learn more about re-entry programs/resources and discuss BBCoC services.

2024-2025 DCF PROVIDER BALANCES

Agency	Funding Stream	Activity	Contract Amounts	Balance
Ability 1st	DCF Challenge Base	Program Need	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -
	DCF Challenge Base	Admin	\$ 35.00	\$ -
	DCF ESG	Street Outreach	\$ 22,302.79	\$ 0.00
	DCF ESG	Rapid Rehousing	\$ 39,662.86	\$ 0.00
	DCF RUSH2	Street Outreach	\$ 10,000.00	\$ -
BBCoC	DCF Staffing	CoC Staffing	\$ 185,894.85	\$ -
	DCF Challenge +2	Rapid Rehousing	\$ 18,679.03	\$ (0.00)
	DCF ESG	HMIS	\$ 4,131.55	\$ 0.00
	DCF ESG	Street Outreach	\$ 19,563.57	\$ (0.00)
	DCF RUSH2	Street Outreach	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 39.29
	DCF RUSH2	Rapid Rehousing	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 13.46
	DCF RUSH2	HMIS	\$ 2,469.31	\$ 0.31
BBHC	DCF RUSH2	Admin	\$ 4,866.81	\$ 0.00
	DCF Challenge Base	Program Need	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
	DCF Challenge Base	Admin	\$ 2,746.52	\$ -
	DCF Challenge Unsheltered	Program Need	\$ 79,269.86	\$ -
	DCF Challenge Unsheltered	Admin	\$ 8,807.76	\$ -
Catholic Charities	DCF ESG	Emergency Shelter	\$ 39,662.86	\$ -
	DCF TANF	Financial Assistance	\$ 19,385.00	\$ 1.98
	DCF TANF	Case Management	\$ 11,899.00	\$ 0.00
	DCF Challenge Base	Housing Need	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0.17
	DCF Challenge Base	Program Need	\$ 7,991.40	\$ -
	DCF Challenge Base	Service	\$ 42,008.60	\$ -
	DCF Challenge Base	Admin	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
	DCF Challenge +1	Prevention	\$ 5,425.10	\$ (0.00)
	DCF Challenge +1	Rapid Rehousing	\$ 16,098.63	\$ 0.00
	DCF Challenge +1	Admin	\$ 382.68	\$ 0.00
	DCF Challenge +2	Rapid Rehousing	\$ 27,995.56	\$ -
	DCF Challenge +2	Prevention	\$ 39,765.05	\$ -
	DCF Challenge +2	Admin	\$ 1,879.70	\$ 0.00
CESC Inc.	DCF Challenge Base	Program Need	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -
	DCF Challenge Base	Admin	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -
	DCF Challenge Unsheltered	Program Need	\$ 126,155.23	\$ -
ECHO	DCF Challenge +2	Prevention	\$ 48,285.46	\$ 3.87
	DCF Challenge +2	Admin	\$ 1,448.57	\$ -
	DCF Challenge Base	Housing Need	\$ 66,953.78	\$ (0.00)
	DCF Challenge Base	Program Need	\$ 5,486.73	\$ 0.00
	DCF Challenge Base	Service	\$ 29,513.27	\$ -
	DCF Challenge Base	Admin	\$ 3,058.61	\$ 0.00
	DCF ESG	Prevention	\$ 31,675.20	\$ 0.00
	DCF RUSH2	Prevention	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -
IOY	DCF Challenge +2	Prevention	\$ 3,990.00	\$ -
	DCF Challenge +2	Rapid Rehousing	\$ 40,322.81	\$ 62.81
	DCF Challenge +2	Admin	\$ 1,100.65	\$ -
CCYS	DCF Challenge Unsheltered	Program Need	\$ 50,000.00	\$ (0.00)



2025-2026 DCF Local Funding Competition

Scoring Recommendations

SUMMARY:

Reviewers submitting score sheets and whose scores were calculated into the average project scores include:

- ***Jane Johnson***
- ***Ann Brattain***
- ***Jacob Haines***
- ***Laure Mulrooney***

Seven agencies submitted projects that were reviewed and scored by Review Committee Members. An Average Project Score was calculated by combining all review committee scores and dividing by the number of reviewers (4).

APPROVAL:

The Review Committee and CoC staff recommendations are detailed below, have been approved for contracting for 2025-2026 DCF Funding. Via electronic vote, the BBCoC Executive Committee of the Governance Board has approved these recommendations with no additional comments.

Awarded amounts vary based on score, population(s) served, projects applied for, and available funding.

Agencies	Average	Total Funding Requested	Breakout of Requested Funding	Funding Awarded
IOY	91.8	Challenge: \$54,000.00 Admin: \$1,620.00 ESG RUSH- \$55,000.00 Total: 110,620.00	CHALLENGE Housing-\$54,000.00; Admin- \$1,620.00 RUSH HP- \$12,000.00; RUSH RRH-\$43,000.00	CHALLENGE Housing-\$54,000.00; Admin- \$1,620.00 RUSH HP- \$12,000.00; RUSH RRH-\$43,000.00 Total: \$110,620.00
Catholic Charities	91.3	Challenge: \$216,700.00 Admin: \$6,501.00 ESG: \$60,000.00 TANF- \$30,600.91 Total: \$373,801.91	CHALLENGE Housing-\$150,000.00; CHALLENGE Program-\$40,000.00; CHALLENGE Service- \$26,700.00; Admin- \$6,501.00 ESG HP-\$60,000.00 TANF HP- \$30,600.91	CHALLENGE Housing-\$60,000.00; CHALLENGE Program- \$40,000.00; CHALLENGE Service- \$35,000.00; Admin- \$4050.00 ESG HP-\$60,000.00 TANF HP- \$30,600.91 Total: 229,650.91
Big Bend Cares	89.8	Challenge: \$104,453.00 Admin: \$3134.00 ESG: \$120,000.00 Total: \$227,587.00	CHALLENGE Housing-\$49,200.00; CHALLENGE Program-\$31,253.00; CHALLENGE Service- \$24,000.00; Admin- \$3,134.00 ESG HP-\$60,000.00; ESG RRH- \$60,000.00	CHALLENGE Housing-\$49,200.00; CHALLENGE Service- \$30,000.00; Admin- \$2376.00 ESG RRH- \$30,000.00 Total: \$111,576.00
Family Promise	88.0	Challenge: \$400,00.00 Admin: \$12,000.00 ESG: \$45,000.00 ESG RUSH- \$75,000.00 Total: \$532,000.00	CHALLENGE Housing-\$175,000.00; CHALLENGE Program-\$75,000.00; CHALLENGE Service- \$150,000.00; Admin- \$12,000.00 ESG ES- \$45,000.00 RUSH ES- \$ 75,000.00	CHALLENGE Program- \$85,000.00; Admin- \$2,550.00 RUSH ES- \$100,000.00 Total: \$187,550.00
CESC	87.8	Challenge: \$560,00.00 Admin: \$16,800.00 ESG: \$219,433.38 TANF- \$30,600.91 ESG RUSH- \$375,000.00 Total:\$1,201,834.29	CHALLENGE Housing-\$200,000.00; CHALLENGE Program-\$125,000.00; CHALLENGE Service- \$235,000.00; Admin- \$16,800.00 ESG SO-\$39,433.38; ESG ES- \$60,000.00 ESG HP-\$60,000.00 ESG RRH- \$60,000.00 TANF HP- \$30,600.91 RUSH SO- \$75,000.00; RUSH ES- \$ 100,000.00; RUSH HP-\$100,000.00 ESG EUSH RRH-\$100,000.00	CHALLENGE Service- \$105,000.00; Admin- \$3150.00 ESG ES- \$40,000.00; ESG RRH- \$30,000.00 RUSH SO- \$75,000.00; ESG RUSH RRH-\$60,000.00 Total: \$313,150.00
CCYS	83.9	Challenge: \$100,000.00 Admin: \$3,000.00 ESG: \$50,000.00 RUSH- \$150,000.00 Total:\$303,000.00	CHALLENGE Housing-\$49,200.00; CHALLENGE Program-\$61,000.00; CHALLENGE Service- \$25,000.00; Admin- \$3,000.00 ESG SO-\$19,995.00; ESG Emergency Shelter- \$30,005.00 RUSH HP- \$75,000.00; RUSH RRH-\$75,000.00	CHALLENGE Service- \$25,000.00; Admin- \$750.00 ESG SO-\$39,433.38; ESG Emergency Shelter- \$20,000.00 RUSH HP- \$28,000.00; RUSH RRH-\$17,000.00 Total: \$130,183.38
ECHO	80.0	Challenge: \$200,000.00 Admin: \$6000.00 ESG: \$30,000.00 TANF- \$30,600.91 ESG RUSH- \$50,000.00 Total: \$316,600.91	CHALLENGE Housing-\$150,000.00; CHALLENGE Service-\$50,000.00; Admin- \$6000.00 ESG HP-\$30,000.00; TANF HP- \$30,600.91 RUSH HP- \$50,000.00	CHALLENGE Housing-\$36,800.00; CHALLENGE Service- \$40,000.00; Admin- \$2304.00 RUSH HP- \$60,000.00 Total: \$139,104.00

FY 2024/25 REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AND REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST
WITH ADVANCE

Please complete **only** the areas highlighted in blue

AGENCY NAME:

Big Bend Continuum of Care

PROGRAM NAME:

ARPA

REPORTING PERIOD COVERED:

June 1-30, 2025

CURRENT EXPENDITURES:

\$3,800.57

CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES:

\$1,069,257.34

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT REQUEST :

\$50.57

FUNDING SOURCE (Select from the drop-down list)

ARPA

COMBINED

Cost Category	Project Budget \$	Current Expenditures \$														Cumulative Expenditures (Amount Spent To-Date) \$	Unexpended Budget (Remaining Funds) \$
		Previous	Payment 32	Payment 33	Payment 34	Payment 35	Payment 36	Payment 37	Payment 38	Payment 39	Payment 40	Payment 41	Payment 42	Payment 43	Payment 44		
Task 1- Street Outreach	\$570,000.00	\$456,321.44	\$6,012.99	\$3,995.06	\$4,207.64	\$2,525.03	\$1,601.45	\$1,129.26	\$1,506.01	\$1,937.05	\$1,311.01					\$480,546.94	\$89,453.06
Task 2- PSH	\$427,354.00	\$433,483.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					\$433,483.29	-\$6,129.29
Task 3- Capacity Building	\$116,899.00	\$19,772.49	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,749.13	\$310.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00					\$21,831.62	\$95,067.38
Task 4- Community Liaison	\$153,101.00	\$30,757.15	\$3,985.80	\$3,064.43	\$3,064.92	\$2,780.31	\$939.30	\$1,693.79	\$1,262.65	\$1,826.97	\$670.69					\$50,046.01	\$103,054.99
Task 5- Coord. Entry	\$142,646.00	\$0.00	\$6,792.63	\$4,997.95	\$5,510.92	\$3,282.25	\$1,018.44	\$1,121.55	\$1,180.97	\$1,375.90	\$1,818.87					\$27,099.48	\$115,546.52
Task 3 Advance-Capacity Bldg		\$90,000.00	-\$2,324.75	-\$5,175.25	-\$3,750.00	-\$3,750.00	-\$3,750.00	-\$3,750.00	-\$3,750.00	-\$3,750.00	-\$3,750.00					\$56,250.00	-\$56,250.00
TOTALS	\$1,410,000.00	\$1,030,334.37	\$14,466.67	\$6,882.19	\$9,033.48	\$6,586.72	\$119.19	\$194.60	\$199.63	\$1,389.92	\$50.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,069,257.34	\$340,742.66

FYs 2024-2025 MONTHLY REPORT OF EXPENDITURES AND REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT

Please complete only the areas highlighted in blue

AGENCY NAME:

Big Bend Continuum of Care BBCOC

REPORTING PERIOD COVERED:
(Beginning & Ending Dates)

October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025
June 1, 2025 - June 30, 2025

CURRENT EXPENDITURES:

\$16,444.29

CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES:

\$115,733.90

AMOUNT OF PAYMENT REQUEST:

\$16,444.29

Cost Category	Project Budget \$	Current Expenditures \$													Cumulative Expenditures (Amount Spent To-Date) \$	Unexpended Budget (Remaining Funds) \$
		Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Jan-25	Feb-25	Mar-25	Apr-25	May-25	Jun-25	Jul-25	Aug-25	Sep-25			
Coordinated Entry	\$84,069.00	\$6,893.82	\$6,108.72	\$6,215.05	\$5,691.75	\$5,295.66	\$3,481.27	\$4,007.29	\$5,955.64	\$3,084.83				\$46,734.03	\$37,334.97	
HMIS	\$84,069.00	\$7,148.49	\$6,711.41	\$6,761.41	\$6,187.14	\$6,187.14	\$6,319.92	\$6,629.74	\$9,695.16	\$13,359.46				\$68,999.87	\$15,069.13	
TOTALS	\$168,138.00	\$14,042.31	\$12,820.13	\$12,976.46	\$11,878.89	\$11,482.80	\$9,801.19	\$10,637.03	\$15,650.80	\$16,444.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$115,733.90	\$52,404.10	



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

March 20, 2025

Ms. Johnna Coleman
Executive Director
Apalachee Regional Planning Council
1820 East Park Ave.
Suite 203
Tallahassee, FL 32301

Dear Ms. Coleman:

Congratulations! I am delighted to inform you of the funding for your project(s) under the Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Continuum of Care (CoC) Competition and Renewal or Replacement of Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Grants for a total of \$312,768.

The CoC Program is an important part of HUD's mission. CoCs around the country will continue to improve the lives of people experiencing homelessness through their local planning efforts and through the direct housing and service programs funded under the FY 2024 CoC Program Competition. Projects like those of your organization, funded through the CoC program, continue to demonstrate their value by improving accountability and performance every year.

The enclosure provides details about your organization's award(s) including: the name(s) of the individual project(s); the project number(s); and the specific amount(s) for each project. The Department's field office staff will notify you when they are available to process grant agreements; once all conditions are satisfied and the grant agreement is executed, your organization can expend the funds.

HUD commends your organization's work and encourages it to continue to strive for excellence in the fight to end homelessness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David C. Woll Jr.", is positioned above the printed name.

David C. Woll Jr.
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

Enclosure

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HMIS Renewal FY2024

\$ 138,816

FL1102L4H062400

2024 CoC Planning Project Application FY 2024

\$ 173,952

Total Amount:	\$312,768
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From: **SNAPS-COMPETITIONS** <SNAPS-COMPETITIONS@hud.gov>
Date: Thu, Jul 3, 2025 at 12:19 PM
Subject: Important FY2025 CoC Competition Updates
To: <SNAPS-COMPETITIONS-L@hudlist.hud.gov>

Dear Continuums of Care,

Thank you for your work to serve the most vulnerable Americans without housing. You, more than anyone, know that the nation's homelessness crisis is at a historic high, and that our communities shoulder the tragic impacts of this crisis every day. With 770,000 people experiencing homelessness — 275,000 people unsheltered on our streets — HUD is dedicated to supporting local solutions that reduce unsheltered homelessness and increase long term stability and self-sufficiency. The status quo is unacceptable for every American, with or without a home.

In response, HUD intends to publish a NOFO for 2025 Continuum of Care (CoC) awards. HUD invites CoCs to prepare for an application focused on treatment and recovery, reducing unsheltered homelessness, reducing returns to homelessness, and increasing the earned income of participants.

The NOFO will seek to provide opportunities for new types of projects including street outreach and transitional housing programs. HUD encourages CoCs to evaluate the effectiveness of their projects at contributing to the community-wide goals above and to ensure that the most effective partners, including faith-based organizations, are involved. We recognize this is a new application process for 2025 funding and are committed to providing CoCs the resources needed to serve their communities.

Alongside you, Secretary Turner and all of HUD recognize the inherent dignity of every man, woman, and child without a home. It is HUD's mission to steward resources so that no person is left to languish on our streets or to suffer in the grip of addiction. Thank you for your partnership to that end.



FACT SHEET: THE HUD CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM

Responding to Concerns Raised by the Cicero Institute & Others

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Continuum of Care (CoC) Program is the federal government’s primary framework for coordinating housing and services for people experiencing homelessness. CoCs are grounded in collaboration, data-driven decision making, and local flexibility. Recently, organizations like the Cicero Institute have circulated misleading claims about CoCs while promoting punitive, centralized state models that threaten to disrupt effective local systems. This fact sheet provides accurate, evidence-based responses to their claims.

MYTH VS. FACT

MYTH	FACT
“The rising number of people homeless on our streets is proof that CoCs don't work.”	CoCs have been extremely successful in getting people who are disabled and chronically homeless into stable housing. The reason there are more people on our streets is that more people are becoming homeless for the first time — a direct result of the rising cost of housing, property investment firms buying up existing housing, pandemic-era supply shortages, and a lag in new construction.
“The CoC Program rewards failure by giving more money to areas with rising homelessness.”	HUD awards CoC funds based on outcomes like exits to permanent housing, reduced returns to homelessness, and bed utilization. Rising need is driven by housing costs, not program failure. Florida reduced homelessness by 47% (2007–2023, population-adjusted).
“CoCs force a one-size-fits-all Housing First model.”	The US Department of Housing & Urban Development has made Housing First a policy since the Bush Administration; It is an evidence-based best practice, not a mandate. CoCs retain local control and can fund various models—transitional housing, rapid rehousing, and permanent supportive housing—based on community needs. See information below.
“Requiring treatment and transitional housing will solve homelessness.”	Transitional housing programs do not account for the unique needs and experiences of all persons experiencing homelessness. There is no one-size-fits-all approach to homelessness. Continuums of Care choose the right interventions based on community needs. Some communities in Florida have chosen to fund transitional housing projects through the CoC program .
“CoCs lack transparency and accountability.”	CoCs are governed locally and include public officials, funders and community leaders. CoCs must report annually to HUD using Point-in-Time counts, Housing Inventory Counts, and System Performance Measures. HUD reviews performance and funding is re-competed annually. HUD uses the CoC reporting to complete an annual report to congress.
“States would run homeless systems better than CoCs.”	State systems can be detached from local realities. Local CoCs promote fast, responsive collaboration between agencies, nonprofits, law enforcement, faith-based initiatives and health systems. Florida has 3,350 engaged community members and partners—demonstrating the power of community-driven solutions.
“Cities should criminalize unsheltered homelessness.”	Approaches focused on arrests, fines and forced treatment lead to higher public costs and do not reduce homelessness. When individuals are released from jail or treatment, their housing status does not change – they will return to homelessness.
“Housing First leaves mental illness and substance use untreated.”	Housing First connects people to appropriate services after they are stably housed. CoCs coordinate with health providers. Institutional care can cost over \$2,200/day; supportive housing is far more affordable and effective in the long term.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT POLICY PRIORITIES

The following table presents official evidence from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) confirming that Housing First is a formal policy priority across federal programs, funding competitions, and strategic guidance. This national policy direction originated with HUD, starting in 2007, not individual Continuums of Care. Given the clarity and availability of this information, it's concerning that some institutions omit or misrepresent these facts in their public statements.

Evidence Type	Description	Official Link
HUD Housing First Summary - 2007	Provides an overview of Housing First principles, implementation and supporting research.	Housing First Models to Homeless Persons with Serious Mental Illness
Housing First Implementation Resources	HUD Provides various training topics on implementing housing first dated 2009-2017	Housing First in Specific Project Types
HUD Strategic Plan 2013 Agency Priority Goals	Lists advancing Housing First models as a strategic HUD and interagency goal.	HUD Management Discussion & Analysis
HUD Notice CPD-14-012	Defines Housing First and strongly encourages its use in CoC-funded programs.	HUD Notice 14-12
HUD Notice CPD 16-11	HUD encourages providers to use a Housing First approach	HUD Notice 16-11
HUD Notice CoC Program Competition 2016	HUD Homelessness Policy and Program Priorities #7- Using a Housing First Approach	FR-5934-N-01
FY 2017 Notice of Funding Availability	HUD's policy priorities: 1) ending homelessness for all persons; 2) creating a systemic response to homelessness, 3) strategically allocating and using resources, and 4) use of a Housing First approach	FY 2017: CoC Program Competition Highlights <i>*The Link to the official application has been taken down from the HUD website</i>
FY 2018 Notice of Funding Availability	CoCs could apply for a Domestic Violence Bonus, but the project must be new and rapid rehousing and permanent housing projects must use a housing first approach.	FY2018 CoC Competition in Focus <i>*The Link to the official application has been taken down from the HUD website.</i>
FY 2019 YHDP Notice of Funding Availability	Grantees are called to expand community capacity to serve youth experiencing homelessness (particularly by using a Housing First approach), pilot new models of assistance, and report on successful programs.	FY 2019-2020 YHDP NOFO <i>*The Link to the official CoC program application has been taken down from the HUD website.</i>
HUD Evidence Matters FY2023	Reviews the evidence base supporting Housing First; shows positive outcomes and cost savings.	HUD Spring/Summer Highlight
Summary	It is important to recognize that the Housing First model has been studied for decades and has been proven effective in reducing time spent on the streets and improving long-term housing stability—particularly when housing and supportive services are readily available, as seen in successful models like the VA Supportive Housing Program . However, not all communities across the country have sufficient access to mental health and substance use treatment for those in need. Requiring treatment prior to housing placement—particularly with significant Medicaid cuts—would be ineffective, as many areas lack the infrastructure to deliver these services at scale. Expanding access to behavioral health services, especially for people experiencing homelessness, would be a valuable and much-needed enhancement. However, it would require substantial investment to rebuild service systems that have been chronically underfunded for years.	

THE FLORIDA CONTINUUM OF CARE MODEL: DATA & RESULTS

Proven Results (See [AHAR](#) and [System Performance Measures](#), publicly available outcomes & data)

- 90,000+ people served annually through Florida's CoCs.
- 73 days – Average shelter stay in Florida.
- 87% of households exiting short-term shelter remain housed.
- 96% of persons with disabilities in permanent supportive housing remain stably housed.

Locally Driven, Community-Centered (See Examples – [Central Florida](#) & [Gulf Coast Partnership](#) (Stakeholders))

Each CoC is governed by a board of local stakeholders including:

- Local Government, law enforcement, school districts and public agencies
- Healthcare providers (including mental health, substance abuse, hospitals and local health clinics)
- Faith-based organizations and individuals with lived experience
- Service providers including those serving domestic violence, youth, elderly, veterans, families with children, disabled persons experiencing homelessness.

Federal Coordination with Local Flexibility

HUD sets broad priorities and funds initiatives to implement them (e.g., ending chronic homelessness), but local CoCs design implementation plans, which fosters innovation, data-informed strategies, and tailored interventions.

SHIFTING COC OVERSIGHT TO STATE-LEVEL SYSTEMS DESERVES CAREFUL CONSIDERATION

Some policy advocates have proposed replacing locally governed CoCs with state-managed homelessness systems. While this idea aims to increase coordination and standardization, it's important to consider the potential trade-offs.

Key Considerations and Potential Drawbacks:

- Local Expertise May Be Lost – CoCs have deep knowledge of their housing markets, providers, and local needs.
- Community Engagement Could Decline – Local systems include nonprofits, schools, healthcare, and law enforcement. State systems may be less accessible.
- Risk of Uneven Resource Distribution – Smaller or rural communities could be overshadowed by larger population centers in state-run models.
- Reduced Agility – Local CoCs can rapidly adjust during crises such as hurricanes or housing shortages.
- Higher Administrative Costs – Adding layers of oversight could lead to duplication and delays.
- Strong Performing Local Models Could Be Disrupted – Communities with proven success may face unnecessary restructuring.

THE PATH FORWARD

Rather than replacing a successful model, policymakers should:

- Invest in Affordable Housing
- Expand Behavioral Health & Substance Use Services
- Support Local Innovation
- Strengthen Data Systems & Accountability
- Reduce administrative barriers for housing access

CONCLUSION

The HUD Continuum of Care model is the only national framework grounded in collaboration, accountability, and evidence. Proposals to replace or criminalize this model should be carefully evaluated for unintended consequences. Communities benefit most from accessible housing options for all income groups, local flexibility, cross-sector partnerships, and results-driven support.



HMIS Committee Meeting

June 11th, 2025 – 10:00am – 11:00pm Eastern Time

Attendees: Jim McShane (CareerSource), Eric Layton (BBCoC), Broderick Seabrooks (BBCoC), Johnna Coleman (BBCoC), Micha Allen (BBCoC), Ciara Tucker (BBCoC), Robyn Wainner (City of Tallahassee), Jackie Fortmann (Leon County), Mandy Bianchi (Ability 1st), Madison Heck (Apalachee Center), Artemis Dove (Brehon), Diovionne Clifton (Catholic Charities), Taketha Branton (Catholic Charities), Tamika Fields (Family Promise), Red Caloca (Family Promise), Victoria Alvarez (Family Promise), Saline Mendelsohn (Family Promise), Justin Barfield (CCYS), Larry Gallien (CCYS), Megan Duncan (CESC), Horace Thompson

1. Welcome/Call to Order

- **Jim McShane** called the meeting to order at 10:01 am.

2. Final Point-in-Time Count Results

- **Eric Layton** presented the final results of the 2025 Point-in-Time count. These results did not change from those presented during our last (April) Board and Membership meeting, but we were unable to present the final numbers until HUD opened their reporting website/tool for data validations.
- This year's total number of individuals and households served shows a decrease from last year. However, this decline reflects data limitations rather than a reduction in community need. Specifically:
 - Some programs elected not to participate in HMIS during the count period, which impacts the accuracy of our regional data, affects System Performance Measures, and limits our ability to fully demonstrate need for HUD funding.
 - Additionally, some programs did not utilize their full bed capacity at the time of the count, which may further underrepresent actual availability and service levels.

- A notable decrease in the number of individuals identified as chronically homeless (from 209 to 139) is not tied to housing placements, but rather to the absence of data from a key provider no longer contributing to HMIS or opting to participate in this year's count. As a result, many individuals likely served are not reflected in this year's count.
- In summary, while some figures may appear improved on the surface, they do not present the full picture. Continued efforts to strengthen HMIS participation and optimize bed utilization during future counts will be essential for accurate reporting, effective advocacy, and equitable resource allocation.
- The full 2025 Point-in-Time Count report, along with a 5-year comparison, are available on the BBCoC website.

3. Potential Coordinated Entry Assessment Replacement – HAST

- The CoC is initiating a discussion around transitioning from the SPDAT assessment tool, which—despite its long-standing use—has raised concerns related to length, intrusiveness, trauma sensitivity, and potential bias. In many cases, the SPDAT's scoring does not align well with actual client outcomes or housing needs.
- As an alternative, the Homelessness Assessment and Solutions Tool (HAST), developed by Social Data Analytics in New Zealand and piloted in U.S. communities like Allegheny County, PA, offers a data-driven approach. HAST uses existing HMIS data and predictive modeling (not surveys or interviews) to identify individuals at greatest risk of future homelessness.
- Early comparisons show that HAST has stronger predictive validity than SPDAT, more clearly correlating risk scores with future homelessness and mortality. It also significantly reduces staff time and subjective bias during assessments.
- A meeting with Social Data Analytics and WellSky is scheduled next week to explore logistics, integration options with Community Services, and model training using our local data.
- This represents a significant opportunity to enhance equity, efficiency, and accuracy in our assessment process and improve overall housing outcomes.

4. Upcoming Training: Performance-Focused Data Entry

- Despite strong direct service work across our programs, recent HUD System Performance Measure (SPM) results show no year-over-year improvement, resulting in a score of zero across all SPM categories in the latest NOFO. This isn't due to poor outcomes or inaccurate data, but because the data doesn't fully reflect the impact being made.
- The goal of this training is to align data practices with program outcomes — ensuring that client progress, housing placements, and service success are accurately captured and reflected in our reporting.
- Key reminders to improve SPMs:
 - Shelter programs: avoid daily exits and re-entries — keep clients enrolled unless they have definitively left.
 - PSH/RRH programs: enter Housing Move-In Dates as Interim Updates, not at enrollment. HUD requires this placement to count housing outcomes.
 - Record any improvements in income, benefits, or insurance as Interim Updates to show client progress over time.
 - Annual Assessments are critical for all programs — they demonstrate long-term system impact and are required for HUD evaluation.
 - Exit destinations matter — verifying where a client went can significantly impact measures like housing stability and returns to homelessness.
- These adjustments are simple but essential to strengthening our data, improving performance scores, and ultimately securing the funding necessary to sustain and grow our work.

5. Community Partner HMIS Concerns, Questions and Comments

- **Madison Heck** (Apalachee Center) requested additional training on HMIS referrals. **Eric** expressed that the CoC will be providing training for all HMIS users on HMIS referrals in August. This will benefit all HMIS-participating agencies and providers by being able to view and track inter-agency

referrals and their results (accepted/not accepted, duration from referral to acknowledgement/, and if not accepted, the reasons why).

6. Adjourn

- **Jim** adjourned the meeting at 10:45 am.

Next HMIS Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 13th, 2025 - 10-11am

Additional HMIS Committee Meetings:

October 8, December 10

Previous Meeting Agendas and Minutes can be found on the BBCoC HMIS Committee Page:

<https://www.bigbendcoc.org/hmis-committee/>