



CONTINUUM OF CARE AND COORDINATED ENTRY ENTITY MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN **COALITION FOR HOMELESSNESS INTERVENTION & PREVENTION** (the Lead Entity) AND **BLUEPRINT COUNCIL** (CONTINUUM OF CARE GOVERNING BODY)

Effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

This MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING is hereby made and entered into by and between the Coalition for Homelessness Intervention & Prevention, hereinafter referred to as CHIP, and the Indianapolis Continuum of Care Governing Body, hereinafter referred to as the Blueprint Council.

PURPOSE OF THIS MOU:

This agreement is to designate the Coordinated Entry Entity for the Indianapolis Continuum of Care (CoC) as outlined in the CoC Governance Charter. This MOU affirms CHIP as the Coordinated Entry Entity for the Indianapolis CoC and outlines the key responsibilities as the designated Coordinated Entry Entity. The CoC is a collaborative and coordinated network of agencies, advocates, and funders working to implement homelessness prevention and intervention strategies for individuals and families experiencing homelessness. The Blueprint Council is the governing body of the CoC and is responsible for setting CoC goals, priorities, and strategies. The Coordinated Entry Entity is responsible for managing and implementing the CoC's coordinated entry system (CES).

BACKGROUND:

The CoC Governance Charter was revised and codified on May 22, 2019. The charter sets forth the guiding principles of membership and participation in the CoC, responsibilities delegated by the CoC to the Blueprint Council, committees, and agents, and provisions for CoC governance through the BPC and key policies and priorities.

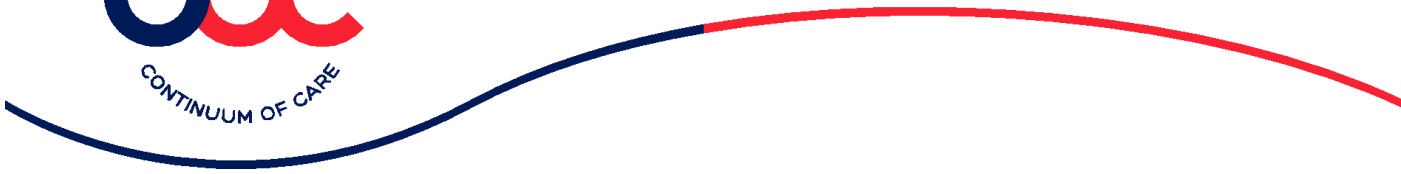
The Continuum of Care Mission, Vision, Purpose & Responsibilities

Mission: The mission of the Continuum is to coordinate all stakeholders, systems, and resources available with the goal of preventing and ending homelessness in Indianapolis by ensuring that homelessness is rare, brief, and nonrecurring.

Vision: We believe everyone has the right to be housed and connected to care.

Purpose: The Continuum is a collective impact endeavor that aims to align and organize all homelessness prevention and response resources and activities to achieve a measurable reduction in homelessness and embodies three concepts:

- (1) *A Working Coalition:* It is the collection of individuals and entities that have specifically committed to aligning resources and activities to implement the Indianapolis Community Plan to End Homelessness.
- (2) *A System of Housing & Services:* It is the system of housing and service entities that provide a broad range of homelessness prevention and intervention services to the community, the pieces of which leverage one another in assisting individuals and families move to stable housing. It incorporates outreach, engagement, assessment, prevention, shelter, housing, and services to successfully achieve housing stability.
- (3) *The HUD CoC Program-Defined Continuum of Care:* It is the delegated local community planning body that awards access to HUD's CoC Program funding to nonprofit and faith-based providers and state and local governments to meet the specific needs of people who experience homelessness and promotes the effective utilization of these programs and mainstream resources.



Coordinated Entry Entity Responsibilities

For the purposes of installing, maintaining, and facilitating coordinated entry in Indianapolis, the Blueprint Council must designate one or more entities as the Coordinated Entry Entity. Specific responsibilities of the Coordinated Entry Entity are further detailed below:

- Provide dedicated staff to fulfill CES Entity responsibilities
- Oversee CES including implementation, coordination, operation, maintenance, and evaluation.
- Manage client pools and housing referrals, in accordance with the CoC Written Standards and CES Policies & Procedures.
- Facilitate case conferencing processes with case conferencing groups including veterans, youth and young adults, and other special populations, as needed, with the goal of assuring clients are referred to appropriate interventions.
- Support efforts for evaluation and continuous quality improvement through monitoring
- Ensure compliance with HUD regulations
- Annual review of policies, procedures, and performance
- Administration of CES grievance and appeal process
- Develop and deliver training for skilled assessors and community stakeholders
- Establish a clear and accessible communication plan
- Promote standardized screening and assessment process

The Blueprint Council and HMIs Lead agree that this MOU can be modified annually during the annual review and renewal process to ensure alignment to CoC goals and priorities and any charter changes. The review and renewal process must be complete before the expiration of the current MOU.

Agreed to by:

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David Greene, Blueprint Council Chair

Chair, Blueprint Council

Date 6/28/2023

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Chelsea Haring-Cozzi

Executive Director, CHIP

Date 6/28/2023