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12/19/2025

## Continuum of Care Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** December 19, 2025

**Time:** 8:32 AM (Meeting called to order)

**Location:** Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

### 1. Call to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at **8:32 AM**.

**Present:** Anna Edwards, Paul Wright, Mickey Jamila, Wanda, Tracy Obert, Shari West, Bobbie Nielsen, Dawn Dillinger, Julie Eberbach (joined later)

**Absent:** Kayla (pending, joined later), Julie (initially in another meeting)

A quorum was established.

### 2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the following meetings were presented for approval:

- November 17
- December 5
- December 12

**Motion:** Tracy Obert moved to approve all three sets of minutes.

**Second:** Paul Wright

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**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

### 3. HUD NOFO Lawsuit & Hearing Update

Anna and Bobbie provided an update on the ongoing federal case involving HUD and the National Alliance to End Homelessness (NAEH):

- HUD released a late and significantly altered NOFO, rescinding the 24-25 NOFO that guaranteed renewals for FY25.
- NAEH filed a national-level lawsuit; a hearing was underway during the meeting.
- The judge has expressed concern about HUD's actions and noted the chaos caused.
- HUD's attorney indicated a **new NOFO may be released today**, though the judge may block this.
- Because NAEH joined the case, the ruling will have **national impact**, not just for the seven states in the original lawsuit.
- Plaintiffs requested **summary judgment**, asking the judge to rule that HUD can no longer legally issue a new NOFO due to statutory deadlines.

Members will be updated as soon as new information becomes available.

### 4. SSVF Letter of Support

A draft letter of support for SSVF was presented.

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**Motion:** Shari West moved to approve the letter of support.

**Second:** Tracy Obert

**Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

Anna will forward the approved letter to Paul or the appropriate contact.

## **5. Unsheltered Point-in-Time (PIT) Count**

### **5.1 HUD Guidance**

- HUD confirmed that **2024 guidance remains in effect**, except that **gender cannot be collected** due to the Executive Order.
- **Sex** may be collected voluntarily; it becomes mandatory in April 2026.
- HMIS already includes the “sex” field.

### **5.2 Board Decision: Collecting Sex**

Discussion centered on the importance of demographic data for trend analysis, gap identification, and grant justification.

**Motion:** Tracy Obert moved to collect “sex” during the unsheltered PIT count. **Second:** Wanda **Vote:** Motion passed unanimously.

### **HUD-approved response options:**

- Male
- Female

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- Client doesn't know
  - Client prefers not to answer

### 5.3 PIT Planning & Website Updates

Anna presented a mock-up of the PIT webpage, including:

- PIT date
- Training schedule
- Roles and responsibilities
- Forms and guides (to be added)
- Submission deadline (set to **February 13** after discussion)

Additional notes:

- A PIT 101 training will be held January 7 at 11 AM.
- Additional reporting/form trainings will be scheduled; Bobbie will provide dates.
- Anna will contact new and returning community partners, including tribal contacts, VOA outreach, and new agencies expressing interest.
- If tribal participation occurs, their data will be kept **separate** unless they choose to include it in the official PIT count.
- A separate portal may be created for tribal data to ensure clean separation.

### 5.4 Additional PIT Considerations

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- Some agencies are motivated to participate strongly this year due to frustration with HUD.
  - Despite NOFO uncertainty, PIT preparations will proceed.

## 6. Additional Updates

Julie provided updates on the national context:

- DOJ attorney stated a new NOFO may be released today, though this is uncertain.
- HUD held its first HMIS System Administrator call in months, with HUD staff present—seen as a positive sign.
- The judge appears well-prepared and knowledgeable about COC operations.
- The hearing tone suggests the judge is critical of HUD's position.

Dawn shared observations from listening to the hearing live, noting the judge's pointed questioning of HUD's attorney.

## 7. Public Comment / Additional Discussion

No additional announcements or discussion items were raised.

## 8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately **10:41 AM** so members could join the ongoing court hearing livestream.