**Erie County PA**

**Process for Reallocation Continuum of Care Competition 2016**

Erie County must reallocate HUD funds from Support services only (SSO) and Transitional Housing (TH) projects in order to align with HUD’s priorities of Rapid Rehousing and move toward the Housing First Model of serving individuals who are experiencing homelessness. Equally as important to accomplish this goal, we are requesting HMIS and Coordinated Entry funds to enhance our system of access to services for those who are experiencing homelessness. We plan to provide alternate housing options at or above the level of the TH housing opportunities through permanent housing, permanent supportive housing and rapid rehousing options Expected reallocation of projects is at minimum 20% of the 2016 award and maximum of 45% or the annual renewal demand.

The County has reviewed all the documentation and information available; 2016 NOFA, 24CFR 578 (Interim Rule), information on Rapid Rehousing and the Housing first model. We have reviewed data and information from HUD on the performance and cost effectiveness of TH projects in relation to Rapidly Rehousing (RRH) individuals experiencing homelessness. We have begun to review and assess, through our HMIS data and available resources across our continuum of care, in an attempt to network the systems of care to be better informed about the amount and type of service that is needed in Erie County to move toward HUD’s goal of ending homelessness by 2020.

We requested HUD technical assistance to ensure that we were taking actions appropriately, in response to the paradigm shift that needs to occur in both the access to and the types of service and delivery of the services, provided to those experiencing homelessness. We were approved for technical assistance, however were unable to receive this assistance until the completion of the 2016 Continuum of care competition.