**Ranking of Erie County CoC Renewal Projects**

Under 2016 HUD Continuum of Care process, Erie County Continuum of Care will be required to rank order all renewal projects. In order to rank all renewals in a fair and impartial manner using performance data as recommended by HUD. A 70 point evaluation system based upon performance and grant funding utilization was developed by the Continuum of Care Committee and approved by the HomeTeam Executive Committee August 18, 2016. The criteria for the ranking came from the program’s last submitted APR to HUD in ESNAPS, the January 27, 2016 Point in Time and the amount of funding not utilized by the agency during the last APR period (FY 14-15). Overall score will equal 74 **p**oints maximum when project receives a perfect score for all performance benchmarks. The benchmarks that are established for the evaluation include the following:

Utilization of Beds on the Point in Time on January 27, 2016

Utilization of Units on the last Wednesday in January, April, July and October.

85% of the Consumers in Permanent Housing will stay at the end of the APR or exit to Permanent Housing

80% of the exiting Consumers in Transitional Housing will exit to Permanent Housing (Projects exceeding this HUD goal will receive more points.)

75% of the ADULT Consumers will maintain or increase income

20% of the ADULT Consumers will be employed

50% of the ADULT Consumers will receive one or more non-cash benefit

**Section 1: Utilization of Beds and Units**

Utilization of beds on the night of January 27, 2016 (MAX 5 Points)

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| Percentage | Points |
| 85% and above | 5 |
| 75% – 85% | 4 |
| 60% - 74% | 3 |
| 50% - 59% | 2 |
| 25% - 49% | 1 |
| 24% and below | 0 |

Utilization rates of units on the last Wednesday in January, April, July and October. This information is reported on Question 11 of the last APR submitted to HUD in ESNAPS. (Each section can receive points-MAX 5 Points per quarter or 20 points overall)

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| Percentage | Points |
| 85% and above | 5 |
| 75% – 85% | 4 |
| 60% - 74% | 3 |
| 50% - 59% | 2 |
| 25% - 49% | 1 |
| 24% and below | 0 |

**Section 2: Housing Performance**

Housing- Permanent and Transitional Housing goal: (MAX 5 Points plus 1 bonus) Projects will answer one of these two questions depending upon whether they are a Permanent Housing or a Transitional Housing program. Projects can receive a bonus point if they are high performing. (APR Question 36.)

1. Consumers remaining in Permanent Supportive Housing program or exiting to Permanent Housing must meet at least 85% performance measure in order to receive the full 5 points. Projects with 90% or more performance can receive a bonus point or 6 points.

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| Percentage | Points |
| 90% and above | 5 + 1 Bonus |
| 85% - 89% | 5 |
| 80% – 84% | 4 |
| 70% - 79% | 3 |
| 50% - 69% | 2 |
| 25% - 49% | 1 |
| 24% and below | 0 |

1. Consumers in Transitional Housing exiting to Permanent Housing must meet at least 85% performance measure in order to receive the full 5 points. Projects with 90% or more performance can receive a bonus point or 6 points. (APR Question 36)

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| Percentage | Points |
| 90% and above | 5 + 1 Bonus |
| 85% - 89% | 5 |
| 80% – 84% | 4 |
| 70% - 79% | 3 |
| 50% - 69% | 2 |
| 25% - 49% | 1 |
| 24% and below | 0 |

**Section 3: Income, Employment and Non Cash Benefits**

Income (MAX 5 Points + 1 Bonus) Consumer’s income remains the same or increases either by employment or other cash benefits. Projects with 80% or more performance can receive a bonus point or 6 points. This information for Transitional Housing project is reported in Question 24 b3. For Permanent Housing this information is reported in Question 36.

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| Percentage | Points |
| 80% and above | 5 + 1 bonus |
| 75% – 79% | 5 |
| 60% - 74% | 3 |
| 50% - 59% | 2 |
| 25% - 49% | 1 |
| 24% and below | 0 |

Employment (MAX 5 Points plus 1 Bonus). Projects with 40% or more performance can receive a bonus point or 6 points. This information is reported in question 36 or question 24 depending upon project type.

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| Percentage | Points |
| 40% or more employed | 5+1 bonus |
| 20% -39% employed | 5 |
| 11%-19% employed | 4 |
| 6% - 10% employed | 3 |
| 1%-5% employed | 1-2 |
| 0 | 0 |

Non Cash Benefits (MAX 5 Points) Consumer has at least one or more non-cash benefits. Projects with 85% or more performance can receive a bonus point or 6 points. (APR Question 37)

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| Percentage | Points |
| 85% or more have non-cash benefits | 5+1 Bonus  |
| 75% -84% have non-cash benefits | 5 |
| 65% - 74% have non-cash benefits | 4 |
| 50% - 64% have non-cash benefits | 3 |
| 25% - 49% have non-cash benefits | 1-2 |
| 24% and below have non-cash benefits | 0 |

**Section 4: Data Quality**

Data Quality is the number of Missing Data Elements on an APR (Question 7).

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| Percentage | Points |
| No data elements missing | 5 |
| All missing data elements are under 5% or less of the number of total missing or don’t know or refused | 4 |
| One or more data elements are over 5% but less than 10% | 3 |
| One or more data elements are over 10% but less than 25% | 2 |
| One or more data elements are missing or don’t know or refused over 25% | 0-1 |

**Section 5: Budget**

1. Amount of Funds under-utilized by grant during program year reported on final APR.

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| 0-2% return of funds | 5 |
| 3-4% return of funds | 4 |
| 5-8 % return of funds | 3 |
| 9-10% return of funds | 2 |
| 11-13% return of funds | 1 |
| >13% return of funds | 0 |

1. Billings were received on time with appropriate and correct support documentation.

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| All billings were submitted correctly and with support documentation | 5 |
| 2-3 billings were submitted late and/or required minor documentation adjustments | 4 |
| 4-6 billings were submitted late and/or required documentation changes | 3 |
| Over 6 billings were submitted late and/or required major documentation  | 2-1 |
| All billings were late and/or incorrect requiring major changes and adjustments | 0 |

**Section 6: Program Specific Measures**

There are two program specific measures that each project should answer. A Permanent Housing program should answer the Permanent Housing question only. The Transitional Housing Program should answer the Transitional Housing question only. If a project answers both questions, they should be given zero points since they did not follow instructions. Safe Haven Programs are the exception since they are technically neither PH nor TH; however, they could answer either question but **NOT BOTH**.

1. Permanent Housing: This question applies only to Permanent Housing programs. Chronic Homeless Points (Max. 5 points): Points may be awarded to agencies who dedicated all or a portion of their beds to Chronic Homeless. An existing 100% chronic homeless program can be awarded a maximum 5 points. If a project shifted a portion of their overall bed capacity to serving chronic homeless in HUD 2015 application, they may be awarded a portion of the points. A project in 2016, which is new to prioritizing chronic homeless but did not serve them previously, could be awarded a portion of the chronic homeless points. The chronic homeless question is found on Section 6 of the Performance Benchmark Report. (See scale below)

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| 100% dedicated to serving Chronic Homeless  | 5 |
| Project committed to prioritizing a portion of their beds to chronic homeless in 2015; will commit more turnover beds in 2016 | 4 |
| Project committed to prioritizing a portion of their beds to chronic homeless in 2015 and the same number of turnover beds will remain for chronic homeless  | 3 |
| Project is just committing to prioritizing turnover beds to chronic homeless in 2016  | 2 |
| Project is not prioritizing any turnover beds for chronic homeless previously, currently or in the HUD 2016 application. | 0 |

1. Transitional Housing: This question applies only to Transitional Housing projects. One of the priorities of the HEARTH Act is to reduce the length of time an individual or family remains homeless in a Transitional Housing Program. For this question, the Length of Stay for a project will be reported from the median length of stay of persons exiting on their last HUD ESNAPS submitted APR. (Question 27)

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| 0 to 90 days | 5 |
| 91- 180 days | 4 |
| 181-365 days | 3 |
| 366 – 546 days | 2 |
| 547 or more | 0 - 1 |

**Section 7: Program Response to Performance Measures: Projects are encouraged to provide responses to Section 7.** The overall scoring will utilize data to evaluate performance of each program.

**Bonus Points: Permanent Housing Projects may receive either 5 or 0 Bonus Points in response to the Housing First questions. Program must include information that they do not have these barriers. If not all the information is listed is available, then no points can be awarded.**

**Core Elements:**

Admission/tenant screening and selection practices affirm the acceptance of applicants regardless of their sobriety or use of substances, completion of treatment, and participation in services.

Applicants are seldom rejected on the basis of poor credit or financial history, poor or lack of rental history, minor criminal convictions, or behaviors that indicate a lack of “housing readiness.”

Housing accepts referrals directly from shelters, street outreach, drop-in centers, and other parts of crisis response system frequented by vulnerable people experiencing homelessness.

Supportive services emphasize engagement and problem-solving over therapeutic goals. Services plans are highly tenant-driven without predetermined goals. Participation in services or program compliance is not a condition of permanent supportive housing tenancy. Rapid re-housing programs may require case management as condition of receiving rental assistance.

Use of alcohol or drugs in and of itself (without other lease violations) is not considered a reason for eviction.