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**MEMO**

**To:** LAHSA Commission

**From:** Josh Decell, Outcomes Unit Manager

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**CC:** Peter Lynn, Executive Director

**Re:** Review and Approve Coordinating Council Recommendations for Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Priority List Ranking Strategy

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Recommendation

Approve the Coordinating Council recommendation to prioritize CoC Program Projects in the following order:

1. Continuum-Wide Activities (HMIS, Coordinated Assessment) and Projects Exempt from Evaluation (new projects, reclassified projects, projects that have changed operator or undergone a similar, substantial programmatic change)
2. Permanent Housing Renewal Projects (by evaluation score)
3. Transitional Housing Renewal Projects (by evaluation score)
4. New Permanent Housing Projects (by proposal score)

Background

Each year HUD updates its funding priorities and communicates the order in which eligible projects will be selected for funding, based upon ranking tier and project type. For the 2014 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program application, this information appeared in Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for FY 2015 Continuum of Care (CoC) Program Competition (II.B.16;VIII. A.2).

Changes from Last Year

HUD has continued the Tier 1/Tier 2 approach to project selection; however, this year Tier 2 is much larger than past years. For the LA CoC, over \$14M in renewal funding will be at-risk, and the CoC is responding by recommending an aggressive reallocation approach that will make put the CoC in a much more competitive position for funding.

Projects that fall into Tier 2 will be individually reviewed and scored by HUD using a criteria described in the NOFA. The scoring factors are: CoC Application score, Project Type, Rank Order, and Commitment to Housing First Approaches.

Goal

Implement a ranking strategy that will have the highest likelihood of receiving the full award amount available to the Los Angeles CoC. The recommendation above both prioritizes the existing infrastructure of the LA CoC and reallocates at-risk funding to new projects, aligning with the HUD selection criteria.