

Northern California Tribal Region CoC

GOVERNANCE CHARTER

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Overview

This governance charter establishes the Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care (NCTR CoC) to carry out the duties in accordance with the Homeless Emergency and Rapid Transitions to Housing Act of 2009 (HEARTH Act) and with implementing HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 578.

The Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care has parallel responsibilities as assigned by the State of California for funding it provides to Continuum of Care organizations.

The Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care includes representatives from Federally recognized Tribes or Tribal entities serving individuals experiencing homelessness or who were formerly homeless and other interested, relevant Tribal organizations within The Northern California region. The Northern California Tribal Region covers the following Tribes:

Mendocino

- Cahto Tribe
- Gudiville Indian Rancheria
- Hopland Band of Pomo Indians
- Manchester Band of Pomo Indians
- Redwood Valley Little River Band of Rancheria of Pomo
- Sherwood Valley Rancheria

Sonoma

- Dry Creek Rancheria of Pomo Indians
- Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria
- Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewart's Point Rancheria
- Lower Lake Rancheria
- Lytton Band of Pomo Indians

Butte

- Tyme Maidu Tribe- Berry Creek Reservation
- Mooretown Rancheria

The Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care has established a governing board, which is named the Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care Board (NCTR CoC Board). The Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care is the lead decision-making body responsible for Tribally designated CoC activities for Mendocino, Butte, Sonoma County Tribes. The Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care Board is an unincorporated association.

The Governance Charter outlines the composition, roles, and responsibilities of the Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care, NCTR CoC Board, its committee structure, the CoC Lead Agency serving as the Collaborative Applicant and the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Lead Agency.

Purpose

The Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care addresses critical issues related to Tribal homelessness through a coordinated Tribal-based process promoting the Tribal regions- wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. The Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care is dedicated to a collaboration with diverse Tribal Governments and Tribal agencies that is inclusive of the needs of the Tribal homeless population and subpopulations in the geographic area (Lake, Mendocino, Butte, and Sonoma County).

As the decision-making body for The Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care, the NCTR CoC Board is responsible for managing community planning, coordination and evaluation to ensure that the system of homeless assistance resources is used effectively and efficiently to rapidly and permanently end people's homelessness.

This includes planning for the use of HEARTH Act Continuum of Care resources and State or local funds allocated to the Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care and coordinating these funds with other relevant resources in the CoC Tribal geographic region. The NCTR CoC Board will also share its data and analyses to inform the use of State, local, and private resources throughout Lake, Mendocino, Sonoma, and Butte Counties.

Part I. Responsibilities of NCTR CoC

As the designated board of the Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care, the NCTR CoC Board works with the CoC Lead Agency serving as the Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead Agency to fulfill four major duties.

A. Operating the NCTR CoC

1. Membership

- Issue public invitation for new members within the geographic area to join the Northern California Tribal Region Continuum of Care and the NCTR CoC Board at least annually; and
- Follow and update annually the written process to select the NCTR CoC Board to act on behalf of the NCTR CoC. The written process is contained within this governance charter.

2. Regular Meetings

- Hold annual public meetings of the full NCTR CoC membership, with published agendas;
- Hold monthly public meetings of the NCTR CoC Board with published agendas; and
- Appoint standing committees, ad hoc committees, and collaboratives.

3. Governance

In consultation with the CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead Agency, follow and update annually the governance charter, which will include all procedures and policies needed to comply with the HUD regulations; and a code of conduct and recusal process for the CoC Board, its Chair, and any person acting on behalf of the CoC Board.

4. Performance Targets, Monitoring and Outcomes Evaluation

- In consultation with HUD Continuum of Care Program (HUD CoC Program) recipients and sub-recipients, establish performance targets appropriate for population and program type;
- Monitor recipient and sub-recipient performance, evaluate

- outcomes, and take action against poor performers;
- Evaluate outcomes of projects funded under the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program and the HUD CoC Program, and report to HUD and other funders; and
- Publicly report results of HUD CoC Program and ESG subrecipient performance monitoring and outcomes.

5. Written Standards

In consultation with recipients of HUD CoC Program and ESG program funds in Mendocino, establish and consistently follow written standards for providing Continuum of Care assistance, including policies and procedures for:

- Evaluating individuals' and family's eligibility for CoC assistance;
- Determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive transitional housing assistance;
- Determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive rapid re-housing assistance;
- Standards for determining what percentage or amount of rent each program participant must pay while receiving rapid re-housing assistance;
- Determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive permanent supportive housing assistance (including emergency transfer priority); and
- Determining and prioritizing which eligible individuals and families will receive prevention assistance.

6. Secure Additional Funds

In addition to the HUD CoC Program funding, authorize the CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead Agency to apply for and receive funding and to administer or implement programs that reduce homelessness on behalf of the NCTR CoC.

B. CoC Planning

1. Using a data-driven and evaluative approach, develop a plan that coordinates the implementation of a housing and service system in the geographic area that meets the needs of individuals, including unaccompanied youth and families experiencing homelessness. At minimum, such system includes:

- Outreach, engagement, and assessment;
 - Shelter, housing, and supportive services; and
 - Prevention strategies.
2. Plan for and conduct the Point-In-Time Count (PIT) of homeless persons in Mendocino that meets HUD requirements, including an annual count of persons living in emergency shelters and transitional housing projects (sheltered persons) and a bi-annual count of sheltered person and persons who are living in a place not designed or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for humans (i.e., unsheltered persons);
 3. Conduct an annual gaps analysis of the homeless needs and the capacity to provide services for the current year and identify near-term trends to inform decision-making;
 4. Provide information required to complete the Consolidated Plan(s), Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance Reports (CAPERs) for jurisdictions in Mendocino County;
 5. Consult with State and local government ESFESG program recipients on the plan for allocating ESG program funds and reporting on and evaluating the performance of ESG program recipients and sub-recipients;
 6. Develop the emergency transfer plan for the NCTR CoC in accordance with the Violence Against Women Act; and
 7. Prepare and publicize CoC-wide data and analyses to broadly inform CoC funders, program operators, and the public.
 8. Coordinated entry is intended to increase the efficiency of local crisis response, improve fairness, ease access to resources, and prioritize people who are most in need of assistance. Responsibilities include:
 - In consultation with recipients of HUD CoC Program and ESG program funds in Mendocino, establish, operate and monitor a coordinated entry system (CES) that provides an initial, comprehensive assessment of the needs of individuals and families for housing and services and complies with any requirements established by HUD by notice.
 - Develop specific policies to guide the operations of a CES on how its system will address the needs of individuals and families who

are fleeing, or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, but who are seeking shelter or services from nonvictim service providers. This system must comply with any requirements established by HUD notice.

C. Designating and HMIS Lead and Operating HMIS

1. Designate a single Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for the NCTR CoC;
2. Designate an eligible applicant to manage the Continuum's HMIS, known as the HMIS Lead;
3. Review, revise, and approve privacy, security, and data quality plans for the HMIS;
4. Promote consistent participation of recipients and sub-recipients in the HMIS; and
5. Ensure the HMIS is administered in compliance with HUD requirements.

D. Preparing Applications for Funds

HUD CoC Program

1. Design, operate, and follow a collaborative process for development of applications for funding;
2. Approve submission of applications in response to a HUD CoC Program Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA);
3. Establish priorities for funding projects;
4. Ensure that only one application for HUD CoC Program funds be submitted and collect and combine required application information from all approved projects in Mendocino;
5. Designate the Collaborative Applicant to submit Mendocino's HUD CoC Program application on behalf of the NCTR CoC; and
6. Establish an appeals and grievance process to consider and resolve conflicts arising from Board funding decisions for CoC HUD funded projects.

Other Funding

The NCTR CoC Board may also make funding applications, in addition to HUD CoC program funding, consistent with its purpose, for State, private or other funds, or authorize the CoC Lead Agency or HMIS Lead Agency to make applications on its behalf.

Part II. NCTR CoC

A. Composition

The NCTR CoC shall include a diverse body of stakeholders from throughout the entire geographic area of the CoC to ensure a community-wide commitment to preventing and ending homelessness. Stakeholder representation includes, but is not limited to, nonprofit services providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, organizations that serve veterans, youth, and formerly homeless individuals, and persons experiencing or formerly experiencing homelessness. The intent is for the CoC to be as inclusive as possible to reflect the opinions and insights of various stakeholders.

B. Joining the NCTR CoC

The NCTR CoC invites new members to join via electronic application on an ongoing basis. The invitation is communicated by public notice and other appropriate media, which may include website announcements and email messages distributed to a wide range of stakeholders and members. To become and remain a member of the NCTR CoC, an individual or organization must submit an application, attend meetings, or engage in a supportive way with the community-wide effort to end homelessness.

C. Meetings

The CoC Board will host one public meeting of the NCTR CoC each year to receive input from CoC membership on key issues pertinent to the community-wide effort to end homelessness.

Part III. NCTR CoC Board

A. Composition

The NCTR CoC Board shall have a minimum of fifteen (15) and maximum of twenty-five (25) seats. Board membership shall be

representative of relevant and diverse organizations and projects serving homeless subpopulations and include at least one individual either currently experiencing homelessness or formerly homeless.

B. NCTR CoC Board Member Appointment

The NCTR CoC Board will issue a public call for board members annually. Applications will be solicited and reviewed by the Governance Committee and qualified applicants will be recommended to the NCTR CoC Board for approval, with the exception of the Youth Action Board. For this committee, youth representation will be elected by Youth Action Board members. The public call will ask for information about the candidate's relevant experience, knowledge and experience with the NCTR CoC and homelessness in the community and may request a letter of recommendation.

The selection process will consider basic candidate qualifications and experience and strive to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, a balanced representation of governmental, service provider and at-large members, including those who are currently or formerly homeless, and representation of diverse homeless subpopulations and a variety of services and solutions (shelter, transitional, rapid re-housing, permanent supportive housing, and supportive services).

In the event of a vacancy due to resignation or removal, the NCTR CoC Board may appoint qualified persons to fill the vacated position. A board member that is removed pursuant to this charter shall not be eligible for appointment for at least one (1) year after removal.

C. Terms

The standard term of office for NCTR CoC Board members shall be two (2) years. Members may renew their terms up to two (2) times, for a maximum duration of service of six (6) consecutive years. Election of the board members should be staggered to ensure continuity.

Terms shall be based upon the NCTR CoC Board's annual year of March through February. Members who begin their first term mid-year shall be assigned a first-term end date of the February of the second year following the month in which they joined the Board.

D. Board Officers

The officers of the NCTR CoC Board shall be a Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. The Governance Committee will be responsible for soliciting

nominations for officer candidates from among the members of the Advisory Board. Recommended candidates for officer positions shall be included in the slate of candidates as a part of the annual election of board members recommended to the CoC Board. The term of office will be one (1) year or until a replacement is elected.

Officers are responsible for the professional functioning of the NCTR CoC and its committees, including recommending committee chairs, overseeing committee work plans and progress, and coordinating with the CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead Agency. Officer duties are carried out with support of the CoC Lead Agency.

- The Chair shall be responsible for scheduling meetings, including bi-annual NCTR CoC full membership meeting and emergency meetings; setting meeting agendas; and chairing NCTR CoC Board meetings.
- The Vice Chair shall be responsible for chairing NCTR CoC Board meetings when the Chair is unavailable or has recused him/herself and for carrying out other duties to support the Chair.
- The Secretary of the NCTR CoC Board shall be responsible for ensuring meeting notices, working with the Governance Committee on membership, reviewing CoC Board meeting minutes, ensuring the election of officers and members, and for carrying out other duties to support the Chair.

E. NCTR CoC Board Member Responsibilities

1. Participation

Board members are responsible for carrying out CoC responsibilities as outlined in Part I and consistent with this charter. Board members demonstrate their commitment by regularly attending NCTR CoC Board meetings and participating on at least one committee. NCTR CoC Board members shall serve without compensation, but some board members may be provided a stipend to support their participation when they would not otherwise be able to participate.

2. Code of Conduct

NCTR CoC business will be conducted in a manner that reflects the highest standards and in accordance with federal, state, and local laws

and regulations. NCTR CoC Board members will act in accordance with and maintain the highest standards of professional integrity, impartiality, diligence, creativity and productivity. Board members shall not derive a personal or professional profit or gain, directly or indirectly, due to participation with the NCTR CoC Board.

3. Conflict of Interest and Recusal

Board members must comply with the Conflict of Interest regulations in the HEARTH Interim Rule 24 CFR 578.95. Prior to nomination or appointment to the NCTR CoC Board and annually thereafter, candidates shall complete a Conflict of Interest disclosure form.

Board members shall identify actual or perceived conflicts of interest as they arise with Board business items. This includes matters that have a direct financial bearing on the individual or organization that the member is employed by or represents, including all decisions with respect to funding, awarding contracts, and implementing corrective actions. Board members with a conflict of interest shall recuse themselves from voting on any issue in which they may have a conflict but may comment on the item as a member of the audience.

4. Removal of Board Member

The seat of any board member who is absent without good cause for three consecutive NCTR CoC Board meetings may be declared vacant by a majority vote of the remaining CoC Board members in attendance where a quorum is present. Good cause for failure to attend meetings includes, but is not limited to, illness or death of a family member.

The NCTR CoC Board may also recommend the removal of a board member for just cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the NCTR CoC Board members in attendance at a meeting where a quorum is present. Just cause for removal includes, but is not limited to, failure to disclose a conflict of interest and intractable disruptive behavior or demeanor.

Members may motion for removal of another NCTR CoC Board member by providing written notice to the Chair of the NCTR CoC Board specifying reasons for removal. The item so noticed must be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

Part IV. NCTR CoC and NCTR CoC Board Meetings

A. NCTR CoC

The full membership of the NCTR CoC shall meet at least annually. These meetings will include periods of time designated for public comment.

B. NCTR CoC Board

1. Meeting schedule

The NCTR CoC Board shall meet monthly throughout the calendar year and may meet more often as necessary to carry out its responsibilities.

Special meetings may be called at any time by the NCTR CoC Board Chair or upon request to the Chair by ten or more board members. Special meetings may be conducted in-person, by telephone or via computer.

2. Quorum

A simple majority of the voting members constitutes a quorum of the NCTR CoC Board. If 51 percent of the membership is not in attendance at a meeting, no votes may take place during the meeting.

3. Decision Making

Each board member has one vote. New board members must have attended at least one meeting before being eligible to vote. Members with a conflict of interest shall recuse themselves and abstain from voting on the conflicted action item.

The act of the majority of the board members entitled to vote at which a quorum is present shall be an act of the NCTR CoC Board. No business may be officially transacted without a quorum.

Procedures

1. Open Meetings

All meetings of the NCTR CoC and NCTR CoC Board shall be open to the public except as otherwise determined by the NCTR CoC chair or Board for reasons including, but not limited

to, discussion of anticipated or pending legal or personnel matters. Meetings shall be run by the chair consistent with Robert's Rules of Order. Meetings are not subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act.

2. Meeting Calendar

The NCTR CoC Board shall publish and follow an annual calendar with a day, time and location for NCTR CoC full membership and NCTR CoC Board meetings.

3. Meeting Notices

Notices of CoC Board meetings and agendas shall be distributed via e-mail to Board members and posted on the CoC website. Notices of NCTR CoC meeting shall be distributed via email to the CoC distribution list and posted on the CoC website.

All meeting notices and agendas of the NCTR CoC Board, except emergency meetings, should be, when possible, distributed no less than three (3) business days prior to the meeting. Meeting notices and agendas for special meetings shall be provided by email no less than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

Meeting notices for the annual meeting of the full membership of the NCTR CoC shall be distributed no less than ten (5) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

4. Meeting Minutes

Action minutes, containing only record of actions taken, for all meetings of the NCTR CoC and NCTR CoC Board shall be distributed via e-mail to Board members and posted on the CoC website within two weeks of the meeting.

Part V. Committee Structure

A. Types of Committees

The NCTR CoC Board will carry out its work through Standing Committees, Ad Hoc Committees, and Collaboratives (collectively called "CoC Committees"). CoC Committees may make policy, funding or other recommendations to the NCTR CoC Board for consideration and official action. Committees will be staffed by the Collaborative Applicant consistent with Attachment A.

- Standing Committees. Standing committees are identified in Part VI of the Governance Charter and ensure that the core functions of the NCTR CoC are implemented. Standing committees shall be reviewed as part of the annual review of the Governance Charter and changes shall be subject to NCTR CoC Board approval. Standing committees may organize their work through informal work groups or subcommittees.
- Ad Hoc Committees. The NCTR CoC Board may establish time-limited ad-hoc committees to address specific issues or tasks. Ad hoc committees will be chartered with a defined scope, membership, staffing, end product and timeframe. The NCTR CoC Board will consult with the CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead Agency to determine capacity to staff.
- Collaboratives. The NCTR CoC Board may establish collaboratives with open membership to share and improve practices within subpopulations, interventions or for another identified purpose. Collaboratives will be chartered with a defined scope, staffing, and timeframe. The NCTR CoC Board will consult with the CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead Agency to determine capacity to staff.

B. CoC Committee Membership and Chairs

1. CoC Committee Chairs

The Executive Committee will recommend committee chairs or co-chairs to the NCTR CoC Board for approval. CoC Committee chairs will be appointed for two-year terms. Either the chair or co-chair of Standing Committees must be a NCTR CoC Board member, with the exception of the Youth Action Board. For this committee, youth representation will be elected by Youth Action Board members.

Working with the Collaborative Applicant, CoC Committee chairs or co-chairs shall be responsible for the following:

- Recommending committee members from the NCTR CoC Board and broader community to the NCTR CoC Board for approval. All committees shall seek to include representation from Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) and people with lived experience of homelessness;
- Developing with committee members an annual work plan that

identifies work products, staff and committee member roles and responsibilities and timelines;

- Soliciting stakeholder feedback, including the voice of BIPOC and people with lived experience of homelessness and reflecting it in recommendations;
- Making recommendations to the NCTR CoC Board;
- Scheduling meetings and posting an annual meeting calendar;
- Providing written agendas in advance to committee members and on the CoC website;
- With the exception of closed meetings, posting meeting summaries to committee members on the CoC website; and
- Providing regular written or oral reports, as requested, to the NCTR CoC Board.

2. Membership

Committee members shall be appointed by the NCTR CoC Board for two-year terms, with the exception of the Youth Action Board. For this committee, youth representation will be elected among Youth Action Board members.

Voting members must follow the code of conduct, conflict of interest and recusal requirements outlined in Part IV.

C. Procedures

Committee meetings will generally follow the procedures for open meetings in Part IV consistent with the following:

- Committee chairs shall determine how often they will meet in order to achieve their work plan goals.
- Committee chairs will make agendas available to members and the public 24 hours in advance and meeting summaries within two weeks of the meeting.

- Meeting shall generally be open with the exception of Executive Committee and the Project Review Committee. All Committee chairs have discretion to hold closed meetings for certain discussions and decisions.

Part VI. Standing Committees

The following Standing Committees are intended to ensure that the core responsibilities of the NCTR CoC are carried out efficiently and effectively to meet its mission.

A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is comprised of the three NCTR CoC Board officers to carry out officer responsibilities as described in Section III.D. The Executive Committee calls all meetings of the NCTR CoC and NCTR CoC Board. The Executive Committee may act for the NCTR CoC Board for urgent decisions where a regular or special meeting of the NCTR CoC Board cannot be scheduled. In such a case, decisions are then referred to the full NCTR CoC Board for ratification.

B. Governance Committee

The Governance Committee is responsible for ongoing evaluation of the CoC structure and operations, including:

- Annual review of the governance charter and making recommendations for changes to the NCTR CoC Board;
- Overseeing NCTR CoC Board member appointment process, including reviewing applications and nominating candidates to the NCTR CoC Board;
- Annually inviting membership to the NCTR CoC and developing strategies to ensure broad participation, including persons with lived experience on the NCTR CoC, NCTR CoC Board, and its committees; and
- Reviewing the annual budget and year-end reconciliation of the CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead Agency, relative to NCTR CoC activities and reviewing activities broadly carried out by these entities outside of the NCTR CoC activities.

C. HMIS and Data Committee

With assistance from the HMIS Lead Agency, the HMIS and Data Committee is responsible for carrying out responsibilities of Part II. C., including:

- Ensuring HMIS is operated in compliance with HUD;
- Reviewing local reports to HUD to ensure accuracy;
- Ensuring accurate, timely and comprehensive data is available to inform NCTR CoC activities;
- Reviewing and recommending changes to the NCTR CoC Board on privacy, security, and data quality plans consistent with HUD regulations and notices;
- Developing and regularly reviewing HMIS policies and procedures materials; and
- Assisting in the evaluation of the HMIS Lead, as requested by the NCTR CoC Board and ensuring the Lead Agency successfully completes the following:
 - The annual Housing Inventory Count,
 - The biennial Homeless Point-in-Time Count,
 - HUD System Performance Measures (SPMs), and
 - Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA)

D. Project Review Committee

The Project Review Committee holds primary responsibility for overseeing a collaborative process to select projects for the HUD CoC funding application and for evaluating project performance of HUD-funded activities. Activities include:

- In consultation with funding recipients, establishing performance targets by population and program type, which includes soliciting the review and input of the Systems Performance Committee;

- Implementing the review and rank process, including determining funding priorities, and making funding recommendations for the CoC funding application, which reflect established performance targets;
- In consultation with funding recipients and ESG jurisdictions, establish written standards as described in Part I. A. 6; and
- Evaluating year-round performance of recipients and outcomes as required for HUD-funded CoC and ESG activities and report to HUD and NCTR CoC Board.

E. Point-in-Time Count Committee

The role of Point-In-Time (PIT) Count Committee is to engage the broader CoC community in the planning, implementation, and debriefing of biennial PIT Counts.

Activities include:

- Serving as the formal mechanism for the CoC Board to engage with staff and consultants in the planning and implementation of the count;
- Engage with the Lead Agency, including the selection of research consultant, to review and provide input on the process, methodology and survey content and the final reporting of results after the count;
- Provide regular updates, as well as recommendations as needed, to the System Performance Committee and/or the CoC Board on the planning of the unsheltered count efforts of the biennial homeless PIT Count; and
- Research and define best practice to ensure representation of all community subpopulations in the PIT Count.

F. System Performance Committee

The System Performance Committee supports system wide planning to help the overall housing and service system meets the needs of individuals, including unaccompanied youth, and families experiencing homelessness. Working with the CoC Lead Agency who prepares the documents and reporting out to the NCTR CoC Board for approval or adoption, areas of responsibility for this committee include:

- Mapping how the homeless system of services functions, including inventorying of major programs, services and resources, to inform the NCTR CoC Board and public;
- Conducting the annual gaps analysis and presenting to the NCTR CoC Board;
- Evaluating system-level performance using HUD and community performance measures;
- Reviewing and providing feedback as needed on aspects related to the CoC NOFA Competition and its components:
 - Project priorities list,
 - Community narrative (HUD calls this the CoC Application), and
 - Planning application
- Reviewing and providing feedback as needed on aspects related to system performance and planning activities, such as:
 - The annual Housing Inventory Count,
 - Performance targets set in the project review tools developed by the PRC,
 - Point-in-Time Counts,
 - The annual CoC application,
 - Strategic plans and community initiatives

G. Coordinated Entry System Committee

The Coordinated Entry System Committee oversees the design and implementation of the local coordinated entry system (CES) and evaluates its functioning and impact on improving access and connection to services to resolve homelessness. Responsibilities include:

- In consultation with ESG jurisdictions and CoC recipients, establishing policies and procedures, including specific policies to

guide operation for persons fleeing domestic violence to ensure HUD requirements and local goals are met;

- Developing performance metrics and evaluative tools specific to oversight and administration of the CES;
- Regularly seeking feedback from providers, consumers, and others engaging with the CES; and
- Reporting regularly on the activities of the CES to NCTR CoC Board and broader CoC community on access, resources, and functioning.

H. Youth Committee

The Mendocino Youth Action Board (YAB) is a formal committee of the NCTR CoC Board. Membership consists of persons between ages 18 and 24 years at the time initial appointment to the YAB, and at least two-thirds of YAB members must be experiencing homelessness or formerly experienced homelessness. The YAB advises the NCTR CoC Board on policies and activities that relate to preventing and ending youth homelessness. Specific areas of work include:

- Informing CoC's written plans or strategies relative to preventing and ending youth homelessness;
- Informing the design of the PIT Count; and
- Informing other CoC Committee work, such as the CES Committee, Project review Committee and System Performance Committee, as it relates to preventing and ending youth homelessness.

I. Racial Equity Committee

The 20-member committee is comprised primarily of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC), many with lived experience of homelessness and seeks to uncover the ways in which BIPOC experience homelessness and our local homelessness system. Activities include:

- Developing an action plan to guide the decision-making process of the CoC Board over the next three to five years;

- Incorporate racial equity goals and tools into each of the CoC Board’s committees when they develop their annual work plans; and
- Advise on the development and implementation of the CoC’s work, goals, and tools.

Part VII. CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead

The NCTR CoC Board shall appoint a CoC Lead Agency and an HMIS Lead Agency. In response to negligence or poor performance, the NCTR CoC Board reserves the right to open an RFP process.

A. CoC Lead Agency

NCTR CoC Board shall appoint a CoC Lead Agency to provide leadership, expertise, and staff to manage the day-to-day operations of to the CoC Board. The CoC Lead Agency will be a legal entity who is also eligible to act as the Collaborative Applicant for the HUD CoC funding and the applicant for any State of California CoC funding. The CoC Lead Agency will serve the following primary roles, which are specified in more detail in Appendix A.

- Provide leadership to NCTR CoC stakeholders and the CoC Board regarding best practices, system planning and overall direction to meet the responsibilities of the NCTR CoC, as specified in Part I.
- Provide meeting support to the NCTR CoC, NCTR CoC Board, and CoC Committees. This includes scheduling meetings, developing agendas, issuing meeting materials, and posting all materials on the CoC website.
- Act as the Collaborative Applicant for the annual application to HUD for HUD CoC Program and CoC planning funding. The Collaborative Applicant is responsible for collecting and compiling the required application information from all CoC funded projects within the geographic area and for required coordination. The final application is submitted to the NCTR CoC Board for approval prior to HUD submission.
- The CoC Lead Agency may seek and use other funding on behalf of the NCTR CoC, as authorized by the NCTR CoC Board.
The CoC Lead Agency will share information with the Mendocino

CoC Board on other homelessness-related activities or funding implemented outside of its role as the CoC Lead Agency.

- Ensure quality performance and impact for funded projects, including adherence to written standards, performance monitoring, provider training and technical assistance.
- Produce HUD-required planning materials and ensure HUD-required products and reports are completed and submitted on time, when required. This includes the PIT Count, annual gaps analysis, Housing Inventory Count, and performance reporting.
- Provide analytic support to CoC Committees needed to accomplish the scope of work outlined in Section VI of this Charter or any other explicit assignment made by the CoC Board.
- Produce other written materials such as policies, procedures, and written reports as necessary to transparently and professionally implement CoC activities and as specified in Appendix A.
- Provide an enduring forum to continually engage stakeholders, including persons experiencing homelessness or formerly experiencing homelessness; community leaders; and the public on homelessness through proactive engagement, outreach to and coordination with stakeholders, creation of outreach materials including but not limited to interactive website, social media campaigns, and community education.
- Implement, or oversee implementation, and evaluation of the coordinated entry system.
- Monitor federal, state and local requirements, trends and resources.

The CoC Lead Agency is eligible to apply for HUD CoC Program and planning, funding and other State or local funding to support dedicated staff to carry out the work of the CoC as authorized by the NCTR CoC Board.

At this time, the designated CoC Lead Agency is Mendocino Steps Forward.

B. HMIS Lead Agency

The NCTR CoC Board shall designate a legal entity who is also a HUD CoC Program-eligible applicant to serve as the HMIS Lead Agency. The HMIS Lead Agency will maintain the community's HMIS in compliance with HUD standards and coordinate all related activities including training, maintenance, and the provision of technical assistance to participating organizations. The HMIS Lead Agency will provide necessary support to the CoC Lead Agency and the NCTR CoC Board in carrying out planning activities and other activities requiring HMIS data and analysis as outlined in Part I.

The NCTR CoC Board will maintain an HMIS Governance Agreement with the HMIS Lead Agency to be updated at least annually. The HMIS Lead Agency will be responsible for activities specified in Part I.C. and further detailed in Appendix A.

The HMIS Lead Agency is eligible to apply for HMIS funds through the HUD CoC grant process or other sources, as authorized by the NCTR CoC Board. Funding shall support staff and resource the HMIS functions so that the HMIS is implemented as specified by HUD guidelines and to meet other goals identified by the NCTR CoC. The HMIS Lead Agency will share information with the NCTR CoC Board on other activities or funding related to HMIS implemented outside of its role as the HMIS Lead Agency.

At this time, the designated HMIS Lead Agency is Mendocino Steps Forward.

Appendix A: Roles and Responsibilities

CoC Responsibilities	Mendocino CoC Board	Responsible Committee	Support Needed
Governance/Administration			
1. Hold meeting of full membership, annually	Lead	Executive	Support all meetings, including logistics, notices, minutes
2. Make public invitation for new CoC members annually and as vacancies arise and appoint new members	Approve	Governance	Lead staff
3. Oversee Board membership process.	Approve	Governance	Support committee work
4. Appoint Chairs and members for Standing Committees. Develop workplans.	Approve	Executive	Support solicitation of chairs and members Staff all standing committees
5. Create and charter additional Ad Hoc Committees and Collaboratives	Approve	Executive	Recommend staffing capacity when new Ad Hoc committees and Collaboratives are being considered
6. Annually review governance charter in consultation with Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead	Approve	Governance	Work collaboratively with committee
7. Establish code of conduct, recusal processes to comply with conflict of interest.	Approve (with annual charter)	Governance	Implement through collecting forms and monitoring conflicts, recusals, etc.
8. Coordinate on organizational and administrative matters, including financials, staffing.	Receive annual report	Executive	Coordinate on organizational issues – including financials and staffing, and report out annually
9. Coordinate with SSF Board	Receive Report	CoC Board Chair	
10. Evaluate and designate CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead and confirm expectations are being met	Approve	Executive	Collaborative review
11. Review CoC Lead Agency and HMIS Lead Agency financials as related to HUD and State-funded CoC projects (budget and year-end)	Receive report	Governance	Work collaboratively to review and submit

CoC Responsibilities	Mendocino CoC Board	Responsible Committee	Support Needed
CoC Funding Application			
12. Design, operate and follow a collaborative application process	Approve	Project Review	Work collaboratively with committee on process and submission
13. Establish HUD-funded priorities	Approve	Project Review/ System Performance	Work collaboratively with committee on process and submission (Project Review Committee is lead)
14. Rate and rank projects	Approve	Project Review	Work collaboratively with committee on process and submission
15. Develop system (non-project) for portions of application, including application for planning activities.	Approve	System Performance	Work collaboratively with committee on process and submission
16. Monitor and ensure compliance with new federal policies.	Approve	Varies by topic	Lead Staff
CoC Project Oversight			
17. Coordinate implementation of a County-wide housing and support services system for persons experiencing homelessness	Approve	Executive Committee: All Committees System Performance	Lead Staff
18. Establish new HUD CoC Project performance targets by population and program type	Approve	Project Review Committee with support from System Performance	Lead staff
19. Monitor performance, evaluate outcomes and provide recommendation to CoC Board for action to address poor performance	Receive report	Project Review with support from System Performance	Lead staff Conduct onsite monitoring, reports and follow up
20. Evaluate ESG and CoC outcomes and report to HUD and CoC Board	Receive report	Project Review with support from System Performance	Independent Consultant Lead staff

CoC Responsibilities	Mendocino CoC Board	Responsible Committee	Support Needed
21. Establish and follow written standards for providing CoC assistance, in consultation with ESG, including P&P for <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluating eligibility; Prioritizing who receives TH assistance Prioritizing who receives RRH Rent and assistance standards Prioritizing PSH 	Approve	Project Review with support from System Performance	Independent Consultant Lead staff
Coordinated Entry			
22. Establish and operate centralized or coordinated entry, in consultation with ESG recipients.		CES	implementation of Coordinated entry, either directly or through contracts
23. Approve policies and procedures. Develop specific policy to guide operation for DV.	Approve	CES	Lead staff
24. Ongoing evaluation of system and outcomes and annual report	Receive report	CES	Lead staff
HMIS/Data			
25. Designate single HMIS system and lead	Approve	HMIS and Data	
26. Review, revise and approve, privacy, security, data quality plans	Approve	HMIS and Data	HMIS Lead prepares plans
27. Ensure HMIS operated in compliance with HUD		HMIS and Data	HMIS Lead implements
28. Report to HUD and community on system and project performance outcomes	Receive report	HMIS and Data/System Performance	HMIS Lead prepares reports
Communitywide Planning			
29. Support development of communitywide plan to ensure outreach, shelter, housing, supportive services, prevention	Approve	Executive Committee: All Committees System Performance	Lead staff
30. Conduct PIT	Receive report	PIT Committee	Prepare or contract for report, leads community discussion in developing and reviewing

CoC Responsibilities	Mendocino CoC Board	Responsible Committee	Support Needed
31. Conduct annual gaps analysis of needs and services	Approve	System Performance	Prepare or contract for report, leads community discussion in developing and reviewing
32. Submit Housing Inventory Count (HIC) to HUD	Receive report	HMIS and Data	Lead staff
Coordination			
33. Provide info for Consolidated Plan	Receive report	System Performance	Lead staff
34. Consult with ESG recipients on the Plan for allocating ESG funding and reporting on performance in CAPER	Receive report	Project Review Committee is lead, with support from System Performance	Lead staff
Communication			
35. Maintain CoC membership and communications, including website		Executive	Lead staff
36. Communicate with public, leaders and stakeholders on key issues	Receive report	Executive	Lead staff