**NOFA Committee**

The NOFA (Notice of Funding Availability) Committee prepares and submits the Maine Continuum of Care (MCoC) Program Application for funding and performs various other tasks related to this effort, including reviewing all data, developing narratives, and recommending the final product for approval by MCoC prior to final submission. The NOFA Committeeconsists of members of the MCoC and the Collaborative Applicant. The NOFA Committee typically meets every other month outside of the NOFA application process, but once the NOFA is release, the committee will meet twice a month, or as needed to complete and submit the Application on time.

**Project Monitoring Committee**

The Project Monitoring Committee monitors all HUD funded Maine Continuum of Care Grant and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) projects in the state of Maine. This includes establishing the processes and methodologies used to monitor for compliance and system performance measures and providing results and recommendations to the MCoC, MaineHousing, and the projects themselves. Meetings are held monthly, the third Monday of the month. Additional meetings may be scheduled to ensure Monitoring of COC projects is complete before the NOFA.

**Scoring Template Committee**

The Scoring Template Committee establishes the criteria and protocols used to score and rank projects seeking funding through the MCoC Application process. This work involves developing and refining the Scoring Templates, methodologiesand ranking protocols used to score and rank all New and Renewal Project Applications. Scoring Templates will be based on priorities established by HUD and the MCoC and will be reviewed and adjusted annually. Meetings are scheduled in anticipation of the NOFA.

**HMIS Data Committee**

The HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) Data Committee ensures that the HMIS is managed in accordance with MCoC policies, procedures, and goals as well as developing and enforcing community level data quality, privacy, and security plans and standards. The committee will evaluate the HMIS Lead Agency’s administration of HMIS for compliance with HUD requirements and best practices and will encourage consistent participation by CoC and ESG funding recipients/sub recipients. Meetings are held monthly, and as needed.

**Resource Committee**

The Resource Committee engages with the community and MCoC members, to collect, organize, and share information related to homelessness in the state of Maine, works to recruit and orient new members to MCoC and its Committees, plans and implements training and education opportunities for members and other providers, and engages with the community to support local initiatives to reduce and end homelessness throughout the state. Meetings occur monthly and Trainings are scheduled quarterly, as needed, or as opportunities arise.

**Selection Committee**

The Selection Committee is responsible for the selection, scoring, and ranking of projects to be included in the annual MCOC funding Application Members must read, review, and score and rank all COC New and Renewal Project applications using the tolls and methodology developed by the Scoring Template Committee. The Selection Committee consists of agencies and/or individuals who are not competing for MCOC project funding, and are found to be without real or perceived conflicts of interest during the current round of the MCOC application process. Meetings times are dictated by the NOFA. As such this Committee does not meet regularly throughout the year, but requires a few long meetings and a considerable amount of time outside meetings to review materials.

**Policy Committee**

The Policy Committee is a Joint Standing Committee of the MCOC and the Statewide Homeless Council (SHC), and is an action-oriented group that collects, organizes, and shares information regarding numerous, ongoing policy initiatives. This committee advocates on the local, state, and federal levels for resources and funding for homeless services necessary to fulfill the mission, goals, and objectives of the Maine Continuum of Care, and serves as an informative liaison to the Statewide Homeless Council, Regional Homeless Councils, and other local committees and coalitions regarding local, state, and federal legislation as it pertains to homelessness. Meetings are monthly, but may vary based on state and federal legislative activity.

**Maine Homeless Veteran Action Committee**

The Maine Homeless Veteran Action Committee (HVAC) coordinates the services of homeless providers for Veterans in the state of Maine with the goal of creating a system that ends Veteran homelessness though the implementation of a Veteran specific coordinated entry and permanent housing plan assessment, maintenance of an accurate Veteran By-Name List, and participation in weekly case consultation. Membership may include, but is not limited to, agencies of the MCOC who serve Veterans. Membership is open to any individual or organization interested in supporting the overall purpose and mission of this committee. Members meet weekly for case consultation and monthly for Steering meeting.

**Homeless Youth Provider Group**

The Homeless Youth Provider Group works to ensure that there is a system of services in place for youth who are identified as homeless or at risk of homelessness that follows best practices and meets federal and state standards of care.  We work to improve communication between provider agencies and coordinate care across the state so that youth have access to shelter, outreach and transitional living services. We work to create opportunities for youth voices to be present and/or represented in policies and decisions regarding systems, services and programs that directly impact their lives, and to serve as an expert resource on youth homelessness to the MCOC, SHC and Maine State Agencies.

**Coordinated Entry Design Workgroup**

The Coordinated Entry Design Workgroup is a subcommittee of the Maine CoC board. Organizations from across the state representing those experiencing homelessness as well as those at risk of homelessness work together to develop a Coordinated Entry System (CES).  Coordinated Entry is a statewide system mandated by HUD that requires the CoC to establish a centralized and coordinated process for persons who are at risk of becoming homeless, or who are experiencing homelessness to gain access to housing or supportive services. The Coordinated Entry System (CES) has been established with the goal of increasing the efficiency of local crisis response systems and improving fairness and ease of access to resources for Maine’s homeless residents. Weekly meetings are currently scheduled for Tuesday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 pm.