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EXTERNAL EMAIL

Good Morning Dan,

Though HUD is not inclined to comment on the vote compliance with current MCoC governance, we can reiterate our concerns that we shared with members of the Maine CoC in the meeting that we attended on March 26th, 2024 that the MCoC continues to operate using practices that are misaligned with the most collaborative and evidence-based approaches to homeless resolution. The MCoC governance and organizational design are influenced by the remnants of pre-HEARTH approaches to homelessness resolution. Current CoC design is complex, does not appear inclusive or transparent, and despite being a Statewide CoC since 2017, still functions as three CoC's in many ways. It is to Maine's benefit to rethink the CoC plan design to better address the State and homeless population needs.

As we advised on Thursday August 29th, 2024 the "Proposal for New Structure for the Maine Continuum of Care" that was voted on and approved, has HUD's support.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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