

CoC Community Standards May 2021 Update

Overview of Community Standards:

- HUD requires CoC's to have written policies that govern the provision of homeless assistance – homelessness prevention, street outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing and permanent supportive housing.
- HUD requires that CoC and ESG projects follow written standards.
- The current Community Standards were last updated in January 2018.

Major Revision Updates to Current CoC Community Standards:

The following provides a summary of the major changes and revisions to the current version of the CoC Community Standards from 2018.

General Revisions

- Streamlined and condensed language
- Reflects new CoC board structure and role of RTFH as lead agency for the CoC

System Standards

- Reaffirms commitment to Housing First approach with updated language
- Adds system standard on incorporating Trauma Informed Care approach
- Adds system standard on addressing racial disparities
- Adds system standard on incorporating the perspectives of those with lived experience
- Incorporates updated Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policies and Procedures
- Adds new language around fair housing, equal opportunity, and equal access

Project Standards

- Adds standards for Homelessness Prevention assistance
- Incorporates new Street Outreach Standards and CoC Unsheltered Policy
- Incorporates new Rapid Re-Housing operating standards
- Adds standards for Joint Transitional Housing and Rapid Re-Housing Projects
- Incorporates housing placement performance benchmarks based on CoC adopted recommendations from Ad Hoc Committee on Standards and Measurement (October 2019)