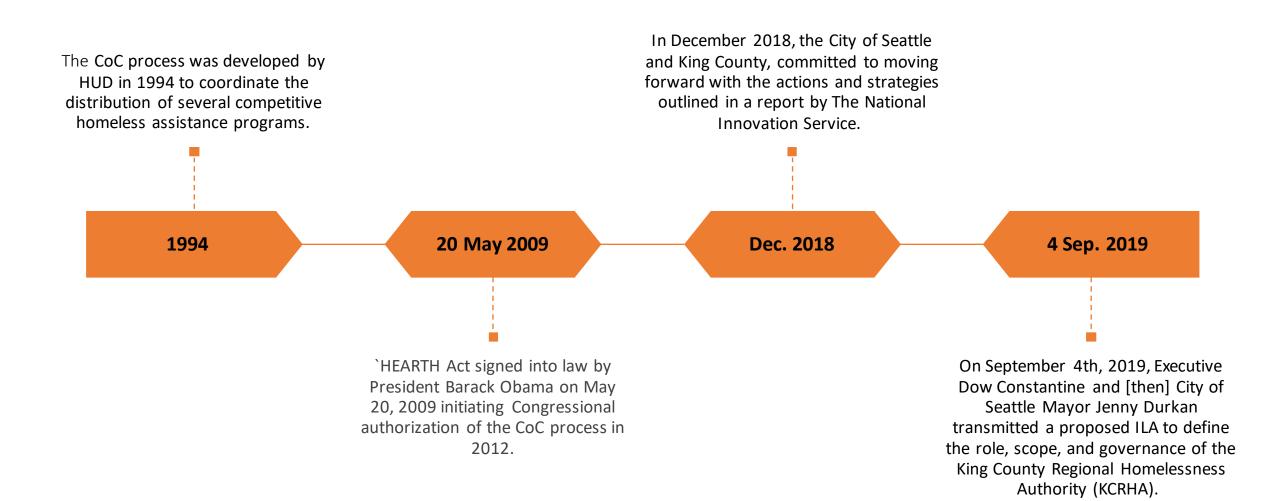
# CoC Overview Refresher Training

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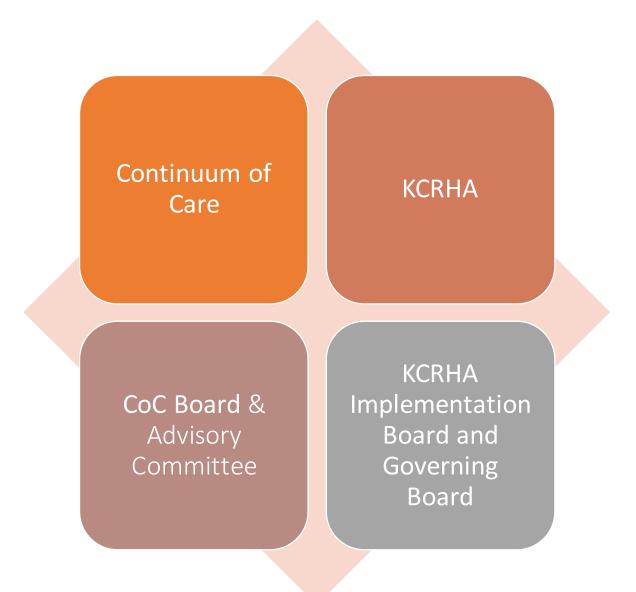
# History

## History of the Continuum of Care (CoC) and King County Regional Homelessness Authority (KCRHA)



# Roles

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**Implementation Board**: Operations and management of all Authority affairs shall reside in an Implementation Board

KCRHA Implementation Board **and** Governing Committee

**Governing Committee:** Elected officials serving ex officio and individuals representing those with Lived Experience act as the administrator for the Authority and for the purposes of performing the duties set out in the ILA.

## Roles: Continuum of Care (CoC) - WA-500

## Established by representatives from relevant organizations within a geographic area

- "including nonprofit homeless providers, victim service providers, faith-based organizations, governments, businesses, advocates, public housing agencies, school districts, social service providers, mental health agencies, hospitals, universities, affordable housing developers, law enforcement, organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and homeless and formerly homeless persons to the extent these groups are represented within the geographic area and are available to participate." (24 CFR 578.3 "Continuum of Care and Continuum")
- The <u>CoC Charter</u> "shall be updated and affirmed annually by the Seattle-King County Continuum of Care Membership in consultation with the CoC Board, collaborative applicant and the Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) lead."
- Roles include: voting on charter and new or existing board members and holding a convening twice annually
  - Invite new members to join publicly annually

## Responsibilities: Continuum of Care

## **Required Duties of the Continuum of Care**

- Serve a specific geographic area
- Establish a Board to act on its behalf
- Designate and/or Operate the Continuum of Care
- Designate and Operate an HMIS
- Designate and/or conduct Continuum of Care Planning
- Maintains responsibility of final approval of the CoC application/NOFA

# CoC Governance: Governing Charter

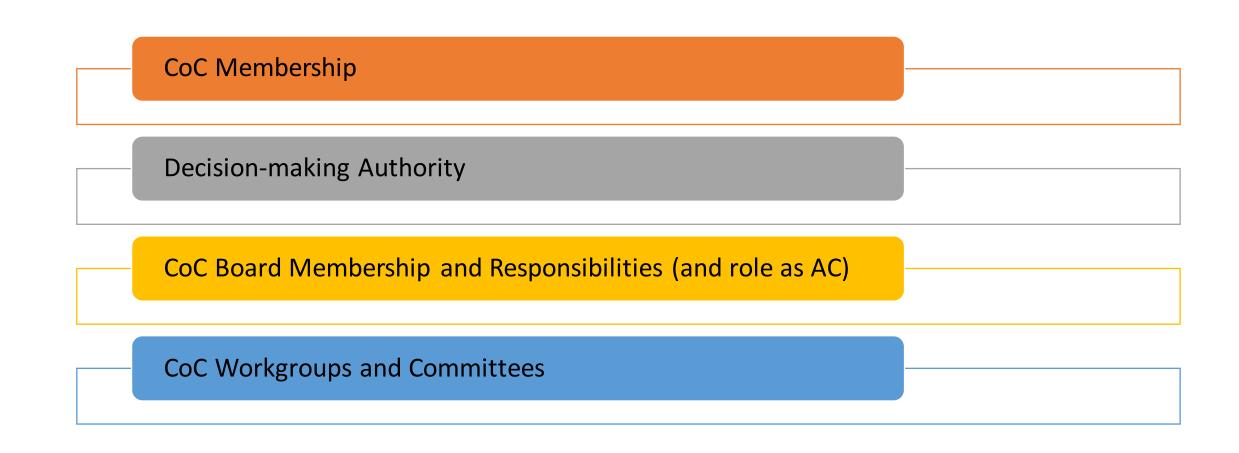
#### CoC Values

- Recommendations and decisions will reflect the diversity of people experiencing homelessness.
- The CoC will promote equity for communities of color disproportionally affected by homelessness.
- Decisions and recommendations made by the CoC will reflect a cross-sector and regional approach.
- The CoC will operate with transparency and inclusiveness.
- The CoC will promote shared responsibility and accountability.
- CoC leadership will establish clearly defined roles and responsibilities and communicate decisions clearly and widely

#### Theory of Change

 "If we create a homelessness response system that centers the voices of people who have lived experience of homelessness, then we will be able to focus on responding to needs and eliminating inequities, in order to end homelessness for all."

## The Charter also includes...



## Meetings

#### **CoC Board**

- Planning meetings with CoC Board Co-chairs and KCRHA
- CoC Board Retreats
- Monthly and Special Board meetings
- Advisory Committee meetings

### Committees and Workgroups

- System Performance Committee (SPC)
- Coordinated Entry Committee
- CoC Application Workgroup
- Cross-cutting Policy Workgroup
- Convening Committee

#### CoC membership

- Minimum Bi-annual Convenings
- CoC-sponsored Trainings

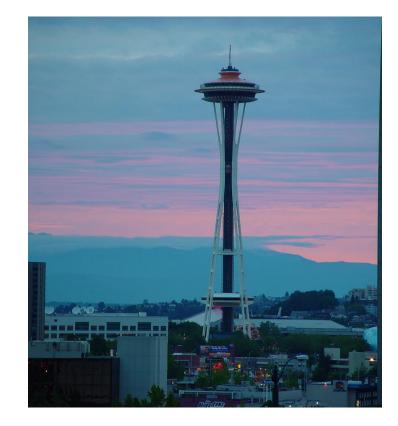
# KCRHA as the CoC Collaborative Applicant and HMIS Lead

#### **CoC Collaborative Applicant**

- Eligible to apply to HUD for Continuum of Care planning funds on behalf of the Continuum of Care
- Submits CoC consolidated application as part of the NOFO competition on behalf of the Continuum of Care

#### **HMIS Lead**

- Single HMIS designee for entire CoC geographic area
- Must be established by CoC to act on its behalf.
- Must be a legal entity
- Must be an eligible applicant
- Must participate on the systems performance committee (as designated in the Charter)



## Roles: KCRHA

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**HUD CoC Regulations** 

#### King County Regional Homelessness Authority is a...

- "Governmental Administrative Agency"
- " A regional, government agency" ILA Article IV. Section 1.a)
- HUD CoC Lead applicant
- HUD CoC Collaborative applicant
- HMIS Administrator
- HUD Grant Recipient

#### Roles include:

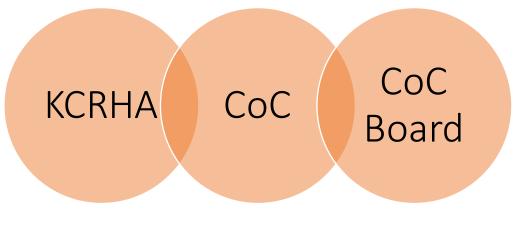
- Provide leadership and guidance on regional homelessness issues
- Subgrants to Subrecipients (KCRHA provides Contract management of federal and local homelessness funds)
- Collaborative Applicant, HMIS Lead, CE administration & oversight
- Performance monitoring and evaluation
- Point-in-Time count coordination
- Full Membership coordination

## Roles: CoC Board & Advisory Committee

- Definition: A group of representatives acting on behalf of the Continuum
- Roles:
  - Aligning strategy
  - Approving policies
  - Tracking of homeless system progress
  - NOFO Values and Priorities

""Advisory Committee" means the committee recognized by the Implementation Board serving as the Continuum of Care Board created by the Continuum of Care pursuant to 24 CFR Part 578 or its successor regulation to serve in an advisory capacity to the Implementation Board as set forth herein" (ILA – Article I Definitions)

## Working Together



- The CoC designates KCRHA as the lead agency/lead applicant
- KCRHA carries out daily administrative and operational functions of the CoC
- The Lead Agency works in collaboration with the CoC Board and CoC (membership)
  - Re: Power and Authority governance (charter, MOUs, annual NOFA approval, other written agreements, laws, and regulations) influence decision-making