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King County Regional Homelessness Authority

FY26 NOFO: Rating Criteria Updates

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Aim for Today

Introduce the current rating criteria and areas of improvement including the strategy.



Purpose for Updating Rating

Ground Decisions in Data

- Updated FY26 rating will refine the criteria and point allocations.
- Rating criteria has not seen a significant update in at least 5 years.

Align Rating to HUD Requirements

- Based on Merit Scoring, HUD will likely update required point distributions; aim to start now to make better-informed updates.



Rating Areas

1. **Movement to Housing:** Measured against HUD standards and local performance targets for persons obtaining or maintaining housing.
2. **Income Progress:** Measures the extent to which participants show positive changes in income.
3. **Participant Outreach:** Proportion of households served coming from literal and/or chronic homelessness
4. **Project Efficiency & Effectiveness Measures:** Utilization, spending & reporting
5. **HMIS Data Quality/Completeness:** Measures complete/quality data reported in HMIS (this criterion is waived for confidential DV programs).
6. **HUD & System Priority Measures:** Type of project, population served



Rating Considerations

More Nuance in Rating Allocation

- Many measures are all or nothing, do we keep or look at graduated scoring?

Earned Income

- Known HUD priority to provide greater weight to exists with increased earned income.

Project Types

- Lack of clear criteria for Joint Component projects or Supportive Services Only.

Length of Enrollment

- For length of time enrolled, most programs do not get any points. These thresholds seem quite low (90-180 days for TH, and 120 days for RRH).

RRH Move-In Rate

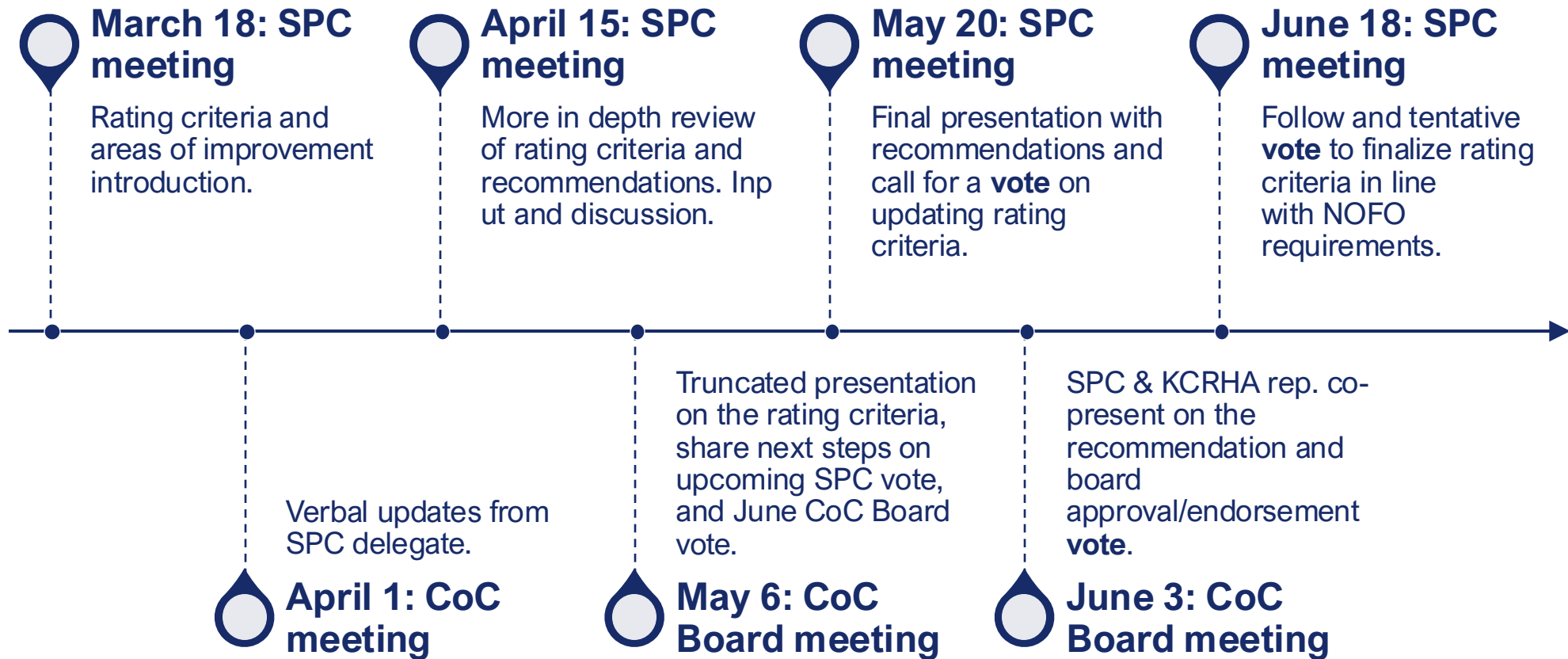
- Some RRH move-in by 30 days is quite low and does not reflect the current landscape/median.

Known HUD Priority Alignment

- Exits to Unsubsidized Housing, Returns to Homelessness, Onsite Behavioral Health Treatment



Timeline Goals



Next Steps...

- KCRHA Research and Data staff working to detail all recommendations related to HMIS data
 - Develop updated data codes.
- KCRHA CoC staff working to detail non-HMIS driven recommendations.



Questions?





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