



System Performance Committee Meeting Minutes

Theory of Change

If we create a homelessness response system that centers people with lived experience of homelessness, then we will be able to respond to needs and eliminate inequities, in order to end homelessness for all.

Land Acknowledgment

The King County Continuum of Care Board acknowledges that we work on the unseated traditional lands of the Coast Salish peoples, especially the first peoples of Seattle, the Duwamish people. The original stewards of the land, past and present. We honor with gratitude the land itself and the Duwamish tribe. This acknowledgement only becomes meaningful when combined with accountable relationships and informed action and is the first step in honoring the land that we today sit on and their peoples.

Date & Time

April 15th, 2026; 2:00 – 4:00 pm PT

Roll Call

Name	Present
Tamara Bauman	P
Sherry Tillman	P
Ruby Romero	P
Marvin Futrell	P
Kristina Sawyckyj	P
Ben Vaagen	P

Victoria Ewig-Kwan	P
Mustafa Mohammed	P
Shawna McMahon	A
Vacant	-

- Roll Call – 8 members present – 1 absent.
- Quorum Met – Yes

Meeting Minutes Review:

Name	Present
Tamara Bauman	Y
Sherry Tillman	Y
Ruby Romero	Y
Marvin Futrell	Y
Kristina Sawyckj	Y
Ben Vaagen	Y
Victoria Ewig-Kwan	Y
Mustafa Mohammed	Y
Shawna McMahon	A
Vacant	-

Motion: Approve March Meeting Minutes – Ruby Romero

- **Second:** Marvin Futrell
- **Motion Passed**

Public Comment:

- **Marvin Futrell** – Reminded the public they can use the Q&A function if they have questions that arise during the meeting.

Meeting Topic: Co-Chairs: CoC Board Updates

- **Ruby Romero** - The board held a retreat focusing on Robert Rule's of Order at Douglass Truth Library Friday, March 27th. William Towey of KCRHA and Amelia Sanchez of City of Seattle were guest speakers.



- **Ruby Romero** - At the board meeting on April 1st, they did some strategizing strategies on the reallocation process for this year's NOFO, also housing inventory count, and PIT count updates.
- **Kristina Sawycky** – We're recruiting for CoC members, applications are open until May 4th, 2026. Recruitment for SPC members is open.

Meeting Topic: Kelsey Beckmeyer – FY26 NOFO Rating Criteria Updates

- **NOFO Rating Overhaul:** The proposed criteria for renewing projects will prioritize three core HUD metrics:
 - Returns to Homelessness
 - Employment Income Performance
 - Support Services Participation
- *These must account for 25% of a project's total score*
- **Point Allocation Shifts:**
 - **Exits to Permanent Housing:** Recommended increase from 10 to 20 points.
 - **Return to Homelessness:** Proposed jump from 5 to 20 points to emphasize stabilization.
 - **Earned Income:** Proposed increase from 3 to 20 points reflecting a federal push for self-sufficiency.
 - **Administrative Compliance:** New metrics introduced for timely APR submission and the absence of open monitoring findings (10 points each).
- **Local Prioritization:** The board intends to maintain a 'Permanent Housing first' stance, awarding higher points to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) over transitional housing or safe havens.
- **Population Nuance:** A recommendation was made to allow projects to receive points for multiple priority populations (e.g., serving both elderly and those fleeing domestic violence) rather than selecting a single category.
- **Concerns:**
 - Victoria and Tamara raised concerns regarding "all or nothing" scoring, particularly for metrics like "unknow exits." They argued that a binary pass/fail does not account for the complexities of client lives.



- **Services Participation Mandates:** There is significant uncertainty regarding a HUD requirement that may mandate service participation (e.g., case management).
- **Funding Tiers:** The CoC anticipate an Annual Renewal Demand of approximately \$65M. Under current rules, only 60% (\$39M) is “secure” in Tier 1, while the remaining 40% enters a national competition (Tier 2) based on the CoC’s relative performance against other regions.
- **Administrative Alignment:** Daniel noted a potential discrepancy between official HUD submission dates and internal program deadline for APRs, suggesting a need for technical reconciliation before the metric is finalized.

Next Regular Meeting

May 20th, 2026; 2:00 – 4:00 pm PT

