

Louisiana Housing Authority

Minutes of the LA BOSCO Board Meeting

February 2, 2021 – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location of Meeting:

Held by Zoom (Virtual)

LA BOSCO Board Agenda

Meeting started @ 1:10pm

- I. **Roll Call**
 - a. Present: Winona, Laura, Tarek, Carrie, Aundrea, Victoria, Gordon, Meagan, Addie, Gail, Mariah, Josh, Antiqua
- II. **2020 Retrospective**
 - a. **Overview:** CoC Manager provides a retrospective on accomplishments and challenges in 2020.
- III. **2021 Point-in-Time/Housing Inventory Chart Update**
 - a. **Overview:** CoC staff will provide an update on the January 2021 Point-in-Time (PIT) Count and Housing Inventory Chart (HIC), including preliminary numbers (if available) and projected date for data to be released (if available).
- IV. **Youth Homeless Demonstration Program Update**
 - a. **Overview:** CoC Manager will provide an update on whether the LA BOSCO will be applying to the anticipated Youth Homeless Demonstration Program (YHDP) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) in 2021; if so, that application will come from (and be for) the Lake Charles Region.
- V. **HMIS Policies and Procedures Revision**
 - a. **Overview:** LHC, in partnership with TAC and other interested stakeholders, expects to significantly revise the LA BOSCO's HMIS Policies and Procedures in 2021. The CoC Manager will provide an overview of the reasoning and the anticipated process, then request interest in participating from the Board.
 - i. Anyone is welcome to attend LA BOSCO Board meetings, including new organizations, people not affiliated with any organization, and people with lived experience of homelessness. Board meeting attendance does not count toward an organization's Good Standing requirement unless that organization holds an elected seat on the Board.
 - ii. Addie & Meagan show interest in HMIS policies
- VI. **Good Standing Waiver Extension**

- a. **Overview:** In 2020, the LA BOSCO Board voted to pause the Good Standing requirement due to the COVID-19 pandemic. LHC will call for a motion that the LA BOSCO Board continue that waiver for 2021.

- i. **Actions:** discussion; vote

- 1. Addie: In support of reinstate of good standing, would not like to continue with waiver, Winona, Mariah in agreement

- 2. **Vote of acclimation:** to not renew good standing waiver exemption

- a. No objections

VII. CoC Competition Bonus Points for Street Outreach High Performance

- a. **Overview:** From January 2021 through March 2021, the LA BOSCO, in a partnership between LHC and OrgCode, is hosting an intensive Street Outreach Community of Practice for all federally funded street outreach practitioners in the Baton Rouge Region. LHC will call for a motion to award bonus points during the FY 2021 CoC Program Competition to any organization that meets either of the following criteria:

- i. Conducts federally funded street outreach activities in the Baton Rouge Region AND fully participates in the Street Outreach Community of Practice; or,

- ii. Does not qualify for (1), but does conduct street outreach activities in any Region of the LA BOSCO and is certified by that Region's Board chair and LHC as fully participating in that Region's street outreach network.

- iii. **Actions:** discussion; vote

- 1. Addie for persons receiving federal funds should participate

- 2. Motion to approve adding good standing requirements for relative agencies on the Baton Rouge area

- a. **Favor: Winona, Mariah, Addie, Meagan, Laura, Tarek, Gail, Antiqua**

- b. **Unanimous**

VIII. COVID-19 Coordinated Entry Changes Extension

- a. **Overview:** In 2020, the LA BOSCO Board voted to implement a variety of changes to the LA BOSCO Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures (found within that document here: <https://laboscoc.org/forms-policies-and-procedures>). LHC will call for a motion that the LA BOSCO Board continue those changes for 2021.

- i. **Actions:** discussion; vote

- ii. **Winona: Permanent change? Reasoning?**

- 1. Made things simpler during the pandemic, choose when it expires thru end of 2021

- 2. Motion Gail, Second Addie

- 3. **Favor :**Winona, Mariah, Addie, Meagan, Laura, Tarek, Gail, Antiqua

- 4. **Unanimous**

IX. Houma Coordinated Entry Changes

- a. **Overview:** In 2020, the LA BOSCO Board voted to temporarily suspend the Intervention element of Coordinated Entry for the Houma Region due to the high availability of vouchers and a low projected turnaround time from voucher to housing. CoC staff and the Houma Board member will present information related to these changes and may call for a motion that the LA BOSCO Board propose ending this suspension.

- i. **Actions:** discussion; vote

- ii. Motion: To Disband: Meagan, Second: Laura
- iii. **Vote of acclimation** to disband Houma coordinated entry changes
 - 1. No objections

X. **Open Floor**

- a. Overview: open floor for any other updates, items for discussion, etc.
 - i. No items presented

XI. **Close Meeting**

Meeting ended at 2:28 pm