



BREAKOUT GROUP QUESTIONS

Which of the models seems most appealing to you?

1. Strong Lead Agency less-defined Primary Decision-Making Group (San Diego)
2. Strong Primary Decision-Making Group, Clearly Defined Lead Agency (Houston)
3. Lead Agency Nonprofit's Board Represents the Primary Decision-Making Group (Chicago)
4. Not sure: need more information/context/time to think
5. None of them sound appealing to me. If not, what does?

**IF THIS IS WHAT THE
COC IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR**

1. Promote communitywide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness
2. Coordinate funding and policies to quickly rehouse individuals and families experiencing homelessness
3. Linkage to mainstream programs
4. Ensure that people who face barriers to housing due to systemic racism, discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity, and family status have equitable outcomes

**AND THESE ARE SOME
OF THE THINGS
NEEDED TO GET TO
THOSE OUTCOMES**

- Gaps Analysis
- Maximizing Resources
- Point-in-Time Count
- Systems Planning
- HMIS Oversight
- Performance Monitoring
- Policy Approving
- Systems Coordination
- Reporting

**HOW WILL THE COC DO
IT?**

1. Set up a decision-making body
2. Set priorities
3. Create workgroups to help with the work
4. Staff facilitate the work
5. Test, Evaluate, Iterate

DISCUSSION/FEEDBACK

What's appealing about any of the models shared?

Appealing aspects of Houston model:

- Diverse membership
- Multidisciplinary governance and decision making, with the Partnership as the backbone
- Utilization of data to identify and analyze gaps
- Community evaluated its strengths and weaknesses to move forward
- Robust leadership expertise that helps to derive the community's mission
- Steering committee with a diverse feedback loop
- Definitive roles
- Seems to fit what is recommended by Big Atlas

DISCUSSION/FEEDBACK

What seems like something to try to avoid?

- Inconsistent membership, which can lead to inconsistent decision-making
- Duplication of efforts
- Unclear communication and responsibilities
- Conflict of interests between other boards

DISCUSSION/FEEDBACK

Knowing that we are working in un-ideal circumstances due to COVID-19, how would you want to be involved in shaping the CoC's structure, policies, and membership/committees/board?

- Transparency on Partnership operations, as well as keeping members engaged in new programs and changes in the system.
- Using best practices from another system/provider, e.g. Alliance Health Care
- Unsure, want to be told what to do
- Level involvement, but can also be flexible and keep a priority
- Surveys that can be done quickly, with more in-depth virtual meetings