



What is the St. Louis City Continuum of Care?

The City of St. Louis Continuum of Care (CoC) for Ending Homelessness is a broad-based partnership to prevent people within the community from becoming homeless and to find ways to end homelessness in the St. Louis area. The CoC serves in an advisory capacity to the Division of Homeless Services of the Department of Human Services of the City of St. Louis. Membership in the St. Louis City CoC is open to any individual or organization – nonprofit, for profit, or governmental – that is committed to ending homelessness or assisting people who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

St. Louis Continuum of Care Committees

<i>System Performance Committee</i>
This committee monitors system-wide data collection and performance measures. Also works with the HMIS lead regarding timelines and data collection, analyzes system gaps and trends, recommends priorities, and promotes a regional approach to addressing homelessness. This committee also oversees point-in-time (PIT) counts, and reviews the Housing Inventory Count (HIC) prior to submission to HUD.
<i>Program Performance Committee</i>
This committee creates a formal, transparent process to rank and prioritize all new projects seeking support through CoC or ESG funding, advises whether each project meets basic criteria, and ranks projects based on established criteria. This committee also evaluates individual CoC and ESG program performance, and develops protocols for reallocating HUD CoC funding.
<i>Service Delivery Committee</i>
This committee creates policies and procedures for CoC program operations including coordinated entry, monitors implementation of coordinated entry and prioritization list, reviews and evaluates available services for homeless populations, and creates systematic approaches to address identified gaps or inefficiencies.
<i>Governance and Membership Committee</i>
This committee recommends creation of or updates to CoC Charter and other governance rules and procedures. The committee is also charged with recruiting and retaining a diverse membership base, ensuring member orientation, presenting a slate of officers and members to the CoC Board, and overseeing elections.
<i>Advocacy Committee</i>
This committee assists with advocating for the homeless within the CoC and in the public at large, and educating the public about issues pertaining to homelessness. The committee ensures that consumer voice is heard and considered in CoC programs and decision-making, that all homeless populations are fairly represented in programs, and that all CoC activities are transparent. The committee annually recommends to the CoC a set of positions to be adopted and issues to be studied by the CoC, and brings legislative issues to the CoC Board.
<i>Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) Committee</i>
This committee sets HMIS standards consistent with HUD Data Compliance requirements, reviews and updates the HMIS policy and procedure manual annually, ensures that the CoC is educated and informed about the contents of the manual, and ensures that ample training is provided to service providers. Also sets HMIS policy and procedures for program types according to HUD guidelines, outlines data elements that must be collected and timelines for entry, and monitors effectiveness of HMIS services. This committee also leads process for selecting HMIS vendors.
<i>Coordinated Entry Committee</i>
This committee conducts an annual review of the Coordinated Entry System and reviews monthly coordinated entry reports, and provides recommendations to the Board for any changes. The committee also determines critical data points, oversees Coordinated Entry trainings; ensures sufficiency and alignment of access points, and works with the Advocacy Committee to solicit consumer feedback on Coordinated Entry, process and tools.

To Become a CoC Member:

If you are interested in becoming a CoC Member, please download a member application form at <https://www.stlouis-mo.gov/government/departments/human-services/homeless-services/continuum-of-care/>. Return your completed application to Laura Toledo, Chairperson of the Membership committee at lauratoledo@cwitstl.org. If you have any questions, please call 314-771-5207.