

**INCREASING the
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Local Planning Body**

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Discussion Basics

1. A Local Planning Body (LPB) is workgroup of the BoS CoC based on service area and willing partners
2. Each LPB should in some way model the structure of the BoS CoC and Governance Council
3. LPBs are responsible for implementation of CoC policy that is in alignment with the BoS CoC and responsive to locally identified needs and processes



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Focus Areas for Effectiveness

Structure and Governance

Planning and Coordination

Inclusion

Resources

Conflict



Structure and Governance

Is there a clear structure? When it was last reviewed?

Is it performing how it was intended?

How are decisions made? Who makes them?

What denotes leadership?

Where does the "work" get done?

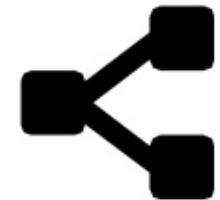
How do you determine who is responsible?

Are you meeting regularly?

Who holds the LPB accountable to action?

Define / Refine:

- *Scope of Work*
- *Leadership*
- *Roles and Responsibilities*
- *Membership*



Planning and Coordination

Does the scope of work align with the BoS CoC?
Where does it differ? Is it justified?

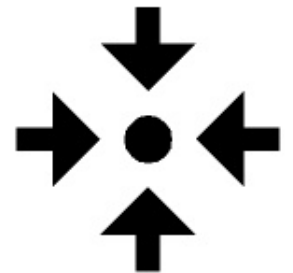
Do you have goals for the coming year?
What drives your efforts locally?

How do you know you're making progress?
Are you regularly reviewing data?

Does the community know about this work?
How is everyone made aware of the LPB efforts?
Is the messaging consistent?

Define / Refine:

- *Alignment*
- *Goal Development*
- *System Performance Measures*
- *Communication*



Inclusion

Who is invited to the table?
Who is overlooked?

Are all voices heard?
Is leadership shared or rotated?

Who represents lived experience?
Are they supported as a full member?



Define / Refine:

- *Representation*
- *Empowerment*
- *Equity*

Resources

How is the LPB using
BoS CoC planning funds?
Are there other funds to support planning?

What are the in-kind resources?
How is the LPB leveraging partnerships?

Do you know what housing resources
your LPB needs?



Define / Refine:

- *Money*
- *Human Capital*
- *Political Will*
- *Partnerships*

Conflict

Is there agreement on a common goal?
Is there a common language?

What are the areas of greatest conflict?
What do they boil down to?

How does the group want to make decisions?
Majority rule? Consensus?

Are you leveraging your conflict?



Define / Refine:

- *Compromise*
- *Commonality*
- *Decision-Making*

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Strategy for Action

Rank and prioritize areas of concern

Devise workgroups and timeframes



Rank and Prioritize

Which areas are of greatest concern?

Which areas are the most pressing?

Which areas drive others?



Workgroups and Timeframes

Who can be your champions?
(And are they signing up for everything?)

What are necessary timeframes?
What are feasible timeframes?

What are your defined deliverables?



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What Success Looks Like

Consider the Goals of the CoC

Consider the Goals of the LPB



CoC

LPB

CoC Measures

System Performance Measures: Year Over Year

Decreases in:

- *Length of Time Homeless*
- *Number of Homeless Persons*
- *Number of First-Time Homeless*

Effectively Ending Homelessness

- *Veteran Homelessness*
- *Chronic Homelessness*
- *Youth Homelessness*
- *Family Homelessness*



LPB Success

**System Performance Measures: Year Over Year
Effectively Ending Homelessness**

Look at your local data!

*What you accomplish locally feeds the
larger BoS CoC data picture*



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