



**AGENDA**  
**REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday, March 27, 2012**  
**10:00 AM –11:30 AM**  
**National University at Spectrum Center**  
**9388 Lightwave Avenue**  
**San Diego**

- CALL TO ORDER and ATTENDANCE ROLL
  - APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    - Thank You to Employment Committee and Salvation Army
  - STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT & ACTION ITEMS
    - Celebration of 2011 New Project Awards
    - Steering Committee
      - Introduction of New Steering Members
      - Update: Results of Survey on Steering Expansion
      - **Action:** Sub-Committee Rule Recommendation
      - **Action:** CoC Check-up Next Step – Action Plan Teams
    - Data Governance - Craig Jones & Mielle Schwartz
      - **Action:** HMIS Proposed Rule
      - **Action:** Approval DGC Membership
    - Update: New HUD rules (distributed)
    - Reminder: HIC Data and Deadlines
    - Upcoming Events
      - HUD Visit May 7-8
      - HHSa Officials May Meeting
  - SUBCOMMITTEE and LIAISON REPORTS
    - Legislative Liaisons – Rosemary Johnston, Kathi Houck
    - Employment Committee – David Siegler
    - Manual Committee – Noelle Kester
    - Strategic Planning Reports
      - Alliance for Regional Solutions- Don Stump
      - Community Corrections and Re Entry – Dolores Diaz
      - Downtown Partnership Leadership – Pat Leslie
      - Home Again (PTECH) – Mat Packard
      - Human Trafficking – Holly Hepburn
      - Keys to Housing – Laurin Pause
      - MHSA – Tricia Tasto Levien
      - Project Homeless Connect – Kathi Houck, Rosemary Johnston
      - SD Housing Federation – Jon Derryberry
  - ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS
- ADJOURN

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## **HOUSING DISCRIMINATION RULE EFFECTIVE MARCH 5, 2012**

Attention all RCCC members and recipients of funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

HUD Headquarters has posted a new rule effective immediately. The rule addresses potential discrimination in HUD programs. The rule assures that HUD programs are open to eligible persons regardless of *sexual orientation, gender identity or marital status*.

The rule was published in the Federal Register of February 3, 2012, p. 5662. The rule:

- Requires entities assisted by HUD or insured by FHA to make housing available without regard to *actual or perceived* sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status;
- Clarifies the definitions of “family” and “household,” eligible for HUD’s programs, Prohibits HUD-assisted and HUD-insured entities from inquiring about an applicant’s sexual orientation or gender identity for the purpose of determining eligibility or otherwise making housing available;
- Prohibits FHA-approved lenders from basing eligibility for FHA-insured loans on actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

***The rule went into effect on March 5, 2012.***

Each organization should review their eligibility and intake policies to assure compliance with this rule.

Agencies are encouraged to seek additional information from the HUD HRE.Info website.

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## CoC Action Plan Teams

The national CoC Check-Up process generated five action plans with a series of tasks intended to enhance the structure and capacity of the CoC. These action plans are divided into the same ‘domains’ that HUD used in the CoC Check Up report (our report card).

Completion of the action plans are important to the continued success of the CoC. The action plans are required to receive technical assistance from HUD this year. With new rules being issued and major changes in programs, technical assistance is more important than ever.

Each CoC member agency will need to participate on one of the action teams. Today, you have an opportunity to choose the team you want to be on. If you are not able to decide, we will match your knowledge and skills with the appropriate team.

Select one (or more!) of the teams you would like to join.

## ACTION TEAM CHOICES

| <b>TEAM</b>                        | <b>LEADERS</b>                          |
|------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Governance                      | Patti Hamic Christensen, Lila Fetherolf |
| 2. Planning Process                | Laurin Pause, Laura Mustari             |
| 3. Administration & Infrastructure | Patti Hamic Christensen, Lila Fetherolf |
| 4. Housing & Services              | Dave Siegler, Rosemary Johnston         |
| 5. HMIS & Data                     | Holly Younghans, Mielle Schwartz        |

### **PLEASE**

**Tell us what team you'd like to work on by completing the information below.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ AGENCY: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM #: \_\_\_\_\_ DOMAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Revised policy to be considered by the RCCC Steering Committee and full RCCC.  
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## **CoC Policies for HMIS Participation Proposal for RCCC Steering Committee Review**

- There shall be one HMIS system that includes a single point of data integration and that system shall generate the HMIS reports required by HUD.
- Programs must provide data to the CoC's HMIS to be considered 'participating' in HMIS.
- Data can be provided through two methods:
  - Through direct participation using a CoC implemented data collection tool.
  - Through a HUD approved data collection tool that meets CoC approved export standards.
- Agencies are responsible for the cost of participating in the HMIS.
  - Software vendor fees are the responsibility of the participating agency.
  - The cost of providing data via export must be paid by the participating agency.
  - The costs may vary depending on the method of participation.
- Agencies are responsible for the data quality for all their programs.