Baltimore City CoC General Body Meeting Minutes - June 25, 2026

1. Welcome

2. MOHS Updates: Code Red Briefing

- MOHS cooling centers are open at CoC provider sites.
- **Manna House**: 435 E. 25th St. Open Mon–Fri, 10 am–2 pm.
- **My Sister's Place Women's Center** (women and children): 17 W. Franklin St. Open Mon–Sun, 10 am–5 pm.
- **Beans & Bread**: 400 S. Bond St. Open Mon–Fri, 10 am–4 pm.
- **Franciscan Center**: 101 W. 23rd St. Open Mon–Fri, 10 am–2 pm.
- **Weinberg Housing & Resource Center**: 620 Fallsway. Open Mon–Sun, 10 am–5 pm.
- More information: baltimorecity.gov/homeless/code-red-resources

3. FY 2026 CoC Program Competition

- The local application deadline is **Fri, July 15, 2026, at 5:00 pm**.
- HUD issues a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO).
- The Baltimore CoC received over $31M in FY24.
- The CoC ranks, scores and selects renewal and new projects.
- MOHS is the Collaborative Applicant. It submits the consolidated application.
- Annual Renewal Demand (ARD): $31,655,924. Includes YHDP.
- CoC Bonus: $6,359,215 (FY25 amount). Excludes reallocation.
- DV Bonus: $3,142,356 (FY25 amount).
- CoC Planning: $1,500,000. Pays for Collaborative Applicant staffing and operations.

Changes to project types and priorities

- Tier 1 is capped at 60% of ARD, or $18,993,554. It was 90% in FY24–25.
- Local decision: PSH is capped at 55% of ARD, or $17,410,758.
    - PSH is still the priority, to keep the most vulnerable clients housed.
- New emphasis on Transitional Housing (TH) and Supportive Services Only (SSO) projects.
- Every project except CoC Planning must compete. This includes YHDP renewals and DV projects.

Ranking and reallocation

- Reallocation moves funds from renewals to new projects. The ARD does not go down.
- PH renewals that are not selected will be reallocated to new TH and SSO projects.
- Tier 1:
    - Set by local rank.
    - Relatively "safe."
    - Now limited to $17,410,758.
- Tier 2:
    - HUD scores it on merit across geographic areas.
    - Bonus funds compete nationally.

New HUD project review criteria

- HUD may re-evaluate a project's eligibility if there is evidence of any of these, past or current:
    - "Racial preference"
    - A non-binary definition of sex
    - Operating safe consumption sites

New rating factors for the CoC application

- Treatment and recovery services. Example: onsite SUD treatment at 30% or more of projects.
- Required service participation:
    - Full points if 100% of projects require services.
    - Half points if 50% do.
- Local reduction in encampments.
- Leveraging healthcare and housing resources.
- Several of these were added to the local renewal and new templates and to scoring.

4. FY27 ACIS Expansion RFP

About ACIS

- ACIS is authorized under Maryland's §1115 HealthChoice waiver.
- It provides housing and tenancy case management to eligible Medicaid participants.

- It serves people experiencing homelessness who have chronic conditions or frequent ER use.
- MOHS has been the Lead Entity since 2017. Healthcare for the Homeless is the Participating Entity (PE).
- Hospitals and other healthcare partners fund the expansion.
- Enrollment grows from 300 to 850 spaces. MOHS is seeking new PEs.

Participant eligibility (must meet both)

- Health: enrolled in Medicaid (MCO or fee-for-service), plus one of these:
    - 4+ ER visits or hospital admissions a year
    - 2+ chronic conditions: mental health, SUD, asthma, diabetes, heart disease or obesity
- Housing: one of these:
    - Homeless or chronically homeless
    - At risk of homelessness
    - At risk of institutional placement

Eligible services

- Housing and tenancy supports:
    - Housing search
    - Landlord communication
    - Tenancy supports
- Care coordination:
    - Health and social services coordination
    - Transportation
    - Entitlement benefits
- Community integration:
    - Assessments
    - Life skills

Fee-for-service model

- Pays $652 per participant per month.
- Billing criteria:
    - The participant is enrolled in ACIS and Medicaid.
    - They receive 3+ services on 3 different days that month.
    - Each service is documented in HMIS.

- MOHS bills Medicaid monthly for the PEs. Reconciliation can take up to 90 days.
- Volumes vary month to month. MOHS cannot guarantee enrollment.
- Participants can stay enrolled even in months that aren't billable.

Program pathways

- Pathway 1, project-based supportive housing (about 247 spaces):
    - Linked to affordable housing developments through Coordinated Access.
- Pathway 2, scattered site (about 114 spaces):
    - ACIS case management plus a rental subsidy through Coordinated Access.
    - Applicants must show they can help people find housing.
- Pathway 3, intensive street outreach (about 189 spaces):
    - Serves people who are unsheltered or exiting institutions.
    - No housing attached at enrollment.
    - Applicants must show they can deliver street-based services and housing navigation.
- Pathways 1 and 2 work as "pseudo-PSH." Housing resources plus ACIS case management improve retention.
- Because ACIS is Medicaid-funded, that pairing must follow strict regulatory rules.

Applicant eligibility

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit.
- 3+ years serving people experiencing homelessness.
- Demonstrated financial and management capacity.
- Able to operate under fee-for-service reimbursement.
- Cash reserves equal to spaces × $652 × 3 months.
    - The reserve must be proportionate to the spaces requested.

Timeline

- May 26: RFP released.
- May 28: Bidder's webinar at 1 pm.
- May 26–July 31: Application window. Applications are scored on a rolling basis.
- **July 31, 5 pm**: Deadline. Submit to ACIS@baltimorecity.gov.
- Through Aug 26: Rolling conditional awards.
- Through Sept 1: Contracting and onboarding.
- Grant term starts between July 1 and Sept 1.

5. Open Floor: member announcements and questions

6. In Memoriam

- Celebrating the life of Elder Duane M. Saunders, Sr. (Dec 20, 1973–May 10, 2026).

7. Closing