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Gaps Analysis for NOFO Priorities

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Good evening Executive Committee,

I wanted to reach out to you all to touch base about the possibility of ICA completing a Gaps Analysis for the Balance of State ahead of the NOFO that is anticipated to drop sometime in June. We would not normally reach out to you all like this since we know that these decisions are usually made during board meetings, but this is somewhat time sensitive if we are going to be able to produce a Gaps Analysis by mid-June, and knowing that the board is already stretched very thin, we wanted to reach out to make sure that we are able to meet the needs of the CoC in the time available.

While I know the Board has not had a chance to make a final recommendation for the Gaps Analysis, conversation in the Funding and Performance Committee led me to believe that the CoC was looking for a simple Gaps Analysis that focuses on the availability and need for Street Outreach and Transitional Housing projects across the CoC to help inform NOFO priorities. I talked with Kaitlyn about this possibility of putting something like this together, and she indicated that she could put together a series of maps showing the following factors by county:

- Number of Unsheltered clients
 - Based on 2025 PIT
- Number of clients served by Street Outreach
 - Based on Client Location County; where this data is missing, county will be based on location of other clients in project and/or location of project
- Number of clients served by Transitional Housing
 - Based on location of the project
- Number of clients needing housing resources
 - Based on number of clients with entries to the Coordinated Entry Prioritization List (HMIS and Non-HMIS/VSP) in 2025
- Areas with high need and low resources
 - High number of unsheltered clients and/or CE clients; and
 - Low clients served by SO/TH projects
- Areas with low need and low resources (these may be resource deserts where clients in need are not being identified due to lack of resources)
 - Low number of unsheltered clients and CE clients; and
 - Low clients served by SO/TH projects

This would not necessarily include a detailed written analysis, but it would be enough to help the CoC make decisions about where to invest valuable resources within the CoC under the coming NOFO, which we know will prioritize Street Outreach and Transitional Housing.

I also spoke with Sandy about the possibility of being able to cover the cost of producing a Gaps Analysis like this under the existing CoC HMIS project. Because the scope of this Gaps Analysis is much smaller than last year's, and because there has been staff turnover within our agency, we would be able to make this work by reallocating some of the staff time covered under the CoC grant to cover the time it will take for Kaitlyn to produce these analyses. This means that there would be no additional cost to the CoC for this work.

If this accurately reflects the needs of the CoC for this year's Gaps Analysis, we can provide a first draft to the BoS Board by June 5th, with a final draft available by June 19. **We would simply need confirmation that this is what you all are looking for (or request for minor additions, changes, etc) by May 15th.**

If we are on the wrong track, or if the Board would prefer to put out a formal RFP for a Gaps Analysis, we are absolutely open to those conversations as well. I will be out of office from 5/1 through 5/8, but Sandy and Kaitlyn can help field any questions related to the Gaps Analysis in my absence. No matter what the board decides, we are looking forward to helping however we can!

Thank you,

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