2016 Changes to the SHIP Statute

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Regional Partnership

Possible Goals of a Partnership

Possible Goal #1: Share Information

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### Options to Share Information with CoCs

**Options to Share Information Across a Region with Multiple CoCs:**
- Work with a nonprofit that serves an entire region and has access to all the HMIS databases in the region
- Form a Regional Partnership to create an information sharing protocol

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### Possible Goal #2: Adopt Common Policies, Priorities & Practices

**Agree to assign resources to ensure full coverage and avoid having unmet needs.**

Examples:
- Agree on a qualification, prioritization, and selection system
- Agree on eligibility guidelines and forms
- Agree on subrecipient/sponsor nonprofit organizations
- Agree on maximum assistance, length of time of assistance, etc.

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### Possible Goal #3: Pool Money Together

**HOW are we allowed to do this?**
- SHIP Statute allow for “partnerships across jurisdictional boundaries through the pooling of appropriated funds”
- ‘Pooling of funds’ indicates that a jurisdiction may spend SHIP outside its boundaries to address homeless housing

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### Pooling Money: 1st Example

**Chronic homelessness is costly to cities and counties, in terms of emergency services, law enforcement and jails, uninsured emergency health care, and effects on economic vitality.**

Those who have been chronically homeless tend to need long-term rent subsidies and support services.

Pool rent subsidies from two or more jurisdictions to have enough resources to help chronically homeless households.

### Pooling Money: 2nd Example

City SHIP Office pays SHIP rent subsidies for nearby apartments in the county beyond the city limits.

This recognizes the effectiveness of searching a larger geographic area for affordable rentals.

### Pooling Money: 2nd Ex (con’t)

- Homeless household used to rent in County but was evicted, so came to City to stay in shelter
- City has few vacant affordable rental units
- County has affordable rental units
- Household wants to return to County
- Success most likely if City & County
- City finances house the household in County
- County presents as homeless in City

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### Pooling Money: 3rd Example

Finance construction of Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) near the border of multiple counties to serve homeless households with disabilities in the region.

Or finance construction of PSH units in the County to house those staying in the woods of county and on the streets of the city.
Forming an Interlocal Agreement

- This is the mechanism for a regional homeless-related partnership
- Interlocal Agreement defined in Florida Statute 163.01

Not All in a Region Must Participate

- Scenario: Jurisdictions in a region are forming a partnership, but one city does not want to participate.
- This is acceptable. The regional partnership agreement will only impact those cities and counties that sign and agree to it.

Case Study: Miami-Dade County

- Homeless Trust identified a provider through a competitive process (RFA).
- SHIP jurisdictions independently contracting with selected provider.
- SHIP funds do not pay for case management or other supportive services.
- Homeless Trust provided flexible match of $300K to assist with case management, housing search services, etc.

Case Study: Miami-Dade County

- All SHIP Administrators incorporated a Rental Assistance Strategy into their Local Housing Assistance Plans (LHAP).
- Eviction prevention in the form of rental assistance not to exceed 6 months (low to very low-income households)
- RRH assistance in the form of security and utility deposit assistance and rental subsidy not to exceed 12 months
- Rent up to 120% of SHIP Rent adjusted for bedroom size
- MOU's signed with each SHIP Administrator.

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SHIPJurisdiction Commitments

- Miami-Dade - $300K
- Hialeah - $141,571
- Miami Gardens - $45K
- Homeless Trust Match - $300K

TOTAL: $881,480

SHIP Applicants Must be Income Qualified

Upcoming Webinar
Income Qualification Considerations when Working with Homeless Applicants
May 11, 2017 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
Register at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/86101583687176545