TJ Winfield: Hi everyone, thanks for joining today. We'll be getting started in just a couple of minutes. Thank you.

Hi, everyone, thank you for joining our Office Hours session today for the 2021 Continuum of Care Application. Before we get started, I wanted to go over a few technical tips to help you get the most out of today's event.

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And with that, I'll pass it over to Karen DeBlasio.

Karen DeBlasio: Hi, thank you, TJ. Hopefully, everybody can hear me. I'm Karen de Blasio, I'm a division director in the SNAPS office. And I'd like to welcome everybody, we're very happy that you guys are all here. We're glad that we're able to do this for you all.

I will answer a question that I have already seen in the chat. We are recording this and we will post the slides in this webinar on HUD dot gov. We will send a message out through our HUD dot gov; HUD dot gov listserv, sorry, the competition listserv when it is posted.

I know that there's quite a few of you on here so I want to go ahead and get us started. We have until 4:30, and we do want to leave some time at the end for questions and answers. So what you see on the screen here is a list of a lot of SNAPers that you will either hear from today or are on, available on the back end to answer questions.

First, before I talk about the HUD folks, I want to thank the Cloudburst Group. They are the technical wizards behind this webinar, and we could not be doing this without them. So thank you Cloudburst, very much, for helping us with this.

You see a list of SNAPers here. As I said, some of the folks, you will be meeting soon. You'll see them, and you'll be hearing from them. And others are behind the scenes, they're subject matter experts and they are, they're

answering your questions.

Norm Suchar is our Office Director. He, I don't believe he's on right now but he will be joining. I don't know that he will be speaking with you all, or you'll see him but he will be answering, helping us answer some questions.

As I said, I'm Karen DeBlasio. I'm a Division Director. Brian Fitzmaurice and Nili Soni are on the call with me as well, and they are also Division Directors. And then we've got Sherri, Kevin, William Scott, Sid, and Caroline who are all – and Lisa Coffman, whose name is not listed here; I apologize, Lisa.

They are all in the background answering your questions. So I just want to thank all of them for helping make this possible. Next slide, please.

So what are we doing here today, because this is a little bit different, right? The purpose of this webinar is to talk to you guys about the CoC Consolidated Application. So this includes your community, your CoC Application; this includes your project application, and your priority listing.

We are going to highlight changes. As everybody knows, we did not do this last year because of COVID. So the last competition that we held was in '19, so things have changed. We want to refresh everybody's memory a little bit, and we want to highlight some changes. And we also want to discuss some specific parts of the application process.

So we're going to focus on, kind of, generally, what we're looking for in in your submissions, when you submit them to us in November. There are a couple things that we're not going to do or that we can't do on, today, on this webinar. We're not going to read the NOFO to you.

We can't go over every single question that's in the CoC app or the project app. And we absolutely cannot tell you how you should answer your question for your specific situation or your specific community.

Unfortunately, we can't do that but but that I think that this will provide you with a lot of insight behind the intent behind some of the questions and what we're, what we're hoping to hear from you, when you guys do submit on in, in November. The next slide, please.

So these are just a couple of tips, and best practices about, for submitting your your application. One of the things that that we wanted folks to think about, and hopefully, you can, you can arrange this – is to have someone else read your application before you submit.

A a lot of us that SNAPS were in your shoes many years ago, and we know what it's like, myself included., I know what it's like. We had teams of people in my community working on different sections of the application, right.

And so it really does, kind of, behoove you to try to find somebody that can, kind of, read it through for consistency, and and, just, and cohesiveness, and that sort of thing. So if you can, we really suggest having somebody else read the application before you submit.

Double check all of your attachments, there's nothing worse than seeing that somebody attached something, thought they were attaching something, and the attached, the attachment is not what they thought they were attaching. So just double check and make sure that, A, you have all of the attachments that are required. And, B, that what, what you're saying is the attachment file is, it actually is that, and it's not something else that you accidentally saved under a different name.

This third bullet, I cannot stress enough: Please, please, please, use and read the detailed instructions. A lot of the guidance in e-snaps is is short and concise. There are certain questions in the application that you really can't answer without the detailed instructions. You just can't answer them appropriately, I should say, sorry.

And so we really work really hard for both the CoC Application and the project applications to really put together guidance that is, is, should be really helpful for you. So please use these detailed instructions as you're going through and answering the question.

If you have a question that's not answered by the detailed instructions, or by any of the navigational guides or anything, we do have a change in how you ask questions this year. So this is very important. You'll see two e-mail addresses on this slide, right now, the CoCNOFO@HUD.gov, and e-snaps@HUD.gov.

We can no longer accept or answer questions about the competition on the Ask a Question desk, the AAQ on the HUD Exchange. This is a big change. These questions have to come through one of these two boxes that you see on your screen.

If you submit to the AAQ, we cannot answer it, we will not see it. So please, do not submit your questions to the AAQ as you have done in the past. If it's an application, a NOFO question, it should go to CoCNOFO@HUD.gov.

If it's an e-snaps, like, a functionality question, anything from, "I forgot my password," to "I don't see my CoC application," that happened a couple of weeks ago when we first opened. Anything like that, that has to do with e-snaps, and the functionality, and getting people linked to applications, things like that, please send that to e-snaps@HUD.gov.

Make sure you've got the little e, dash, SNAPS, too, at HUD dot gov. So it's really important that you're using those e-mail addresses. I do see some things in the chat, and I know that people have already started using these, they're, the the e-mail addresses are in the NOFO.

So people have started submitting questions, so thank you for doing that. And know that we are, these are all, all of these questions are being answered by SNAP staff at this point. So we are going through them and answering them as best as we can as quickly as we can.

So just know that we're working on them, we, we're in that, looking at these questions every single day. And know that you, you'll, we're getting you answers as quickly as we can.

And the only other best practice that we wanted to highlight today is that, try to set a timeline for submission that allows a buffer. So your CoC is required to approve the application at least two days prior to the the submission deadline, to the entire program submission deadline.

But just think about, timing, and we were hurricane season and everything else. So just, give yourself a buffer so that you're not stuck in a position where it's the last minute, and it's down to the wire, and you're having a technical issue where the power is out, or the hurricanes coming, or whatever it is.

Just give yourself a buffer because we have seen a lot of communities get burned by not doing that. The next slide, please.

A couple more things to note: We've added NOFO references to each question so that you can actually go back and look in that section. So you're not digging through the NOFO trying to figure out, what is this question you're referencing? Or why are they asking this?

And so use those references as as needed, so oftentimes, they help you, kind of, better understand the intent behind the question, or they help you understand why this question, or it was being asked, with respect to our policy priorities? So please take advantage of of those notes when when necessary.

When questions have multiple parts, number your responses to correspond to the multiple parts in the question. We've tried over the last couple of years to really, kind of, unpack and streamline as much as we can. But there still are some questions in the application where we are asking, kind of, several mini questions or smaller questions within a a larger umbrella question.

It's really helpful during the review, and we read these applications cover to cover. It is really helpful during review if there is a, like a, A, B, and C in that one question. If the answer actually has an A, and then the text, and a B, and then the text, it's helpful.

It's not required, obviously, because it's just a big text box that you're, that you're dealing with. But it is really helpful so that's just a helpful tip for those that want to take that.

Please remember that each question stands alone, you can't rely on what you answered in a previous response because we cannot consider that previous response unless it is directly linked to that question. So if if we ask – I'm just going to throw this out, this probably doesn't apply.

But if we ask a question in section one about education, and then in section three, there's another question about working with a School Board; if you answer it, where it, talk about working with the School Board in section one, and don't mention it in the question that asked about the School Board in Section three, we can't give you it.

We're not going to see that answer so just just think about the fact that each question stands alone, and just be very careful that you're answering each question as if it were standing alone, and not relying on answers to other questions.

When a question requires an attachment, please make sure that your narrative response is consistent with what you're attaching, is consistent with the attachment. And this is also, this final bullet is really important because we see a lot of, kind of, vagueness, I would say in some answers.

So when when we ask in some of our, some of our questions we ask you to identify a strategy or an action that your community is taking, please read through your answer, and make sure that you are identifying a concrete strategy or a concrete action.

A very vague question, or I'm sorry, a very vague answer stating, "Well, we'll continue to have the conversations that we've been having," that's not a strategy. HUD doesn't view that as a strategy. We don't view that as, necessarily, like, a concrete action that's going to get you to where you need to be for that particular population or challenge or whatever it is.

So just, again, and this goes back to what I said on a previous slide. If you have somebody else who's, kind of, fresh eyes, looking at your application, this might be somewhere where you might ask them, "Make sure that this is concrete, and that this reads well, and that this is really highlighting what we're doing."

Because we want to know you, we know you guys are doing the hard work. So make sure that you're really highlighting the strategies that you've employed and the actions that you're taking. The next slide.

So you can go to the next slide, so this is my final slide. I just wanted to talk a little bit about the project listings and the tiering. So I think that the biggest takeaway here, and you see them all, kind of, spelled out here. Is there are six project listings that you all are going to be submitting, and potentially, that that, up to six that you'll be submitting.

The most, the the first two that are listed here, the new project listing, and the renewal project listing, as it says on the slide, these are projects they, that must be ranked, and they must have a unique number. So under the new project listing, under the new project listing is, it will be, that includes any, obviously, new projects.

That includes CoC Bonus Projects and DV Bonus Project. One thing that I want to just note here is, please don't assume that the DV Bonus Projects are automatically pulled out of that rank listing. Please read that section of the NOFO, make sure you understand what's happening there. But don't just assume that, that those projects are automatically pulled out.

So there are other priority list, project listings that you need to, that, forms that you'll see in the e-snaps. One is for CoC planning, obviously, this isn't ranked, but you do have to accept or reject it. If you're a UFA, and this will only be visible for a collaborative applicant that was approved as a UFA during this year's registration. There will be a project listing for UFA costs.

And then there's also a project listing, both for YHDP Renewal Projects and YHDP Replacement Project. And Section VIIIA.2 of the NOFO outlines exactly, how projects will be selected. So please focus on that, take a look at that section. And again, it's CoCNOFO at HUD, at HUD.gov, if you have any questions about any of that or need some clarity. And we will answer what we can.

So what I'd like to do now is hand it over. Next slide, please – is hand it over to, I think, it's Kevin. And he's going to talk to, talk to you all, and go over some, a couple of CoC Application questions.

Kevin Turner: Thanks, Karen. The first thing I would like to say is we work hard at being transparent. We're not trying to trick you. So we are, we're looking for you to answer the question as presented in the application.

When we score the applications, we're looking to see whether you answered the question, especially, as Karen pointed out, multiple part questions. So now moving on to the questions that we're going to highlight, question 1C-4.

So these questions relate to, we want you to tell us about what you're doing? What the CoC is doing to connect children and youth to education services? And your response should be focused on your CoC, not what your recipients are doing.

And just a, just a a note for people who are returning applicants. There are questions in this section that were moved from the 3B section. And we we reduced the number of questions, but a number of the sub-population questions were moved into the 1C question. The next slide, it's the next slide, please.

So for question 1C-5, this is about addressing the needs of domestic violence,

dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking survivors. These questions focus on how your CoC is helping as providers to ensure the safety of survivors.

And we're looking at, we're looking at the training; who's being trained? And we we believe it should at least be providers and coordinated entry staff. And what the training is focused on?

And at the very least, that the training includes trauma-informed victim-centered approaches, and safety, and planning protocols that your CoC has already adopted. And then also, why you believe your efforts are successful?

And and this, we expect you to be able to provide data to show that your efforts are successful. And we expect you to be able to tell us why you think that what you're doing is effective? Next slide, please.

So in the 1C-7 question, this is about public housing agencies within your CoC. These questions, again, focus on your CoC's efforts to engage PHAs in serving people experiencing homelessness, and the PHAs' responses. Whether the CHA, whether the PHAs have made commitments in the form of preferences, or strategies?

Whether the PHA participates in your coordinated entry system, and whether the PHA coordinates with your CoC in funding opportunities? And in the application, you'll, you'll see that FUP and EHV are mentioned in some of the questions. Next slide, please.

Housing First, it's back. So this is the same question that you're used to, the same questions that you're used to. I think there might be an additional question in there but these are questions that you're used to seeing about Housing First. And so it's about barriers, and no entries, and service requirements. So again, what you're used to seeing in the application. Next slide, please.

Section 1B, addressing COVID. So as you all know, we didn't have that competition last year. We recognize that you all were addressing COVID. And so this is going to give you an opportunity to tell you, to to tell us what you did. What your CoC did to protect the people? How your CoC coordinated with stakeholders?

How your CoC communicated to and empowered providers? How your CoC adjusted your coordinated entry system to meet the unique requirements? How your CoC addressed possible increases in domestic violence due to conditions created by the pandemic? And how your CoC will use the lessons learned to address future crises? The next slide, please.

1E-2, I know, this is everybody's favorite section, the 1E Section. And and this is what we want to see. We want to know that your CoC had a real competition. I said before that we strive for transparency, and we want to know that CoCs have had a transparent process.

And we're looking for documentation that demonstrates that you did that, that that you had a set of criteria that you were working from. We're looking for points. We're looking for a scoring document. And we're very specific in the application about the weight of those scores.

So we we were a lot more transparent in this question than we have been. And Karen pointed out, and it can't be overemphasized here, attachments are critical.

This question, the 1E-2 question also affects your eligibility for CoC bonus funds. So this is one of the critical questions, and again, attachments are critical. The next slide, please.

1E-4, reallocating, so we have reordered this question. And the reason we did is because we wanted to emphasize that we want you to have a process to reallocate. And so we want to see that you have a reallocation process regardless of whether your CoC used it during this competition.

And and we want to see that the the the, the process is evaluating performance and determining whether reallocation is needed in your CoC. And and we're asking that you actually explain whether you implemented it, implemented the process regardless of whether it resulted in no changes? And how you communicated those results to applicants?

So we, like I said, we reordered these questions. So the second question is the 20% reallocation. So the CoCs get credit for reallocation regardless of whether they have demonstrated a formal process.

Next slide, please, and I'm going to turn this over to William Snow.

William Snow: Alright, thanks, Kevin. I just want to reiterate what was said earlier, that really, a big purpose here is to make sure, of this whole webinar, is to make sure you understand, we're trying to be as apparently, transparent as possible. None of these questions are intended to be gotchas or to trick you.

So even with the last question, I saw a question in the chat from Mitch around the reallocation. Right, can you apply for new bonus funds if you haven't hit the 20%? To Kevin's point, yes, that's about demonstrating you have a process in place, and that you're implementing the process.

If for whatever reason, you don't have a process, the 20% it's, kind of, a failsafe. And so it's, it's something we want to give folks an opportunity to have both, both options. But both are valid, we look at each of them individually when we think about the scoring.

So let's look at bed coverage. So most of the bed coverage issues have not changed, we continue to look at 85% bed coverage within the CoC. We also added a new element that's worth highlighting, right, that's that comparable

database piece.

We haven't had this in the past; and so, and we know, for instance, we used the housing inventory count for your HMIS participation piece. We don't have a corollary question asking about comparable databases in the HIC.

So this is just a question where you will answer the percent based on the knowledge you have as CoCs, and we'll we'll take that data based on what, what you share. But we do want to emphasize the importance of comparable databases. There are other questions that were added based on that.

One final point here, when we're looking at the actions you're taking if you don't have 85%. We really are looking for concrete steps. This is to Karen's early point in the presentation, that we want to make sure, if you just say, "Yes, we're continuing to talk to people who are not participating," that's not going to fly.

We're looking for more concrete steps of, "We have scheduled a meeting with their tech team, and our tech team, and we're talking through the ability to do this." Or, "We are," it's something along those lines that's more concrete rather than just verbalizing, "Yeah we're going to talk to them a little bit more."

So again, a good area to highlight, we're looking for concrete steps. Next slide, please. In this slide, note that this used to be question three, or Section 3A. We moved our system performance measures this year to Section 2C, just in case you're, kind of, trying to track where it was in the path. It's in 2C this year.

And then we wanted to pull out just a few things we've seen in the past where we feel like the questions haven't been responsive. And if, perhaps, HUD can be a little more clear? So here are a couple of good examples: 2C-1, we're looking at, specifically, the how you determine risk factors? Right, what is the process?

We often see risk factors identified, just laid out, that is not what we're looking for here. What we're actually looking for, again, is what is the process that you engage in as a CoC to identify what those risk factors would even be?

So this is, again, in the system performance measures, we often have strategies we're asking for. And then there's typically a more nuanced question, it's about something specific with the measure. This is a good example.

2C-2, another example, we're looking for, not just your general strategy, there's a separate piece of the question that's asking, "What are you doing to identify people with the longest stays or longest time homeless?" We want to know that very specific aspect, what about the people with the longest time

homeless?

And finally, 2C-5 has a couple of questions around income, that includes cash income, or employment income, it also includes non-cash income. So we want to make sure you're answering those, kind of, to your fullest, and recognizing those are two separate things. They're separate questions so, hopefully, that's easy enough.

But we also dig a little further, right, with the employment questions. We're asking about engagement with various partners on the employment side; so looking for answers specific to your efforts as a CoC to engage those partners. Next slide, please.

So I want to go over, a little bit, the bonus points. We've already seen some questions in the chat. What about these bonus points? So let me see what we can cover here to help answer some questions.

We're excited about this. These bonus points, they apply to your efforts with new permanent housing projects. So I want to start with that. They're not for renewal projects. It's, and I should clarify as well, this is tied to your CoC score, but you're going to answer the question based on the commitments made relative to new projects.

So we are looking at commitments with housing partners, right? This could be a variety of partners. A good one, right now, to think about would be your PHA, right, what commitment can they give you? Is that commitment 25% or more of the units, right? That's really important to us, or of the household served for rapid rehousing.

We're looking for a very firm commitment, not just a maybe we can talk and access these resources; but looking for MOUs or formal engagements where they've said, "Yes, as part of this project, we will provide this." The same thing goes for your healthcare partners, right, when we say we want 25%.

I know, I saw question earlier, what does the 25% mean for the healthcare side? Well, look at the total amount of the grant you're applying for. If it's $100,000, 25% is the level of commitment on the healthcare resource side, either cash or in-kind, will at least have a value that's 25% of that 100,000.

So here, I would expect a $25,000.00 commitment. Again, that can be in-kind time. There's instructions on how you do that.

Similar to what you would do for your income match, quite honestly, it's a similar concept. But we want, again, very heavy commitment that when we're tying people to permanent housing resources, they have access to healthcare resources. And we know that not everyone's there, but this is a bonus point opportunity. Alright, next slide, please.

The final slide on the CoC application is simply about the DV Bonus

questions. We just wanted to note that, unlike the rest of the CoC application, the scoring tied or the questions, your responses, they will be tied uniquely to the project's applicants.

This, these won't be scored in a way that's tied to your entire CoC Application score. So we just want to reiterate that, folks should know that, otherwise from past experience. Other than that, the questions should look very similar to what you saw in 2019.

Again, we're we're looking for the same types of things. There are some similar restrictions, right, the SSO Coordinated Entry grant, you can only have one per CoC.

We're talking about new grants here. By the way, some folks have asked, is this, how do you answer this if you already have a renewal DV? These DV Bonus questions are all about the new DV Bonus grants you're applying for in this round. So please do not respond relative to other, past DV Bonus grants you may have received in your CoC.

And with that, I am going to turn the time over to Brian Fitzmaurice to help us walk through the project application.

Brian Fitzmaurice: Alright, thank you, William, thank you very much. And I just wanted to thank everyone for joining us today. We're going to take it to the end here, almost to the, almost to the very end, finish up with some highlights of some important items for submission of project applications we wanted to point out to you.

Okay, we are on the next slide. So the the noncompetitive renewal process that we used for 2020 presented us with some, a unique situation for renewal budgets for 2021. The 2020 renewals were not processed in e-snaps, which most of you probably know.

That means that what you see in e-snaps now in your 2021 application on the budget, that is information that was brought forward from your 2019. That was the last time that these grants were actually in e-snaps in the budget.

What that means is that in order for projects to receive, those projects that are eligible to receive a an increase based on FMR increases, which we will do at the end of our competition, we need to have 2020 information in your budget. So it's very important that you go into your budgets to update what is in there from '19 up to 2020.

This applies to the following budget line items: Rental systems that using actual rents, that is rents that are less than the full fair market rent level, leasing, leased structures, and operating costs.

SNAPS has very recently sent out, in the last week or so, instructions to CoCs which we are asking and instructing the CoCs to forward this

information out to the project applicants. These instructions will have a report containing the adjusted amounts for rental assistance that are using actual rents.

Those same instructions will also be repeated in an FAQ, which will be posted very soon. I know Nili will mention at the end. But the FAQs, we realize are not yet posted. But, hopefully, next week sometime, they will be. So this, the instructions that have gone out to CoCs will also be contained in a an FAQ. Next slide, please.

So the first two bullets here I talked about in the last slide. But please note, if your renewal project has rental assistance at the full FMR rate, you are not impacted by these instructions. You do not have to take any further actions.

The grant inventory worksheets. The GIWs, do contain the adjusted amounts for 2020. And we'll talk a little bit about that more in the next worksheet. So you can use the GIWs as a check for each budget line item as well as the total for each, each project, the ARA for that project. Next slide, please.

So the report that was sent by SNAPS to CoCs contains adjusted, actual rents at the Bedroom size level. This is what must be used to update your rental assistance amount budget in e-snaps. And again, that's only if you have actual rents, rents that are somewhat less than the full FMR.

While the GIW has the correct adjusted amount for our rental assistance budget line item, that it is only at that rental assistance level. It, the GIW does not go down to each Bedroom size. That is the reason the project applicants will need this information that we sent out to each CoC because it is at the budget, I'm sorry, at the Bedroom level.

And when you are in e-snaps in your project budget, rental assistance is one of those lines item, one of those budget line items that you do have access at the Bedroom level. So you're gonna use this report to put in the the adjusted rents to the 2020 level.

Projects with leasing, leased structures or operating costs can use, and will use the budget line item amount in your GIW. Unlike rental assistance, that does not drill down any further. It it, the the amount on the GIW is what you will put into your budget line item.

I have seen in the chat, there has been some questions regarding further detail for those other budget line items. We are no longer collecting that, if for renewal, so we just want to refer to the budget line item amounts in the GIW for leasing, lease structures, and operating costs.

In a final note, if you have a project that falls in this, in this category that must be adjusted for, up to the 2020 adjusted amount, you cannot use the "Submit Without Changes" option. Because this is a change so that will not work.

I believe that is what I have for my slides. And I would like to hand it over to Sidhartha for our, some review of YHDP. Thanks.

Sidhartha Nilakanta: Hey, hi, you people can hear me? So I will be talking about the YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement portion of this presentation. So both the YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement are are going to be, are noncompetitive.

So they will be noncompetitively renewed or replaced, right. YHDP Replacement projects, all these, these, both versions of the project will be reviewed to ensure that they meet requirements. But for for YHDP replacement, no YHDP Replacement project will be rejected if a YHDP Replacement is submitted.

If errors are found, HUD will work with replacement YHDP recipients to correct or revise information that is submitted. If if recipients want to change some or all of the activities included in the YHDP Renewal project, then you must submit a replacement project.

So that is why the replacement project exists. It's for a change, if you want to make changes to a renewal there, you, you would do that as a replacement project.

If both replacement project and renewal project are submitted, the renewal, it will be the renewal project that will be funded. So if you are planning on doing a a replacement project, you are planning to replace a YHDP renewal, and you submit both the renewal and the replacement, only the renewal project will be, will be funded. This, the replacement project will not be funded, it will, kind of, will be ignored, essentially.

Lastly, replacement projects, projects cannot exceed the budget of the YHDP Renewal that they are replacing. So you can't replace, so for example, if you have a SSO project that is, it has, like, a $500,000.00 budget, and you replace it with a YHDP Replacement. You cannot go over 500,000, that's the max it can go, go to for for its budget. If we go to next screen, please.

What can –? What can YHDP projects do and what can't they do? So YHD – YHDP projects can, they can consolidate with other YHDP projects. Now this is a YHDP Renewal only. YHDP Replacement projects do not consolidate, they don't have that ability, only YHDP Renewals.

They can implement, YH – YHDP projects can implement YHDP activities not generally allowed under the CoC Program, so YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement. Though, if you are trying to apply for activities that were not under your current renewal project, you will want, you will need to apply as a replacement project to be able to take on those new activities if if you, if you want your project to take on those activities.

YHDP projects renewal, what can YH – what can YHDP –? Sorry, it's hard to say. What can YHDP projects renewal or replacement not do? They cannot consolidate with a non-YHDP project, so this has been, kind of, the rules for the last few years.

You, a YHDP project cannot consolidate with a, with a non-YHDP project. A YHDP project cannot consolidate with the replacement YHDP project because they are, essentially, they are, kind of, two different things. That neither the renewal or replacement can use the expansion process, and neither the renewal or replacement can use the reallocation process. And neither the renewal or the replacement can request more than one-year grant terms.

So when you're applying for a YHDP Renewal or a YHDP Replacement, these are one-year grant term projects only, not the two-year grant terms that people who are, who are in the YHDP community had in the initial, like, youth demo program.

And I want to make a reminder that the YHDP Renewal and the YHDP Replacement are their own, separate funding opportunities. This means that they have their own unique applications and detailed instructions.

So when you apply for either, either the YHDP Renewal or the YHDP Replacement, make sure you are applying or the correct funding opportunity, and using the correct instructions. So you're, so you know what questions to answer properly.

If we can go to the –? And that, kind of, finishes the YHDP Renewal and YHDP Replacement. If I've gone too fast or if things sound confusing, we are planning on having an additional webinar suggested cover renewal and replacement for YHDP communities. We're hoping that will be in the next couple of weeks to have that, have that webinar for, specifically, YHDP Renewal and what, and expand, and replacement projects.

So if I went too fast or if this was all really confusing, we are going to go over this again in a, a far more detailed manner in a couple of weeks. If you can go to the next slide, please?

So the next one is consolidation and expansions. Now, I want to say one thing. We have changed the consolidation process so many times over the years; every year it has been something new. And so, again, we've changed it, and I apologize for all the changes.

But we hope that this change is, kind of, be, kind of, like, the final change, and we won't be doing anything drastic again. That's my hope. So just, please listen closely to what this, the new processes is. And you should be able to do the consolidation and expansions just as, as well as as before.

So consolidation and expansions, you cannot, this year you cannot request both a consolidation and expansion for the same project application. Both the

consolidation and and expansion are happening on the same screen. So it is not, it is not possible, it created a lot of issues in the past year. So we, and just a lot of problems, we have just nixed it.

So if you're going to apply for a consolidation or you're applying for an expansion, you can do either but you cannot combine the two. Expansions are, essentially, the same. You, expansions, you submit one eligible, standalone renewal project, and one new standalone project application.

That is different from last year, from 2019, where we, where where we had a standalone renewal, the standalone new, and then you had a combined version. This year, there is no combined version; you just have the standalone renewal and the standalone new.

And for YHDP Renewals and Replacements, cannot use the expansion option. That's just to reiterate that fact. If you can go to the next slide, please?

So we're at consolidations, it's similar. Both expansions and consolidations have a similar process. So consolidations only, the differences are only current and eligible renewal grants must be under, it must be under the same applicant, and have the same component.

So again, if you're consolidating a PH-PSH project, you can only consolidate with other PH-PSH projects. If you're consolidating a joint project, you can only consolidate with other joint projects. You can't do a joint project and consolidate with a, with an RRH project, even if the joint project only has RRH units, or or, or however it's being operated. If it's a joint project component, it can only combine with another joint project component type.

Grants must not have serious operational issues for consolidation to be able to consolidate. Too, at, for consolidation to work in e-snaps, you must submit a separate renewal project application for each of the renewal projects that are part of the proposed consolidation. And at least, and one of these project applications will have to be the surviving grant. And the other project applications will be the terminating grant.

I see other questions; so you can't consolidate a TH and RRH? No you cannot do that. You cannot consolidate a TH, and an RH from a TH and RRH, that is not allowed in the competition.

So when you're doing the consolidation, you have to have, you have to have one surviving grant, and then, and however, terminating grants. If the consolidation request is approved, HUD will combine the project information and budget during the post-award process and issue a single grant agreement.

So the way this will work is, this is actually a process we did in 2018, I believe, where we would create a a sheet that combined all the project data information. And we already, had combined all the budget information when I went to post-award.

So we would have that, that data report for you to have with the combined budget, data information to fill out in your, at your, like, C1-9A step. So it's, actually, it's very similar to what we did in 2018, where we're, kind of, bringing back that process. So that's, kind of, the, that's what the process for consolidation and expansions are.

It's, again, it's a different process from 2019, but we hope that this will, this is a more simplified version, and we can have, we can accept more. We'll have more consolidations that are accepted than rejected. And so for that, I will pass it over, I believe, to Nili?

Nili Soni: Yep, thanks, Sid. Hello, good afternoon, everyone. So as Karen was referencing, it is very, very crucial that you check out all of the resources. Please pay attention to the project application and detailed instruction, it is extremely helpful.

You will be able to see more of the detailed information where on NOFO that is a reference. So it will help you formulate your response to the questions.

There are, I just wanted to highlight that navigation guides and FAQs are being updated. Like, we are in the process of writing that, and should have the first set of FAQs posted sometime in the next week which will have a lot of information that will, actually answer your questions about the application process.

So we will be posting FAQ on NOFO, the CoC Application, and project applications, and CoC priority listing. And just as a reminder, we are planning to have a YHDP Renewal Replacement webinar that would be focusing and answering specific questions related to that sometime, sometime soon, like, fairly soon.

But meanwhile, if you have questions regarding the competition for '21 competition, please send it to the CoCNOFO at HUD dot gov. We are responding so HUD staff are working on responding to those questions.

And then also, if you have questions regarding e-snaps, please send information at e-snaps at HUD. But that's more about functionality issues like passwords, and if you're locked out or so those kind of things. Please, reach out there.

At this point, I have seen some questions. I am, I can go to the questions that we have received on YHDP. Okay one of the questions was about the navigation guide. When will the navigation guide for YHDP Renewal projects be posted?

We're working on that right now so it would be posted soon. Some more information to come. So the next question we had was about if a YHDP project wishes to replace only some of its current activities: Should I submit

both a replacement application for the portion of the ARA being replaced and a renewal application?

So and the, and the renewal application for the portion of the application not being replaced, or should it submit only a replacement application for the full ARA? So if a community wishes to replace some current activities in the YHDP grant, the community should submit just a replacement grant that outlines both the current as well as the new activities.

So any any projects that you are looking that are in renewal but you're looking to replace, any competence of it, any activities, it has to be replacement. So it is basically, one for one; so any replacement project must be fully, replace a project.

The next question that we received is a question, wait. the question regarding the additional activities. Is the additional activities eligible for YHDP Replacement projects? So if you are renewing all YHDP projects, would they also use some of the YHDP eligible activities?

If you would like to add eligible activities for any of the project, again, just remember, you must submit a replacement project. That includes the additional activities rather than just the renewal, the grant.

There was a question about, we are around three grantee over YHDP projects, just now are signing two-year HUD grant agreements. So do we list these project as renewal or is that something that we do in two years? So only projects that have a project, a project end date in 2022, are eligible to renew under the 2020 – 2021 CoC NOFA.

So if you're just signing the grant agreements right now, you'll likely have to start, you'll likely have a start date in 2021, and project end date in 2023. Because it's a two-year YHDP grant. So that means that you will be renewing under the 2022 CoC NOFO.

A question about match is regarding 25% match flexibility for YHDP projects. Is this the, only for projects starting in 2022? Do we have flexibility for projects in the round two YHDP communities that are automatically renewed last year?

So the match flexibility, wait, the match flexibility can be applied for renewal projects through the 2021 NOFO, including, including those that were renewed for the first time with 2020 CoC funds. So this flexibility is not available, however, for the 2020 grants.

There was a question about, again, a replacement project. A project has an existing YHDP HUD approved waiver and is requesting the continuation of that waiver. So if there are no changes to the project, you do not need to submit a replacement project. This is only for waivers.

So, however, if there are additional changes to the project, remember again that you should submit a replacement project. This only applies for all waivers not altered requirement request.

What if the project is requesting to change this component type to one of the allowable YHDP replacement project types described in the NOFO? Again, this would require to submit a replacement project if you are looking to change or to a new project, a new component type.

Okay, would YHDP submit a replacement project application? So basically, again, a project is requesting to use one or more special activities explicitly described NOFA as allowable.

And if the project recruit, is requesting to provide another innovative activity not authorized in the CoC Program interim rule or among the YHDP special activities explicit, explicitly described in CoC NOFO, is that allowable? So recipients should submit a replacement.

If their subpoena is requesting a special YHDP activity that is not specially outlined in NOFA, the project application should address the criteria that is outlined in Section 5 of the NOFO. So please refer to page 40 and 41 of the NOFO for that.

Will YHDP Replacement projects be on the new or renewal rounds? The play, the YHDP Replacement projects are basically considered new projects.

Alright, so the next question, again, when YHDP, the NOFA states that the YHDP projects do not need to provide match. Would that require a replacement of YHDP project if they choose not to provide match? Yes, incorporating any of the, of label special YHDP activities into project design requires a community to submit a replacement project.

I know, there are a few more questions coming in for YHDP. It says, "Do we, do you need a YHDP approval for all YHDP Replacements, and how do you submit confirmation?

So the only activity that requires YAB, like, Youth Action Board, is is if the recipient seeks to use a special YHDP activity that is not specifically outlined in the CoC NOFO. Okay you, you can attach the YAB letter of support in Section 7A.

Let me see if there are other questions. Sid and Caroline, are we, do we have any other additional questions that we have received?

Karen DeBlasio: And Nili, while you guys are looking – this is Karen – while you guys are looking at YHDP, I can tackle a few, kind of, general questions. Because we we –

Nili Soni: Yeah.

Karen DeBlasio: It, it's a good –

Nili Soni: Sure.

Karen DeBlasio: – Thing you guys are doing the webinar because we do have a lot of YHDP questions, but that's why we're, that's why we're doing this so. So yeah, so let me. So basically, obviously, these are all of our slides. So now we have up to, the next I guess, 32 minutes to answer some questions. We are not going to verbally take questions. We have plenty of questions that came through the chat that we've been tracking.

So what I'm going to do is, well, first, I'm going to ask Cloudburst if we can just go back a slide? I figure if we have to sit on a slide, we might as well sit on the ones with some of the the resource information. So that's that's all.

So what I'll do is I'm going to go ahead and just take a stab at answering some very basic questions. I know, a couple people to join late which is understandable. And we, we'll just reiterate that, yes, this is being recorded. And yes, we will be posting the slides and this recording in, on HUD dot gov.

What we will do is, most likely, we'll send an e-mail out through the competition listserv when this is posted so that you all will know with the link. So that you know exactly where it is, and how to get to it, and you can share it with folks.

We have to make sure that this is compliant. And we have to go through a couple of things on to make sure this is prepared and ready to to be posted. So I would say, given it's Thursday, I would say, probably, by the end of next week it should be posted. But we'll try to get it up as soon as we can.

Another time, kind of, question that we're receiving or that we've gotten is about questions on this, both the CoCNOFO at HUD dot gov and e-snaps at HUD dot gov boxes. And people are saying, "When will these questions be answered?" Some people, we know, have submitted questions last week and they're waiting for answers.

We're responding and working through the questions as fast as we can. As I stated earlier, this is a new process. We normally handled these questions with a huge support system of national TA providers, and we handled these through the AAQ. And we're not able to do that anymore.

So it's SNAPS staff working through this with some support from, from some of our contractors, but for the most part snap staff are answering all of these questions. So it's, you you will get an answer and know that we're working as quickly as we can.

I I do want to say, and I don't think I said this before. That I do want to say that while we will be working with you all to get you answers as quickly as

possible because we know that you guys are working hard in your communities to try to put all of this together between now and November 16th, please do not.

If you have a question, as soon as you have it, go through the guidance, and then if you don't find an answer, please submit the question, and don't wait. Some of the questions do, we do have to discuss as a management team, and we might have to discuss what the, what the solution or the answer is. But I also want to say, like, if you submit a question on November 16th, or even, late on the November 15th, there's a chance you may not get any answer.

So we will try as as, as best as we can but we just want to stress that you should submit the questions as soon as you have them. I know that they don't always come up the first day that the competition is open but submit them as soon as you you think that you might need HUD to to help answer them.

Let me just go through here and look at the, our tracker here. So as far as the questions that are in the chat, so the chat will be posted. As far as us publishing a list of all of the questions, what we're going to do is we're tracking all the questions that are in the chat.

As I said at the beginning, there's no way we're going to be able to answer all of these questions. And quite frankly, some of that has to do with the fact that we need to actually sit down as a team, and look at the question, and think about what the answer is.

And make sure that we're giving you the the appropriate answer because you guys come up with some really, really good questions. So that we don't always have the answer off the top of our head, we might have to go back, and dig through the NOFA, or the application, and see exactly what the right answer is.

So we will be going through these questions, and we will be posting questions, and answers. And most likely, a lot of you have asked the same type of questions. So that's what we, how we determine what our frequently asked questions look like, or what we post as frequently asked questions or FAQs.

It's based on all of the input that we're getting through the chat from you all now. So just know that, that we'll be posting a lot of the questions that you guys are asking. If they don't get answered today in the chat, you will probably see an FAQ regarding those. I'm just scrolling through here to see what other CoC questions?

There, there was, there were a couple of questions around bed coverage. Bed coverage is not the same as occupancy. When we're talking about coverage, we're looking to see are the people that are in those beds covered under your HMIS? Are they represented in the data that you're providing to us, right?

So and we're looking to see that you have a a, a good coverage rate because that's how you're able to tell us what's happening in your community. I will be the first to say, yes, many people typed in, "VASH." We, we're trying, it it, non-funded emergency shelters, also, we know what it's like to try to bring them on board. It's not always easy, we know that that can drag down your bed coverage rate.

That's why we have a text box with that question that asks you to explain, kind of, why the the low coverage rate may be in a particular; if you're one of the communities that might have an emergency shelter that's not funded and and doesn't use HMIS or is is hesitant to use HMIS. This is where you can let us know.

Let us know and if you're having meetings, if you're trying to work with them, try, if the Continuum is trying to work with their staff, trying to talk to them. Let, that's where we want to hear from you because we don't want to, necessarily, ding you when you you, pretty much, have great coverage, and you're doing all that you can do.

That's why we give you that opportunity to tell us that maybe it's a, if it's a VASH issue. Or if it's a, if it's an emergency shelter issue. So definitely, use that text box. And I will also say, and this isn't necessarily related to the competition per se, but if you you think that you would like to talk to a TA provider or a lock, like to explore the possibility of technical assistance to bring up your coverage rate, to possibly bring other entities, other programs in your community on board with HMIS, there's, there is always technical assistance that's available.

And we still have the the TA portal that is in the HUD Exchange. That's, that didn't change so you can always request technical assistance. That may not necessarily help you with this application but just know that that's a possibility in the future or or helping to increase that bed coverage.

I'm just taking a look here to see what other questions we can possibly answer? And I see the questions about coverage. I don't know how many more CoC application questions there are that we're actually going to be able to answer.

Kevin Turner: So Karen?

Karen DeBlasio: Yeah, Kevin?

Kevin Turner: A quick question, so so just a point of clarity, you said that if they asked a question in the chat? Well, it it seemed like you were saying if they asked, if they were frequently asked questions, they might see them in a Frequently Asked Question. But are we actually going to, we're, are we actually going to ask, answer every question that's in the chat after this?

Karen DeBlasio: No no, and some of them, and that's a good point. Thank you, Kevin, and

that's a good point. No and if I made you think that, sorry, let me clarify. Some of the questions that folks are asking in the chat are actually, to be quite frank, a little bit too specific, and we can't answer because it would get into how we score.

And how we, and and we can't give people an advantage, or or talk about exactly how we score, and how we review, and that sort of thing. Because then it wouldn't be a competition, quite frankly. So so no, we, we're not going to be able to answer every single question, and that's in the chat. But those that that we don't, that we aren't able to get to it, and we're not answering in the chat either, because we're just, maybe we, kind of, just don't see them.

Because there's a lot in there. Or maybe there's, there are some that, like I said, we, kind of, have to take back, and think about, and looked at the guidance, and look at the NOFO. Those are the ones that we'll use for basis, most likely for, like, FAQs, and things like that. Wow, there's been 75 more questions since I started talking, so.

Kevin Turner: But but Karen, but but and so that the the follow-up question, then would be, if they don't get an answer, do they need to submit their question to –?

Karen DeBlasio: Yes.

Kevin Turner: – The folk at HUD dot – CoCNOFO at HUD dot gov?

Karen DeBlasio: Yeah I mean, they should do that. I mean, I, I can't. Again, we're gonna work as fast as we can. We're going to work as fast as we can to get things posted. But if you don't get an answer, and you don't want to wait, and see, "Is this going to be an FAQ?" by all means, put it, put it in through CoCNOFO at HUD dot gov.

If we can't answer it, if it is too specific, and it's just not something that, legally, we can answer, we will tell you that. We will point you to guidance, we will point you to the section in the NOFO. We will try to give you some place to look or to read or to check.

But again, there are some questions that we just can't answer. And so, I definitely encourage you to submit them, submit the questions if you don't get an answer today on the chat on. If you, if you can't wait for us to get the FAQs out.

I'm just looking through here. I wanted, just take a minute, and if there's any, anybody from the project app team, and if you've seen any questions that you've been able to answer in the chat that you think you want to, kind of, bring up, and just answer generally, feel free to, kind of, jump in while I'm scrolling here, and looking to see.

There's a couple of questions about people not seeing things in e-snaps. And any, any, kind of, technical question that you have, if you were not able to see

something? You can't get into e-snaps, you're not sure where something is in the application?

That's an e-snaps at HUD dot gov; and remember, like it says, right here, e dash snaps at HUD dot gov. Question, so anything related to, kind of, the functionality.

Now, if it's about the, a question about a, the project, like a content about the project application or the CoC application, that is something that you need to submit to the the CoCNOFO at HUD dot gov.

Brian Fitzmaurice: Hey, Karen.

Karen DeBlasio: Yeah, Brian?

Brian Fitzmaurice: I've seen, which is kind of surprising, but I've seen a fair number of questions about changing, if you have rental assistance, changing from actual rents which is somewhat less than the full FMR to the full, to the FMR. And we do not address that directly in the NOFO. It is possible but what would have to happen is the, and and I would suggest addressing this in the question format that, at CoCNOFO at HUD dot gov.

It, it's rare that we do that. We, the applicant would have to provide documentation that the actual rents have now risen to the point that they equal or exceed the FMRs. We do not address that, again, directly in the NOFO. But if you think that might be the case, you'll submit a question.

But if anything, it would be done on a one, a case by case basis and it would have to be done now so we could reflect that in your GIW. But, again, the only time we would ever do that is if there was documentation to show that the rents have in fact, increased to the point where they actually are at or above FMR, and there are some other steps as well.

So it's it's a rather complex, rigorous process. It's not impossible, but it's not common either.

Karen DeBlasio: Thanks, Brian. And actually, I just stumbled across a question in the chat that I don't know that it has been answered yet. But Brian, since you were – well, now you're on mute. But since you were were off-mute, I'm going to put you on the spot here.

It, they're asking if a project is consolidating, and one program used, and one project uses FMR, and the other uses actual rent, what do they use moving forward? Can you talk a little bit about that?

Brian Fitzmaurice: Yes I will try, and I'm looking to Sid also, one of my brain trusts. I believe and, Sid, correct me if I'm wrong. But I think they have the capability, if if, if they're talking about within a grant.

For example, it could be a balance of state or what have you that has more than one FMR area. That in the rental assistance budget, my understanding is, is that they would have the ability to put one at actual that it is at, and one at FMR based on what they have right now. Sid, is that, is that the case?

Sidhartha Nilakanta: Sorry, Brian, can you repeat that? I was busy copying and pasting something.

Brian Fitzmaurice: Absolutely.

Sidhartha Nilakanta: Can you repeat that one more time?

Brian Fitzmaurice: Not not a problem. So Karen, I think what what the question is, if the, if project with rental assistance, and I believe, I think they said, "That has more than one FMR area," has a mixture of actual rents, and full FMR, can they continue to have that, kind of, dichotomy? I mean, can they submit? I I believe they can, and yeah, I think, you….

Sidhartha Nilakanta: Yeah they can, they can submit. Because in the renewal, in the renewal form, you're allowed to if you have just separate. You, in the rental assistance screen on the budget detail screen, you can have separate entries where you can then have one being FMR and one being actual.

And so you can, it can be a diverse, kind of, like, FMR or actual within that project. But that's only available in in renewal. And so consolidations can only do renewals. So that is available and in the renewal form. You cannot do that for new projects, though. New projects, it is FMR only.

Brian Fitzmaurice: Right, thank you, Sid, hopefully that answers the question.

Karen DeBlasio: Thank you, guys.

Brian Fitzmaurice: Yep.

Karen DeBlasio: Thank you for allowing me to put you on the spot. I've seen a bunch of questions, and sorry, they're, I think the questions are just getting buried because they're all still coming in fast and furious. But several people are asking about the healthcare and does healthcare, like, the bonus, and does that include mental health?

And yes, it does. So I think that was asked several times and I just want to make sure that we're clear that, yes, that does. There's something else, I should have made a note, that I wanted to talk about, now I'm blanking out.

Just to be clear, I think Brian might have touched on this when he was doing his slides about actual rents. But as soon as he started talking about that report, we got a slew of people typing in saying, "I didn't get that report, please send it, and sending theirs."

And I I did put a message in the chat but just to be clear. And I think some of

the folks that are on the call that that are, that are desk officers, jumped in and said, "I'm your desk officer, you, I, you didn't need that report." That report only went on to folks who actually had projects operating in the community under, with actual rents, not FMR.

So and by all means, if you want to submit a question, and and think that you should have gotten that report, you should. But just know that if you don't have projects with actual rents, it's not necessarily something that you would need.

Brian Fitzmaurice: Good and also, Karen, just to add, hopefully, the CoCs had forwarded those out by now, but there could be some that they just haven't done that yet. So I would just suggest, please get in contact with your CoC to see if, in fact –

Karen DeBlasio: Good point.

Brian Fitzmaurice: – They were received from HUD. Yes.

Karen DeBlasio: A good point.

Sidhartha Nilakanta: I just wanted to bring up a fact.

Karen DeBlasio: Absolutely.

Sidhartha Nilakanta: Someone had asked a long time back; I think it was Cat, about consolidations, and, like, how it was working from the differences? So in the past, in 2019, we had asked when you did a consolidation, you would have your surviving grant, you're determining grants. And then you had a combined consolidation grant, project; I'm sorry, the project, not grants; a project that you would submit.

This year, there is no combined version. There is just a survivor, surviving grant and the terminating grants. And all of the consolidated information, if the consolidation is accepted, it will go into the surviving grant. And we will put in, we at HUD will put in the budget information, the updated budget information, in a surviving grant before it gets to post-award.

And we will create a, kind of, like a data sheet that will tell, that will combine all of your project data for that project so that you can then input it properly at at your C1-9A step. So you have the proper, you have the updated project data for your consolidation.

The only thing you have to remember is when you renew that project in the following year, you're going to have to make sure that you you update that data in your project application. Because it will not pull, data does not pull forward from C1-9A into the project application as many of you know.

You will have to manually update that information in your project application to catch that consolidated amount that you, in terms of your data, that that

you, that you have now. So hopefully, that didn't – hopefully, that explains that situation.

Karen DeBlasio: Thank you, Sid. I want to, we have about ten minutes left. I want to just check with the YHDP team to see if there was any other additional questions that you all wanted to bring up while we're, before we're through here.

Okay I'm gonna take your silence as a no. I'm going back into our document just to see if we can wrap up with a couple of questions. There was a question here, "Is EHB considered the PHA participating in coordinated entry?"

So as long as the CoC has an active MOU with the PHA to receive referrals for emergency housing vouchers from the coordinated entry, then that would count as participating in coordinated entry.

Let me see, a couple of other people, in case you didn't hear or missed it, we will be posting these slides. I'm hoping by the end of the week, next week, there are some, kind of, technical things that we have to do to get them compliant and and everything.

But we should, we will be posting on HUD dot gov, not the HUD Exchange, and, but we will send a listserv message out. I'll make sure that we send a message out with the link of where you can find these.

Let me see, what else we have here. There are lots of DV questions coming in so I want to thank Lisa Coffman. She has been answering most of them pretty diligently. So I I don't, hopefully you guys can see the answers in the, in the chat here. Bear with me, guys, I'm just scrolling.

Sidhartha Nilakanta: I had seen, like, a question, only one question on transition projects, someone, like, a little bit of an explanation. So transition projects are if you want to transition a CoC renewal into a new component type. So going from, like, a PH-PSH to a PH-RRH.

If you're applying for a transition, transition projects are applied as new projects. So when you apply for a transition, you have to go to to the new project application and select that you you want to be a transition, and you answer all those questions specific to that transition.

And when you apply as a transition, you are applying as the new component type you want to, you want that project to become. So you don't apply as a PH-PSH, you would apply as a PH-RRH since that's the new project type you want to become.

And then you will have a, you have, once if you're awarded, if you – if we award you for that transition, you then have a full year to make that transition from your PSH into your RRH. And then you would renew as a RRH project in the next competition.

Karen DeBlasio: Okay, thanks, Sid. I want to jump to HMIS real quick. I know that there were a lot of questions around new HMIS. So new HMIS projects are allowable as either a reallocation through reallocation or as a CoC Bonus, but not as a new DV Bonus. So hopefully, that might clear up some of the HMIS questions.

One question here for the why YHDP team, I think this, you guys could, probably easily answer this. Please elaborate on the YHDP 25% match, is any match required?

Sidhartha Nilakanta: I don't know if you want to get off on mute on that question? There, there was another one on on YHDP. Sorry, I'll just answer this other one and, hopefully, someone can answer the match one, of will YHDP projects be able to import data from original application in e-snaps similar to a normal CoC program?

If you are a YHDP renewal, and you have, you have submitted it once before, you can bring it, import that data into your, into this year's YHDP renewal project.

I'm not totally sure if for HYDP new, but YHP – YHDP new and YHDP renewal are not very, are not one-to-one in terms of how the applications work. So but if you have a previous YHDP renewal, you should be able to bring forward data from that previous application.

Karen DeBlasio: Okay and in terms of that 25% match for YHDP, it's discussed a little bit on page 34 of the NOFO. But it essentially says that YHDP renewal or replacement projects are not required to make the 25% match requirement if the applicant is able to demonstrate it has taken reasonable steps to maximize resources available for youth experiencing homelessness.

So what we would be looking for in this application is just an indication that that's a special activity that you're looking to take advantage of. But also, you would need to be showing the requirement there of, that you were able to demonstrate that you've taken those reasonable steps.

As Sid mentioned in his presentation, there won't, we won't be, we will not be rejecting projects if we don't feel like you've met that standard. But it's something to work with you on after a conditional award at that point.

Sidhartha Nilakanta: Karen, there have been a couple questions on tribes. I don't know if we, we can answer them, or if we can just do, like, a, like, I don't have much of a general thing of what to say if you have something that you can talk about tribes? Has there been –? There has been a few questions about them.

Karen DeBlasio: So Marlisa is our tribe expert, and I don't believe she is on, and I don't want to say anything incorrectly. So I, I'm just trying to scroll through, I'm going to see if we can find the questions. Because that is new, that is something that is new this year.

I think what, probably the safest thing would be to say that those are the types of questions, since there are several about tribes, we probably will do some FAQs around tribes. So stay tuned for the next couple of days for us to come out with an FAQ around that.

I also want to address the many questions about the the healthcare. And I think I did touch earlier; people were asking if mental health is included? And I had seen a couple of people, or I, I'd seen a couple of people ask about harm reduction, is that included?

Again, I I don't see a prohibition in the NOFA saying that that's not included, but I definitely, I'm I'm gonna go back to the team and let them know that we need to do an FAQ, too, around around these, that the healthcare.

Because this is new. You guys have a lot of really good questions again, things that probably are not crystal clear based on what's in the NOFO or what's in the application. So I want to get some answers, too, on, to those questions, and and put out an FAQ or two on on the healthcare.

So stay tuned for those, just know that we we see you. I've had a couple of people say that they got, and that they know they need the actual rent report, and they have not received it. If you have not already, please put your CoC number in the, in the chat, and let me know.

And I will, I will follow up as soon as I can with your desk officer, and make sure you get that report. Let me see, here, there are a couple of minutes left. Let me see what else I have here?

Okay I see, thank you, guys. I see Marill in North Carolina. Norm said we would learn why it has to be NOFO instead of a NOFA. I have just been telling people, that's an OMB thing.

I honestly don't know if there's anything to it more than that. I guess I'll have to ask Norm, and maybe he knows, like, the back secret. But I think it's now funding opportunity instead of application. So I don't know if anybody else knows why they changed it? You can let me know.

But I've just, I was told that it would be changed it, and that's, it's what it is. We actually, should have, like, played BINGO or something at the beginning, and given a prize for it. Because I'm sure I probably said NOFA several times throughout this. I catch myself saying NOFA all the time.

So we probably should have, like, given you guys a prize if, like, you you had caught us saying NOFA more than ten times or something. But funding availability, sorry, yeah, not opportunity.

Okay if you need the report again, put your CoC number in there because I'm not, we don't know everybody's name. So just make sure you put your CoC number in there if you need the report.

Okay I'm just scrolling through one last time; we got a couple of minutes. See if we have anything? I did see a couple of questions, I just want to, like, give some moral support, throw some moral support out there to folks who've said, like, "I'm a newbie, I don't know where to find any of this information or what."

You you've heard us refer to HUD dot gov, and and I will say that we still are able to post several, several things on the HUD Exchange. So definitely, go to the FY '21 competition page on the HUD Exchange, but you also want to make sure that you are signed up for the HUD dot gov listserv messages.

We have a listserv that is the SNAPS competition listserv, and that's where we communicate everything related to the competition, through that listserv. So make sure that you're signed up for that as well. So anybody that's new, we've all been there, so we we'd give you, we send you, wish you good luck.

We know it's going to be a a busy fall for everybody. But, hopefully, you can find what you need. And if you can't, then you have, you have the e-mail boxes here that you can submit questions to.

So I'm going to give one last shout out to our different teams and different resource advisors on the phone to see if there are any other burning questions that you guys think we should answer right now? I am looking, scroll her to see.

Sidhartha Nilakanta: I'll just say one thing that us and the project app team always emphasize is please, please, please read the detailed instructions, please. It's, it will help a lot, it will, it reduces confusion. And if you have questions, please send it to the the CoC NOFO e-mail address.

And we are doing our best to, we'll answer, to answer those questions. So please, read the instructions because we spend a lot of time on them. And it really makes things a lot easier to to do the applications.

Karen DeBlasio: Yes yes.

Kevin Turner: And for the CoC app team I would say, I would ditto that. We, yes, please read the detailed instructions. You can't get maximum points without it because you're just not going to be able to know how to answer certain questions. So that they're, they're they're generally short, they're concise, but we hope they're informative. We've tried to make the application as user friendly as possible so that the questions are clear, and we hope that we succeeded in that. And we just appreciate all your all's hard work.

Karen DeBlasio: Thank you, Kevin, and thank you, Sid. Go ahead, Nili.

Nili Soni: Yeah and a quick thing to everyone. I want to say a shout out to all of the CoC members, trying to get the replacement, YHDP renewal replacement. I

know, there is a lot of confusion, we completely realize it.

So keep flooding the CoC, the mailbox, CoCNOFO at HUD dot gov, as that will help us formulate the webinar that we are planning to have pretty soon. So thank you again for your patience. I know this is the first time, so there are tons of questions around that.

Karen DeBlasio: So with that, I think I'm going to wrap us up. I just want to take the last minute here that we have to say, hopefully, this has been helpful for you, for you all. We are here, we are here up, through the past November 16th, but we are here for you guys. And we will be answering your questions as quickly as we can.

And please know that we truly, truly appreciate all of the hard work that you guys, that you guys do every day, that you've been doing for our clients since the beginning of the pandemic, and before then. And just know how much we appreciate you guys, and and again, just but the immensely hard work that we know that you guys do every day, it's greatly appreciated.

We are so lucky to have you guys as recipients and we we, we're we're constantly enamored, and and in awe of what you all do on a daily basis. So thank you for for what you do, and know that we're here to help you guys, and good luck.

And it's 4:30, and I won't take any more of your NOFO writing time. So thank you, everybody, and we will talk to you again soon. Bye-bye.