



CT CAN End Homelessness Update

Greetings everyone,

We are so excited to see the [CT CAN End Homelessness Initiative](#) begin to take shape. In the past week we have fielded a lot of questions regarding appointments to committee's and subcommittees, details on subcommittees, and the legislative lead program. Please see below for answers to your questions and do not hesitate to reach out as we continue this important work.

Nominations for CT CAN End Homelessness Committees and Subcommittees

Connecticut has a well-established CAN system. This system is the basis for populating the membership of each committee. Each CAN will nominate people to serve on the committees (specified in each committee description), reaching deep into the staffing structure of providers, as well as nominate people with interest and expertise in the various areas. Committee members can serve on only one committee. The goals of this structure are to be inclusive of staff; provide opportunities for staff development; and to decentralize the decision-making process.

While we would ultimately like to see each committee and subcommittee seat populated by diverse members from our sector, we do understand that the process of building voices within our movement will take time. For this year, we will welcome individuals participating on both committees and subcommittees.

Deadline for Nominations

The deadline for CANs to nominate Committee and Subcommittee members is **Wednesday, December 21**.

Each CAN has been asked to submit **two** nominees for the following committees.

Committees

- The Organizing Council
- System Operations Committee
- HMIS and Data Leadership Committee
- Funding Committee

Please email Sarah Fox at sfox@cceh.org with your committee nominations by **COB on Wednesday, December 21st.**

For **subcommittees**, prior to submitting nominees please identify the individuals within your CAN that currently participates in the following groups under the former Reaching Home Campaign. Please indicate if those individuals will continue to be subcommittee members. Each subcommittee should consists of **three** individuals from each CAN.

Subcommittees

- Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee
- Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee
- Entry Subcommittee
- Exit Subcommittee

Please email Amber Freeman at afreeman@cceh.org with your subcommittee nominations by **COB on Wednesday, December 21st.**

Crosswalk with Reaching Home Committees

To foster continuity and alignment, the subcommittees of the CT CAN Homelessness Initiative build off the work of the former Reaching Home Campaign.

Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee

The Youth and Young Adult Subcommittee, which was part of the former Reaching Home Campaign is being incorporated into the initiative and will eventually incorporate the Youth and Young Adult Initiatives (YETI's). The purpose of this subcommittee is to end youth homelessness.

Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee

The Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee was formulated as a taskforce within the Reaching Home Campaign. The purpose is to identify, engage and house all unsheltered individuals and families using a coordinated approach across the state.

Entry Subcommittee

The Entry Subcommittee will incorporate the Coordinated Entry Taskforce. The purpose of this Sub-Committee is to improve coordinated entry and to quickly provide households with access to appropriate services and shelter.

Exit Subcommittee

The Exit Subcommittee continues the work of the Housing Solutions Collaborative from the former Reaching Home Campaign. The purpose of this subcommittee is to increase exits to housing, decrease length of time homelessness and reduce returns to homelessness.

Legislative Lead Program

CCEH's Legislative Lead program is based on the notion that to end homelessness we must build and maintain an active local base of housing advocates across the state. Each CCEH Member organization is asked to identify individual(s) to take advocacy action at strategic times and engage in the work to educate policy makers on the importance of investing in housing

and the resources needed to end homelessness.

Working closely with CCEH, legislative leads can strengthen their legislative and advocacy skills while building community and developing stronger relationships with lawmakers. CCEH will track and share strategic opportunities for you to take action and provide you with talking points to make you an effective advocate.

We are seeking Legislative Leads from across Connecticut and are encouraging our coalition partners to prioritize people for the program who have historically been left out of policy and legislative conversations, including people of color (particularly Black and Indigenous POC), people with disabilities, LGBTQ+ individuals, people with direct experience of homelessness, or people who are historically marginalized in other ways. This does not mean you will be automatically turned away if you do not fit these descriptors. The most important thing is that you have a working commitment to racial equity that is in alignment with the equity commitment made by CT CAN End Homelessness.

Deadline for Nominations

Please register using [this link](#) for the Legislative Lead Program **by December 21, 2022.**

Our First Legislative Lead Training is scheduled for **Thursday, December 29 from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.**

Please feel free to email Bobbi Riddick with any questions regarding the program at Bridnick@cceh.org.

Legislative Lead Key Roles:

- Email, call, and/or meet with state lawmakers to urge action on legislation;
- Build relationships with lawmakers and serve as a trusted source of information;
- Share advocacy opportunities with your organization, colleagues, and partners to help them become confident advocates and elevate affordable homes and ending homelessness as constituent priorities;
- Use your voice to testify and submit in support of resources to end homelessness;
- Support and advance the CCEH legislative agenda and strategic message locally, using talking points and other written materials provided by the Policy & Advocacy Committee.

What are requirements and expectations for being an Legislative Lead:

- Time commitments will vary depending on the time of year and on how active your district is. We estimate 5 hours per month for calls, lawmaker meetings, and other organizing activities, with intermittent communications.
 - Legislative Lead Participation is restricted to [CCEH Members](#).
 - We ask that you commit to the Legislative Lead role through the end of the next legislative session (mid-Spring).
 - Our goal is to have a legislative lead from every coalition member.
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