

### General Information

#### WHAT IS THE CONTINUUM OF CARE?

The purpose of the Kane County Continuum of Care (CoC) is to develop and support effective strategies to end homelessness in Kane County and to promote affordable housing options with integrated support services for Kane County residents faced with homelessness.

Specifically, the CoC is designed to:

- Promote community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness
- Seek funding to rapidly re-house homeless individuals and families
- Promote access to and effective use of mainstream programs
- Optimize self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness or risk of homelessness
- Promote a Housing First model of housing assistance that is offered without preconditions or service participation requirements, and rapid placement and stabilization in permanent housing are primary goals.

#### MEMBERSHIP

The CoC is comprised of over 20 organizations, including representatives from government entities, elected officials, non-profit homeless providers, victim service providers, financial institutions, businesses, housing developers, faith based organizations, mental health agencies, law enforcement, veteran organizations, educators, as well as individuals who may be homeless, persons who formerly were homeless, or other interested individuals.

#### TYPES OF PROGRAMS/SERVICES OVERSEEN

- Outreach, intake and assessment to identify an individual's or family's service and housing needs, and to link them to appropriate housing and/or supportive services.
- Homelessness Prevention and Emergency Shelter
- Rapid Rehousing with supportive services to help people develop the skills necessary for permanent housing
- Permanent Supportive Housing

The CoC implements a Coordinated Entry System (CES) in order to ensure that housing assistance is prioritized based on vulnerability and severity of assistance needs so that people who need help the most can receive it in a timely manner. The CoC has adopted a "No Wrong Door" approach to CES. The same assessment approach, including standardized decision-making, is offered at all Access Points and all Access Points are usable by all people who may be experiencing homelessness or are at risk of homelessness

#### STAFF SUPPORT

Staff support for the Continuum of Care is provided by the Kane County Office of Community Reinvestment.

#### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

If you are interested in volunteering your time and serving as a member of the Continuum of Care, please complete and submit the attached application. For more information, please contact Nisreen Wakileh, Continuum of Care Program Coordinator @ 630-232-3428 or wakilehnisreen@countyofkane.org

#### TIME COMMITMENT

##### When:

The CoC General Membership meets quarterly on 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of January, April, July and October.

##### Where:

Meetings are currently virtual due to COVID19 pandemic.

Offices are located at:  
143 First St  
Batavia IL, 60510

#### WHAT IS EXPECTED?

Attendance at 75% of General membership meetings



Staying informed by reviewing materials in advance of meetings



Acting as an ambassador of the CoC within the community



Commitment to being informed about CoC issues within Kane County

# NTINUUM OF CARE For Kane County

## Application for Membership

### Summary:

The Kane County Continuum of Care (CoC) is a membership-based organization which promotes a community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness. This is made possible through the active participation of broad and diverse members who embrace the goals of the CoC.

### Membership Duties and Benefits:

- Invitation and attendance of General Membership meetings.
- Eligibility for committee and board service.
- Access to training and technical assistance opportunities.
- Access to CoC funding opportunities.
- Opportunities to network with individuals in similar fields of interest.

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Designated Voter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Voter Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### REPRESENTATION/BACKGROUND:

1. Please indicate the category you represent:

- Individual       Non-profit organization       Business       Government/municipality

2. List any special interests, areas of expertise, skills or resources that you believe would be of benefit to the Kane CoC:

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3. CoC Members are required to appoint one voting Member, attend at least 75% of general membership meetings, and document any known conflicts of interest regarding any matter before the CoC. Please acknowledge your agency's understanding:

- YES     NO

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### SUBMIT COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

Nisreen Wakileh, Continuum of Care Program Coordinator  
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