Pinellas Continuum of Care (CoC)

Become a Continuum of Care Member

If you are passionate about homelessness, join the Pinellas Continuum of Care (CoC) and partner with other community members to develop solutions to end homelessness in Pinellas County.

The Pinellas Continuum of Care (CoC)
Per the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), representatives from relevant organizations within a geographic area shall establish a CoC for the geographic area to carry out the duties outlined in the CoC Governance Charter. The Pinellas CoC is a group of stakeholders with a shared community vision of making homelessness rare, brief, and one-time.

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Policies

- CoC voting privileges are contingent upon compliance with dues payment.
- Membership application must be completed and submitted with payment.
- One membership = one vote. Organizations may have more than one representative attend meetings and should designate the voting member.
- Dues are paid annually and are effective October 1st through September 30th to match the fiscal year and are non-refundable.

Dues are $30 for individuals and $100 for agencies.
Dues are waived for Homeless / Formerly Homeless Members.

Become a member today by completing a Membership Application and sending in your dues.
Membership in the Pinellas CoC

Per HUD, membership in the CoC should ensure a community wide commitment to preventing and ending homelessness and must represent the entire geographic area covered by the Pinellas CoC. The Pinellas CoC’s mission is to coordinate all community partners, systems, and resources available with the goal of helping individuals and families to prevent, divert, and end homelessness in Pinellas County.

The following parties are represented on the Pinellas CoC Lead Agency. An official membership list is documented and published by the CoC Lead Agency.

- Non-profit Homeless Assistance Providers
- School Districts
- Victim Service Providers
- Social Service Providers
- Faith-Based Organizations
- Mental Health Agencies
- Governments
- Hospitals
- Local Municipalities
- Universities
- Businesses
- Affordable Housing Developers
- Advocates
- Law Enforcement
- Public Housing Agencies
- Persons who are/have experienced homelessness
- Veteran Service Organizations

Non-Voting Members

Any person who attends at least one membership meeting per calendar year is considered a Non-Voting Member in good standing of the Pinellas CoC. Non-Voting Members receive information from the Pinellas CoC including, but not limited to, meeting notices, CoC meeting minutes, and CoC reports. To remain in good standing, Non-Voting Members must attend at least one membership meeting per calendar year in order to maintain their membership. The CoC holds four quarterly membership meetings per year.

Voting Members

Voting on CoC Board members - membership must be established for a minimum of two weeks prior to any voting. Voting Members of the Pinellas Continuum of Care will retain their membership and voting status as long as they are in good standing. To remain in good standing, members must attend 50% of the regularly scheduled meetings within a calendar year.

Agency/Organization Members - In order to become a voting member of the Pinellas CoC, a representative of an agency must be a member of the Pinellas CoC in good standing, be located or provide services in the geographical area, and complete a Pinellas CoC Voting Member Application Form. Each application will be reviewed and approved by the CoC Lead Agency and Secretary of the CoC Board following CoC-approved application standards. Once the application form has been approved and the attendance requirements met, the CoC Lead Agency will notify the agency of their voting status. There is no minimum or maximum number of voting members on the Pinellas CoC.

An agency/organization may submit an application to receive voting status after attendance at one CoC meeting. An agency/organization may identify two (2) persons who may vote on behalf of the agency/organization. Only one (1) representative of an agency/organization may cast a vote on each action. In the event that neither representative can attend a duly called meeting, he or she may, with prior notice to the Chair, designate a proxy. Designations of proxies to conduct business should be rare. If a CoC voting member is unable to routinely conduct business, the agency/organization should seek to assign representation to another individual.

Individual Members - An individual who does not work for or represent an agency/organization may be nominated and elected as a voting member of the CoC to represent themselves. An individual may submit an application to become a voting member after their attendance at one CoC meeting.

Benefits of Membership

- Participation in membership meetings to network and exchange information, and to receive updates on issues affecting homeless services at the local, state and national levels.
- Participation in critical committees and work groups that coordinate homeless services, data management, strategic planning, and address issues as they emerge.
- Weekly e-newsletter highlighting events and issues that affect homeless advocacy.
- A resource link to your agency on the HLB’s website.
- E-mail alerts and reminders on critical issues and meetings.
- Assistance with grant applications and program designs benefiting the CoC, including the completion of the annual CoC application to HUD.
- CoC members may be elected to serve on the CoC Leadership Board.

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