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Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC)

Recovery-Oriented Housing Policy

I. Purpose

The Long Beach Continuum of Care (CoC) is committed to supporting housing stability, recovery, and participant choice while ensuring that CoC-funded projects operate in accordance with applicable law and the requirements of the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) under which the project was funded.

This Policy applies to all CoC Program-funded housing projects operating within the Long Beach CoC.

II. Scope and Applicability

Housing projects operating in the Long Beach CoC that receive federal CoC funding shall not:

1. Operate drug injection sites or "safe consumption sites";
2. Knowingly distribute drug paraphernalia on or off property under their control;
3. Knowingly permit the use or distribution of illicit drugs on property under their control; or
4. Conduct, permit, encourage, or allow these activities under the pretext of harm reduction.

Nothing in this policy prohibits projects from providing case management, substance use disorder treatment referrals, recovery supports, overdose education, or other services permitted under applicable federal, state, and local law.

III. Recovery-Oriented Services

The Long Beach CoC encourages all CoC-funded housing projects to connect participants with voluntary substance use disorder treatment, behavioral health services, recovery supports, healthcare, and recovery housing, as appropriate to participant needs and project design.

IV. Conditions of Assistance

Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to require program participants to maintain sobriety as a condition of receiving assistance unless otherwise permitted under applicable HUD regulations, state and local law, and the project's approved program model.

Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to require termination of assistance for a first-time violation of a drug-related program or lease requirement unless otherwise permitted by applicable federal requirements and state and local law.

Nothing in this policy shall be interpreted to prohibit CoC-funded housing projects from requiring sobriety or participation in treatment as a condition of assistance where permitted by 24 CFR part 578.75(h), 578.93(b)(5), Long Beach Continuum of Care Written Standards, Long Beach Coordinated Entry System Policies and Procedures, state and local law, and consistent with the project's approved design.

V. Monitoring and Corrective Action

Recipients and subrecipients shall certify compliance with this policy as required by the Long Beach Continuum of Care. Compliance with this policy may be reviewed through the Long Beach CoC's monitoring and project review processes.

If the CoC determines through monitoring or project review that a recipient or subrecipient of CoC funding has violated this policy, the CoC may require corrective action, impose conditions consistent with applicable agreements, consider the violation during future local competition processes, or take other actions permitted under applicable law, HUD requirements, and CoC policies.

VI. Policy Updates

This Policy may be reviewed periodically and amended by the Long Beach CoC Board as necessary to remain consistent with applicable federal requirements, CoC policy documents, and local implementation practices.