

BOARD POLICY STATEMENT

THE ROLE OF BOARD COMMITTEES

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Policy: 002

Board committees, when used, will be assigned so as to reinforce the wholeness of the board's job and so as never to interfere with delegation from board to others who have delegated responsibilities.

Accordingly:

1. Board committees are to help the board do its job, not to help or advise staff. Committees ordinarily will assist the board by preparing policy alternatives and implications for board deliberation. In keeping with the board's broader focus, board committees *will normally* not have direct dealings with current staff operations.
2. Board committees may not speak or act for the board except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes. Expectations and authority will be carefully stated in order not to conflict with authority delegated to others.
3. The Board may create Ad Hoc committees.
4. This policy applies to any group which is formed by board action, whether or not it is called a committee and regardless whether the group includes board members.
5. It will be clear that Committees have no authority to apply for grants without the expressed permission of the Board, and must submit requests to the board for expenditures over \$ 1,000.
6. Committees authorized or commissioned by the board will have their role specifically clarified to identify the intended results/products of their work, and the scope of authority by which they may operate.

a. **Prevention Committee -MISSION/CHARTER**

The Prevention Committee is charged with creating a Community Wide Eviction Prevention Strategy. We will revise the emergency services approach and monies available to those facing eviction.

b. **IST Committee -MISSION/CHARTER**

In alignment with best practices models: Development of the MSHDA CHIP Initiative by creating a housing first solution for people in need of housing. Increase access for all homeless persons to quality, safe, permanent affordable housing with permanent supportive services. Increase community support and collaboration with low income housing providers.

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c. Data Committee **-MISSION/CHARTER**

Provide meaningful and accurate data and reports developed from a comprehensive, quality, Coalition-wide use of HMIS to the Coalition in order to build a broad community awareness and understanding of the reality of homelessness in Calhoun County

d. Regional Council 6 **-MISSION/CHARTER**

- Recommend system changes and identify regional resource needs and priorities;
- Monitor progress of state and local plans;
- Serve as a communication devise between state and local plans.
- Share Best Practices and address implementation barriers
- Identify regional training needs and manage regional training budget
- Identify ways to share resources including development capacity
- Assist in managing regional data and develop practices that would have a positive impact on reducing homelessness
- Assure that regional issues are identified and communicated trough regional representation, including; System change recommendations; Legislative initiatives; and Resource needs and prioritization
- Advocate for changes to state and federal policy, when appropriate
- Provide support to assure the successful implementation of local 10-year plans

e. Board Recruitment Committee (See Policy 006)