PURPOSE

• What is a Continuum of Care (CoC)?

• Mission and functions of Community Shelter Board

• Homeless Crisis Response System
What is a CoC?

- Promotes community wide commitment to ending homelessness.
- Provides funding for efforts by nonprofit providers, and State and local governments to quickly rehouse homeless individuals and families while minimizing the trauma and dislocation caused to homeless individuals, families, and communities by homelessness.
- Promotes access to and effect utilization of mainstream programs by homeless individuals and families.
- Optimizes self-sufficiency among individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
An end to homelessness does NOT mean that no one will ever experience a housing crisis again.

It means that every community will have a **systematic response in place** that ensures homelessness is prevented whenever possible or is otherwise a **rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.**
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. Homelessness as a crisis
2. Safe, stable housing
3. Self-determination
4. Reduce disparities, equity in outcomes
5. Individual rights
6. Community integration
7. Low barriers to shelter, services, and housing
8. Individualized assistance
9. Prioritize most vulnerable
10. Stewardship of public and private resources
QUESTIONS