

HOME FOR ALL

CONTINUUM OF CARE



Partnership for a Healthy Community
Mental Health and Substance Use
March 29, 2021

Home for All is in partnership with the Heart of Illinois United Way



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- Drivers of Homelessness
- An Effective Housing System
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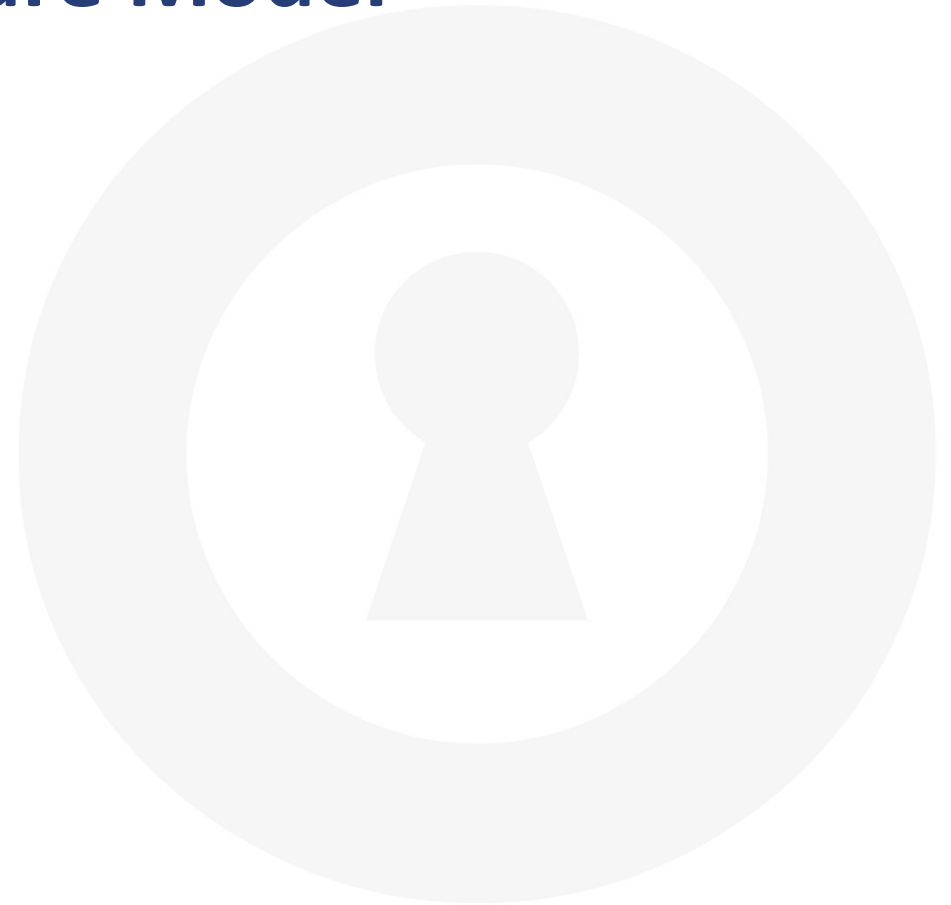
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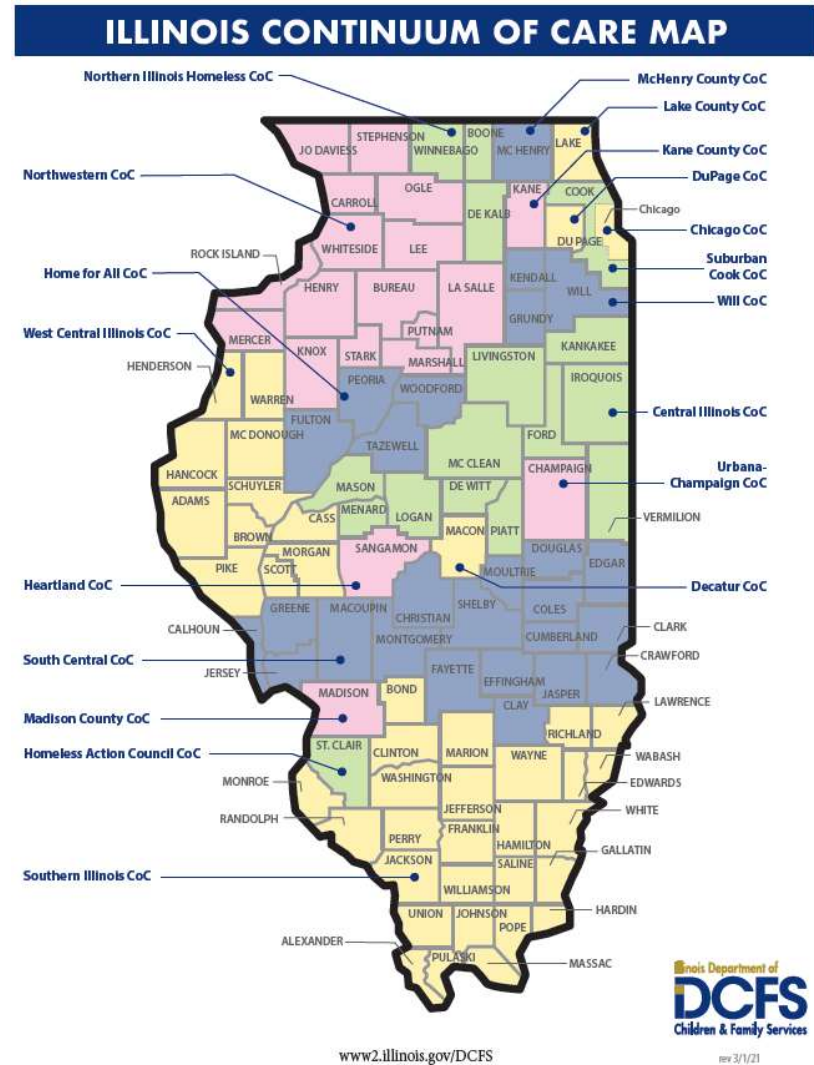
The Continuum of Care Model

- Federal regulations created the Continuum of Care model
 - Consortium of providers and community stakeholders
 - Systems level approach
 - Promote community-wide goals to end homelessness
 - **Goal: Ensure homelessness is rare, brief, and a one-time occurrence**



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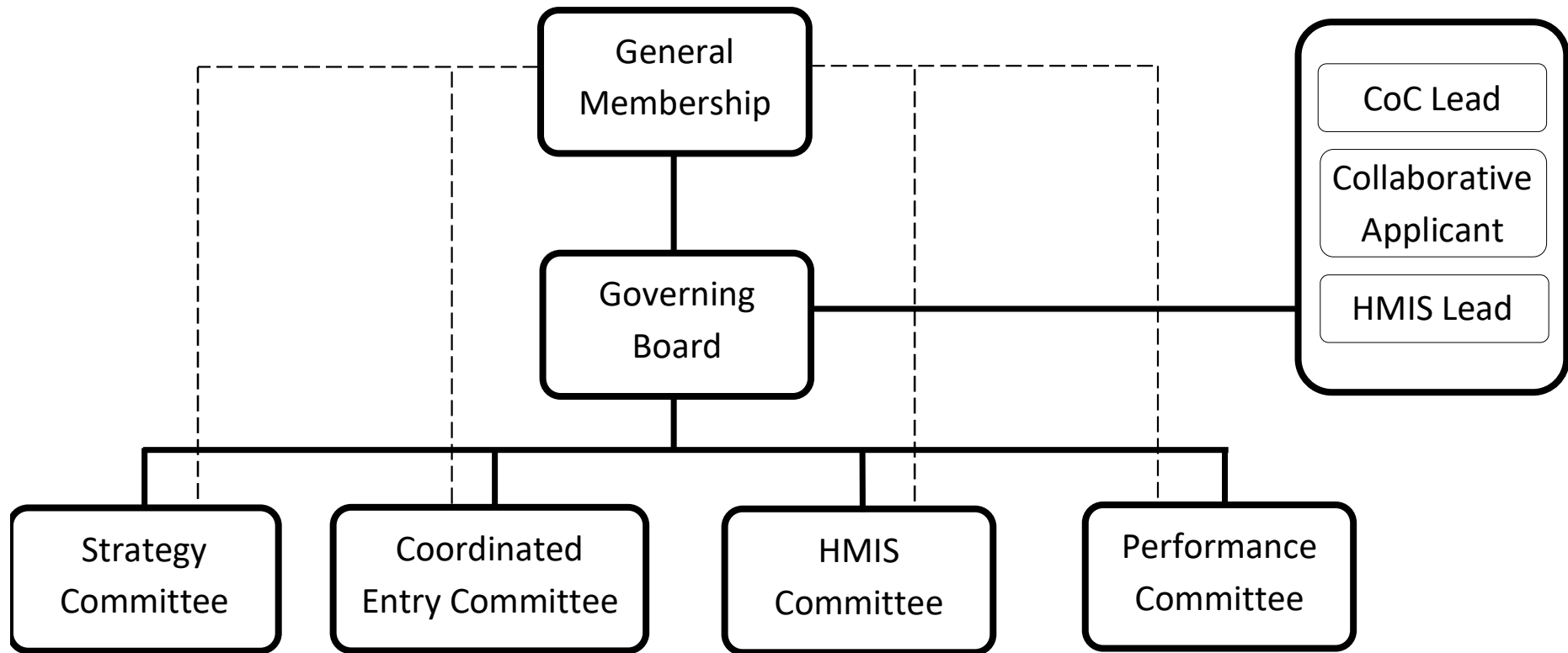
- Service area: Peoria, Tazewell, Woodford and Fulton Counties
- Over 50 community partners
 - Direct Service Providers
 - School Systems
 - Health Care
 - Criminal Justice
 - Faith Based Organizations
 - Cities
 - Advocates



Core Responsibilities

- Systems Operations, Planning, and Reporting
- Coordinated Entry
- Homeless Management Information Systems
- Allocation of Funds





How We Approach Housing

- Housing First Policy
- Harm Reduction Policy
- Prioritization of the Most Vulnerable



Funded Agencies

- Center for Prevention of Abuse
- Dream Center Peoria
- Goodwill Industries of Central Illinois
- Phoenix Community Development Services
- Peoria Opportunities Foundation
- Prairie State Legal Services
- The Salvation Army Pekin, Peoria, and Canton



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Drivers of Homelessness

- Lack of Affordable Housing
- Economic Insecurity
- Substance Use
- Mental Health
- Fleeing Violence
- Racial Disparities



Drivers of Homelessness

- COVID Considerations
 - Economic challenges of the pandemic
 - Impact of pandemic on mental health and substance use
 - Anticipate a wave of evictions
 - Federal, state, and local resources to help meet the need



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Local Solutions: I-74 Encampment

Home for All Continuum of Care leading permanent housing effort for I-74 bridge encampment



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Local Solutions: Onsite Shelter Testing and Vaccination Initiatives

ILLINOIS' VACCINE LEADER? IT'S NOT CHICAGO.

The region we all could learn from turns out to be Peoria. Here's why. | BY A.D. QUIG

OFTEN OVERSHADOWED BY THE METROPOLIS to its northeast, Peoria outshines Chicago and much of Illinois when it comes to coronavirus vaccinations.

Peoria County tops all 102 Illinois counties in pushing vaccines to its most vulnerable residents. As of March 4, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health, 84 percent of county residents 65 or older had received a first dose, two times the rate for Chicago and Cook County. Some 51 percent of Peoria seniors had been fully vaccinated as of that date, well above the statewide rate of 20 percent.

Surprised? So was Monica Hendrickson, pub-

lic health administrator at the Peoria City/County Health Department, at a Feb. 24 event when Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced that "if Peoria County were a state, it would be No. 2 in the nation for total doses administered per 100,000 residents."

"I'm very happy I had a face mask on, on live TV," Hendrickson says. "Otherwise, my shock would be more expressive."

Planning, partnership, outreach and centralization appear to be key factors boosting vaccination rates

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