

## Core Committee Meeting Minutes

October 3, 2019

Attending: Kim Sutter, Maggie Carden, Casey Becker, Sarah Lim, Casey Yanta, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Patrick Duffie, Shannon Ash, Kayalyn Broy, Tara Barica, Sawyer Johnson, Robin Sereno, Christine Verdico, Sarah Anderson

1. Introductions and Check-in
2. Written Standards Review: Rapid Re-Housing

It was proposed to change the current standard to serve from top of the priority list, not top of the VI-SPDAT score 4-7 (RRH as a first intervention).

- Without the change, non-chronic persons with high VI-SPDAT score will not be served by any programs.
- There are 246 single in VI-SPDAT 4-7. 357 individuals VI-SPDAT 8+.
- Even in the 4-7 range, a lot of people have non-documented disabilities.
- It will be very difficult to find market rate units for individuals who are on top of the priority list with RRH assistance.
- We do need to serve people who are outside of 4-7 range who are not chronically homeless. But there should be more intense program resources-intensive RRH.
- To serve people higher VI-SPDAT scores, more support need to be provided, potentially through collaboration.
- We are not able to serve everyone with the limited RRH resources.
- Conversation with the family about this change started because there are more RRH slots available. It's different for singles, as there are very few slots.
- Instead of changing the written standards to serve people on the top of the priority list, can we add an option to be able to serve people from higher range? → How would it work with the CE process? There should be a fair and clear process in selecting participants not between 4-7 range.
- Can we add the flexibility that agencies may designate to serve a certain range for their RRH program that includes higher score, such as 4-11 instead of 4-7?
- Individual agency capacity should be taken into consideration.
- It will be helpful to review the following information before making a recommendation:
  - Rationale for supporting different approaches including supporting evidences
  - HUD's guidance on written standards
  - RRH eligibility standards of other communities similar to ours
  - Other community examples of RRH as a first intervention
- We need to think about what population our community RRH should serve and what program need in order to do this. Torrie will send out a survey to Core Committee members on who our community should serve with RRH.

- In a community where PSH is not available as a backup (if RRH doesn't work for a person), the person would

3. Written Standards Review: PSH Min. Standards, Extreme Heat/Cold (pg. 28)

"Agencies will have a written policy on ensuring participant safety during periods of extreme weather (hot and cold)."

- This policy was added after a committee discussion following an incident where a PSH participant died in cold weather (outside of the apartment building in the community).
- It is difficult to implement and enforce.
- It is written vague, so a minimum policy will meet the requirement.
- Reconsider the word, "ensuring". Seems to put the responsibility of participant safety to the agencies.
- Torrie and Casey are working with Dane County Emergency Management staff on emergency planning for homeless services and will bring back guidance from them.

4. Written Standards review: Termination and Grievance Procedures, Property Disposal (pg. 12)

"If a program participant is terminated from a program in which the agency owns the unit, the program will retain the participant's property for a minimum of 30 days before discarding."

- It's a balance between keeping people's belonging and housing a new participant.
- Committee recommends to take this out of the written standards, as projects have leases which provides legal protection (Wisconsin state law).

5. Emergency Transfer Plan

- Are there issues with the standards? Standards are based on requirements. We need to convene a group to streamline the forms, etc.

Next Meeting: 10/17

- Landlord mitigation fund
- NOFA process discussion to recommend to the board
- 11/21 HMIS tools- Invite agency staff who will benefit.