
Reimagine CE Workgroup: TA Debrief & Dane CoC Data Review

— Meeting #4 (March 10, 2023) —

What were your takeaways from the HUD TA Training?

Some of our takeaways

- Center on equity. The workgroup is not going to end racism but we can advance a more anti-racist homeless response system.
- People with lived experience should be at the table.
- In order to identify inequities to address, start by reviewing the CoC's system performance data by race and ethnicity (quantitative) and discuss why data looks like that (qualitative).
- How the system is experienced is another big consideration. Talk to participants and providers who have experienced the system and evaluate the process with trauma-informed lens.
- Process is more important the outcome (e.g. new assessment tool) as we need to continuously review and adapt.
- One size doesn't fit all. We need to make the local decisions.

Austin Prioritization Index

“Historically, challenges and barriers have been created in how we face ending homelessness in an equitable way. The Austin Prioritization Index (API), developed specifically with racial and gender identity equity lenses, is the culmination of nearly two years of work by the Equity Task Group and members of the Homelessness Response System (HRS) Leadership Council.

The biggest change that the API represents is one of customization. The API is a tool created based specifically on the needs of our community with the first focus being in equity. Many communities rely on the VI-SPDAT or similar “off the shelf” tools that have been standardized as a “one size fits all” response. We know that one size fits all simply doesn’t work. The API was created for the needs and with data of the Austin community. By researching our own disparities and identifying the points of vulnerability that contribute to and detract from our equity goals, we have been able to approve a “living” prioritization tool customized to our community’s needs.”

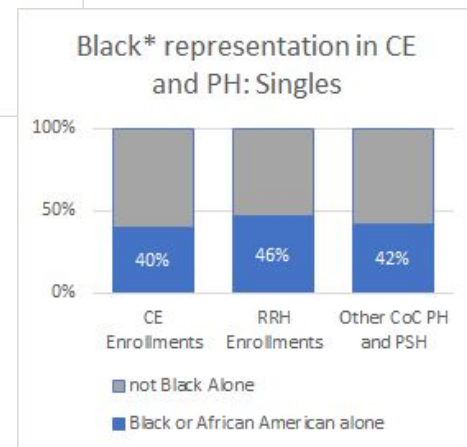
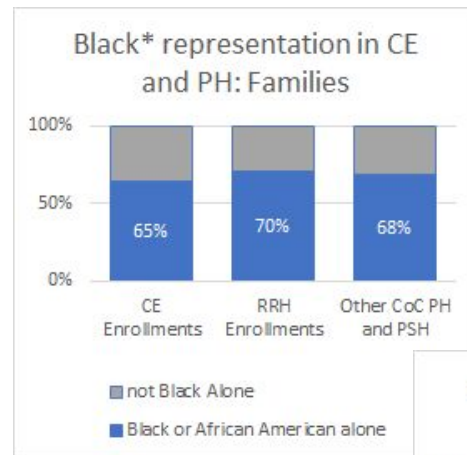
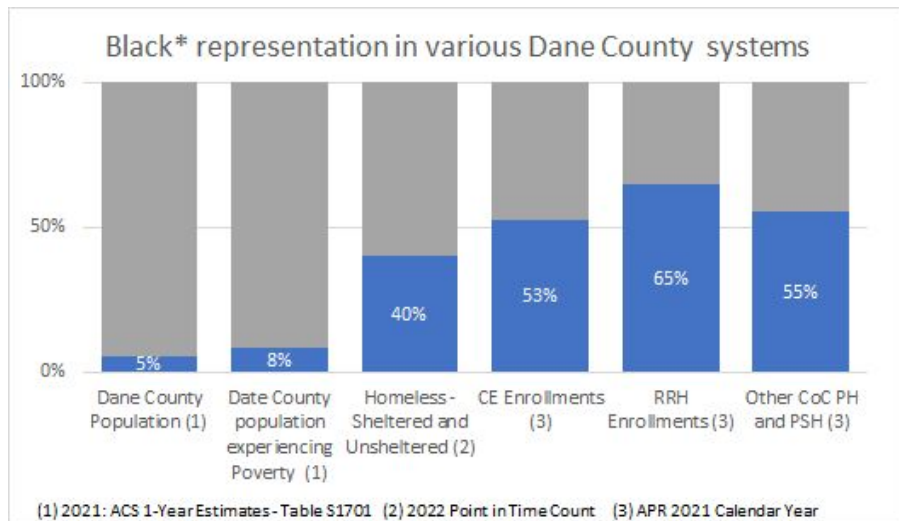
Dane CoC Data Review

Available Data to Review

- Highlights on Race
- Highlights on Ethnicity
- System Performance Measures* by Race and Ethnicity
 - Days Homeless
 - Exits
 - Return to Homelessness

* Data from HUD FY 2022 Annual report (10/1/21 - 9/30/22)

Dane CoC: Highlights on Race



Dane CoC: Highlights on Ethnicity

