

CES Committee Meeting

5-16-19

I. Welcome, Introductions and Attendance:

Sara Gomoll – MHFA
Aubrey Stitler – ABT Associates
Brooke Spellman – ABT Associates
Gayle Peterson - NWCA
Michelle Hutchinson - VIP
Becky Schueller- CoC
Shannon Wolf – Mahube OTTWA
Lori Anderson - TVOC
Maureen Hams - TVOC
Bonnie Paquin - ICC
Lori Wollman - ICC
Nancy Urbanski- MHFA
Mary Riegert – White Earth

II. Minnesota Housing - High Priority Homeless – Sara and Vicki –

This change was made to assist housing developments that serve LTH clients by providing the Permanent Supportive Housing. LTH units were originally prioritized based only on households that are LTH. With the changes in Coordinated Entry MH is allowing the Coordinated Entry system to qualify clients that have been identified by CE to obtain PSH through the new High Priority Homeless designation. The form is in HMIS. Project owners have received a letter that they and the property manager would agree to this change. Once they agree they should let the CE system know they would take the new qualification. Current Developments can stay with LTH if they choose. All Developments after Jan 1 will now use the High Priority Designation.

III. CES Retreat Content – Brooke and Audrey with ABT Associates

Print out of presentation was distributed and showed on the screen.

Discuss how the Coordinated Entry System in NWMN works.

What is the Coordinated Ent system in NW MN?

Might look different between east and west of the CoC – There are shelters in the east and there is a bigger focus on youth in the east.

How does the process flow?

Phone call or walk in, start the process, appointment is made, VI SPDAT is completed.

1st entry with HMIS is after VISPDAT or another form is completed that would enter them into HMIS
CE is entry to multiple housing programs.

Where can people access the system?

There is some confusion over access points

Agencies beyond CoC agencies do not know how to connect people with Coordinated Entry and do not know what the words Coordinated Entry mean and where people would get CE.

CAPS, Care and Share Shelter, NWMHC

Priority List Manager sends priority list to agencies

How do Youth access and flow through the system?

Youth are referred to ICCC more than other groups

Youth come to the system through word of mouth more

In Bemidji area youth know about Evergreen and go there.

Discuss what is working and what is not working with CE

Moving forward improving CE, especially for youth.

Confusion over who goes in CE and on Priority List

Tracking housing history and info from clients on HMIS is helpful

CE access points are under staffed and under funded

Discussed a sub regional Coordinated Entry Process. What would boundaries look like? What would be positive and negative aspects of that? What does a fully functioning system look like? How do we get all clients that need to be on the priority list on the priority list?

V. CES Retreat – Brooke

How can we implement CE so it works for clients and agencies?

Who should be involved in this discussion?

Would a sub regional system work better?

Retreat would include all COC area. There would be individual discussions from Brooke and Aubrey with local sites. Would need to discuss rolls and how the youth navigators would be engaged.

This could make the system more efficient.

Does the system we have now meet the needs of youth and how could we change it to best meet the needs of Youth?

Becky will be sending out an email vote regarding CE Priority Assessment Tool . The question will be - we agree to use a uniform tool with the provision that we negotiate?

III. HUD's New CES Data Entry Elements - Tabled

VII. Updates – Tabled