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CAHP Prioritization



- ❖ Every year, each CAHP system (youth, families, singles, Vets) reviews and updates prioritization criteria
 - Includes review of factors used to make matches to PSH/TAH
 - Provides transparency re: how limited resources are allocated
- ❖ Each system will also present policy focus areas that may impact all CAHP systems

FY21 New Housing Resources



Category	FY21 resources
PSH (individuals)	214 units
PSH (Families)	96 units
TAH (Individuals)	66 units
TAH (Families)	59 units
VASH Vouchers	100 units
ETH (youth)	11 units

Individuals CAHP Prioritization - PSH



PSH is prioritized for people who are chronically homeless.

Of that group, prioritization focuses on people:

1. Active PEP-V residents
2. Medically Approved for PEP-V
3. Full By Name List

Within each of these categories, if there are more people than resources, matches will be further prioritized based on two sorts (50% balanced from each):

- “Cumulative Length of Shelter Stay”, *then* VI/Full score
- VI/Full score, *then* “Length of Time Homeless” (VI self-report)

Individuals CAHP Prioritization - RRH



- ❖ Currently three RRH providers with a capacity of 100
 - No additional capacity to RRH-I added in FY21
 - Acknowledge relation to PSH priority groups – i.e. likely not chronically homeless at PEP-V unless over income and ineligible

Individuals CAHP Prioritization - RRH



- ❖ Continue with current “opt-in”/referral based RRH matching
 - ✓ Includes coordination with shelter teams for work bed program clients
 - ✓ May include more intentional work reviewing income levels and non-long stayers
 - ✓ Increase coordination with TH programs as step up opportunities.

Singles System WG Policy Focus Areas



- ❖ Tracking voucher turnover
- ❖ Housing Process Deep Dive
 - ✓ How has this changed with PEP-V coordination?
- ❖ Project Reconnect/Streamlining Intake
- ❖ RRH Deep Dive

Vets CAHP Prioritization



- ❖ Two meetings a month are housing match focused
- ❖ One meeting is focused on subpopulations
 - e.g. long stayers in GPD, new Veterans, Veterans reexperiencing homelessness, etc.

Vets CAHP Prioritization



- ❖ Beyond case conferencing criteria (PSH transfers, re-experiencers, housing refusals, SSVF step ups, etc), PSH resources are prioritized as follows:
 - Matches to VASH
 - ✓ 75% Veterans chronically homeless
 - ✓ 25% Veterans who are not chronically homeless
 - Matches to Other PSH
 - ✓ All chronically homeless Veterans must be reviewed first
 - ✓ Once all chronically homeless Veterans are reviewed, can look at non-chronically homeless Veterans
- ❖ Within each group, Veterans at PEP V and/or at high risk for COVID are reviewed first

Vets CAHP Policy Focus Areas



- ❖ GPD Referrals
- ❖ Prevention/Diversification
- ❖ Co-enrollment VASH and SSVF
- ❖ Regional Coordination

Family CAHP Prioritization



- PSH is targeted for chronically homeless families from shelter and long stayer FRSP families.
- Percentage matched to PSH from Shelter vs. FRSP Matches
 - FRSP:90%
 - Shelter:10%
- **Current Factors used to Prioritize Matches**
 - F-SPDAT Score
 - Length of Time Homeless
 - Length of Stay in Shelter
 - Overall Wellness
 - History of Trauma and/or DV

Family CAHP Policy Focus Areas



- ❖ Tracking voucher turnover
- ❖ Launching a Family CAHP Dashboard
- ❖ Case Conferencing Criteria
- ❖ Targeting for Site Based PSH
- ❖ DV Family Programs

Youth CAHP Prioritization



The TAY VI-SPDAT is the primary tool used to assess youth at the point of entry. The assessment scores along with the following criteria will be used to prioritize youth into the appropriate categories of intervention:

1. **Assessment Score**
2. **Unsheltered Sleeping Location**
3. **Length of Engagement History**
4. **Length of Shelter Stay**

Youth CAHP Prioritization



Relationship between the TAY VI-SPDAT scoring ranges and the program models available to make housing placement matches. (Note: Matches may be made outside of the scoring bands)

- ❖ Intensive Services or Longer-Term Housing: 8-17
- ❖ Moderate Services or Short-Term Housing: 4-7
- ❖ Minimal Services or Diversion: 0-3

NEW: 5% of total matches will be made to youth who received a VI-SPDAT assessment (1st match meeting) and 5% of total matches will be made to youth who received a Full SPDAT assessment (2nd match meeting)

Youth CAHP Policy Focus Areas



- ❖ Launching Youth CAHP Dashboard
- ❖ New DV youth program
- ❖ Rapid Rehousing Deep Dive and Matching Protocol
- ❖ PSH Matching Protocol and Bridge Programming
- ❖ Intra-System Coordination – youth turning 25; youth who become pregnant or parenting
- ❖ Inter-System Coordination – upstream youth serving partners (CFSA, DYRS, DCPS/OSSE, DoC, etc)

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Point in Time



- The Point-in-Time (“PIT”) Count is annual, single night census and survey of persons experiencing homelessness.
- Required of TCP, through its role as HMIS lead, by HUD as well as by DHS.
- PIT Data is used locally to plan programs, allocate funding, track progress toward goals outlined in Homeward DC.
- HUD provides a few guidelines for conducting a PIT Count, but every community develops its own methodology for implementation. HUD has not yet provided guidance on whether or not PIT should be cancelled in 2021 due to ongoing COVID-19 concerns.

Point in Time



TCP's regional and local partners have requested that we hold PIT in 2021, with modifications to our methodology to ensure that it is done safely as well as accurately and thoroughly.

- PIT 2021 is tentatively scheduled for the last week in January (to account for Inauguration Day).
- TCP is drawing on lessons learned from September's Youth Count and work with the U.S. Census to inform our process for PIT 2021.

Point in Time



- The majority of information for PIT comes from persons in emergency shelters and transitional housing programs.
- The process for PIT at ES & TH sites would be unchanged from past years. Rosters of persons served are submitted through HMIS or internal databases for providers that do not use HMIS.
- PIT should not disrupt operations or add information collection burden as the PIT questionnaire includes information that is asked year round.

Point in Time



- For obtaining an unsheltered count in the current environment, TCP is exploring:
 - Relying primarily on outreach teams (as opposed to volunteers) to focus on their coverage area, rather than having multiple teams covering smaller areas.
 - Limiting the use of community volunteers unless a provider requests additional assistance.
 - Expanding the time frame (beyond 10p-2a) in which surveys are done to accommodate participation while adhering to the limit on counting occurring on a single day.
 - Holding any trainings or “kick off” events virtually.
 - Providing PPE and donning/doffing training to participants.

Point in Time



- Past practices that will continue include:
 - Using an app for surveyors to record engagements using their personal devices (as opposed to materials that need to be passed back and forth)
 - Working with day/meal programs to survey the morning after PIT to augment the count with anyone who may have been missed (subject to providers' operating schedules)
 - Providing gift cards as thank-you to participants

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Questions, concerns, feedback?

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HDC 2.0 Next Steps



- ❖ Executive Committee approved Strategic Planning Committee's recommendations on 10/13.
- ❖ ICH staff are now working on drafting/incorporating new language.
- ❖ Once edits are complete, document will be placed on a shared drive for review by Strategic Planning Committee members.
 - Turnaround time will be fairly quick (7-10 days)
- ❖ Final comments will be addressed and plan will be distributed ahead of November Strategic Planning Committee meeting.
- ❖ Plan will be presented to Executive Committee in December.

Racial Equity and Inclusion: Next Steps



COG Regional System Audit

- ❖ RFP complete; now assembling Technical Selection Committee

Technical Selection Committee (TSC)	Technical Assistance Committee (TAC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for reviewing and scoring all proposals. • Participants must review COG’s contracting and procurement guidelines, and sign and agree to the stated code of ethics, conflict of interest and confidentiality certifications. • TSC will be limited in size; best practice is 5 individuals, but COG has gone up to 7 people in the past. • The COG is seeking diverse representation across Homeless Service Committee members (MD/DC/VA, large vs small, etc.) • Michael Ferrell & CEWG Member will serve for the District. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAC members may be asked to provide feedback/guidance to members of the TSC on specific topics or issue. • TAC members do not review the full proposals and do not score the bids. • TAC size open to all committee members and others who would like to weigh in on the selection. Participation can be determined by each CoC. • Email ich.dmhhs@dc.gov if you are interested in serving on the TAC.



Racial Equity and Inclusion: Next Steps (Cont.)



Homeward DC 2.0 Strategies

- ❖ Executive Committee will be reviewing ICH governance and 2021 priorities at November meeting.
- ❖ Seeking Strategic Planning feedback on:
 - 1) Highest priority REI strategies (which 2-3 items should we begin with?)
 - 2) Would you recommend a standing work group or a series of special project teams?



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