

CCHA CE Committee 4.27.2022

AGENDA

1. Introductions and Announcements (15 min)
 - a. CE Staffing Update
 - b. BitFocus Update
 - c. Moving Date of July CE Committee to July 20th
2. Creation of Ad Hoc Retention Committee **[VOTE WARNED]** (25 min)
3. ESD Transitional Housing and Chronic Status (20 min)
4. Prioritizing ADA Units for Households who Need ADA Accommodations (20 min)
5. Other Business (10 min)

NOTES

Announcements:

- Bitfocus – Bitfocus is live. We can login and access HMIS data points. HUD required data is live in the system. Custom data will come in phases.
- Changed date for July 2022 CCHA CE Committee meeting to July 20th.

Retention Committee

Jennie Davis: Request of a creation of an Ad Hoc retention committee. Expand CE to include retention services, goal of CE in the beginning was to include retention in CE. Create a committee to talk about next steps of retention in the work.

- Goal: Running committee parallel to CE, prioritization for at risk households, eligibility requirements, etc.
- *Jennie proposed adoption of the committee proposal. Next steps would be to reach out and create a meeting.*
- *Proposal passed - next stop steering committee.*

ESD transitional housing and chronic status:

- Concern around chronic status. For households who are currently in the hotels, their chronic status remains because it's considered an emergency shelter. When the shift to transitional happens, these households will no longer be considered chronic because HUD recognizes transitional housing as housed, which means households will miss out on PSH accessibility once their chronic status is moved to non-chronic.

- CEDO and OEO are working on asking HUD to consider that this transitional housing program is time limited and will be eliminated at the end of the funding, which would allow for flexibility around households still being eligible for PSH. CEDO will need to put forward the official ask to HUD.

Things to keep in mind:

- VSHA PSH grants are all dedicated plus, which means no flexibility with their PSH grants unless approved from HUD.
- There will be no accrual of chronic status while in the hotels.
- Can consider households housing history 3 years before entering hotels.
- Documentation for PSH will be greater.
- Homeless for consecutive years might pose a barrier to PSH.

CE considerations:

When the transfer happens, the way the CE system operates, these folks will not be considered chronic. PSH grants are the only things that will allow CE to overlook this. CE has to change the way we're operationalizing chronic because it wouldn't be considered chronic under the HUD definition.

In CE, we use chronic as a prioritization category.

- Chronic
- DV
- Families
- Anyone in these categories, vulnerability is prioritized

No one will be accruing chronic status when homeless and, in the hotel, once this switch occurs.

What are people's thoughts?

- Remove chronic status as a prioritization status, replace with being in CE for a year
- Looking at chronic without calling it chronic. What qualifies as chronic, what factors go into naming someone chronic? Could we use that criteria to replace chronic in CE?
- *Bitfocus might be a barrier, Stephanie will look into this with ICA*
- What would be a good back up?
- Always consider TH as a pause in someone's homelessness.
- Length of time homeless.
- Disabling condition.

ADA Units

- *Prioritizing households who need ADA accommodations*
- *Could we filter phase 3 for those who need an ADA?*
- *Is there a filter for an ADA unit?*
- Important pieces:
- The city is looking at needs for specific types of housing, identifying ADA units as a need will be important.
- Someone who needs an ADA unit will not be excluded for other units