



# Coordinated Entry Workgroup

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## Minutes of the April 9, 2019 Meeting

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### **Attendance:**

Department of Community Resources and Services Staff: Cara Baumgartner, Jennifer Corcoran, Elizabeth Van Oeveren

Attendees: Karen Booth, Anne Brinker, Tifnie Criner, Sara Smoley, Linda Zumbrun

The meeting began at 3:34 pm.

**Minutes** from the March meeting were approved.

### **Bridging from Rapid Rehousing to Permanent Supportive Housing**

The Committee continued the discussion begun at the March meeting regarding the potential use of Rapid Rehousing (RRH) as a bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). In the case of such bridging, when there is an opening in a PSH project, there would be three groups eligible for the slot – those on the By-Name List, those in a RRH project but not yet housed, and those in a RRH project and already housed. The committee discussed whether those in a RRH project but not yet housed should automatically be considered for the PSH opening, but there was a feeling that they should instead be reviewed for continuing in RRH since PSH openings are so rare. If someone could be successful in RRH, then it would not make sense to have them using a slot in a PSH project.

The Committee discussed possible criteria for use in guiding whether someone should move from RRH to PSH: VI-SPDAT score, recent lease violations, time stably housed, Case Manager recommendation, past housing/homeless history, income/work history, and past history in a RRH project, and attempted to develop a decision tree that would be used to make a determination. Questions for a potential decision tree included VI-SPDAT score, number of times permanent housing had been lost in the past five years, and type and amount of income. The need to comply with Fair Housing laws and to have a clear process so that possible grievances could be satisfactorily addressed were discussed. Ultimately, the Committee decided that all chronic households – those on the By-Name List and those in RRH – should be reviewed based on the PSH prioritization standard. The Case Manager should then be consulted for those in a RRH program who are high enough on that prioritized list to potentially be forwarded for a PSH slot and the Case Manager's recommendation forwarded to the Prioritization Workgroup. Ultimately clients offered PSH could elect RRH instead, though we anticipate that would be a rare occurrence.

### **Next Steps**

At the next meeting, the Committee will return to the discussion regarding an active/inactive By-Name List.

The meeting ended at 5:07 pm.