



Racine City & County Continuum of Care (WI-502)
c/o HALO
2000 DeKoven Avenue, Unit #1
Racine, WI 53403

Racine CoC CE Assessment Workgroup Minutes

August 09, 2023
11:00 am -12:00pm

Attendees:

Iraida Vazquez (ICA) Chair
Gai Lorenzen HALO
Melissa Taggart HALO
Matt Perez (Legal Action)
Teresa Reinders CoC
Excused: Bob Held Vander Wyst LAW

Melissa moved to approve minutes, motion seconded, and passed.
HUD Webinar on Coordinated Entry as a Tool for Equity – Sharing

Discussion:

- Walking through concepts with fair housing in mind for areas of Need, Vulnerability, and Barriers with looking at CE
 - Characteristics vs Barriers - disability Ask question do you have any of these disabilities, if so how many. Do not need to disclose what the disability is but that it exists. PSH take people with disabilities there for it is a characteristic not a barrier
 - Is the issue assigning points may end up discriminating to others based on disabling disability
Yes because we don't want to discriminate by adding points
- If a specific disability is funded separate from HUD requires a specific disability then we may ask specific otherwise we do not ask about it because we don't need to document exact condition. If clients don't report condition because they think they may be rejected then there will be underreporting of conditions.
- BOS WI CE Assessment workgroup update:
 - Because assessment tool is taking place of VISPD (VISPD has 3 versions for populations) BOS working to determine if family asked as Head of Household or for each individual family member. Decision tabled.
- Prevention Assessment Workgroup Update:
 - Met 8/08/23 Melissa, Iraida, & Teresa
 - Question: What was meant about shelter assessment?
If work on prevention assessment will resolve some issues with shelter for example in Cat 2 vs. Cat 1. or even Cat 3.
Conducting prevention assessment will help sort out whether someone needs to enter shelter or is actually in need of prevention help instead.
 - We reviewed Minnesota, BOS-WI assessment tools
 - We have tools but we do not have funding to do prevention
 - CoC website under resources - prevention standards
 - Some of our written standards will need to be changed because we changed HMIS system database. Going forward we can say HMIS system instead of the actual database name. This will prevent the need to update every time there is a change.

- There are no prevention projects going on right now. We do have some money 10-11 K, in HPP that was originally meant to prevention but may be allocated to RRH since it must be spent by September 30, 2023.
- Next workgroup for PAW is August 15th at 9:30 am
- Also need to look at
 - What is look back period would it be 3 yrs or 5 yrs
 - County Median Income (AMI - Area Media Income)
 - HMIS changes for 2024

Meeting Adjourned 11:15

For this group the next meeting August 23 at 10:30

