



Racine City & County Continuum of Care (WI-502)  
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## **Racine CE Assessments Workgroup Minutes September 6, 2023**

**Attendance:** Iraida Vazquez, Jennifer Knuckles, Nicole Majinski, Matt Perez., Becca Pritzl, Bob Held, Lori Life, Teresa Reinders, Melissa Taggart, Melinda Santoya

Review if anyone had taken the HUD course for assessment.

Matt P. did take the course and found that what we are proposing in Racine makes the most sense.

Iraida reviewed the tool and emphasis on disabilities.

Nicole did take the course; it was a lot of information and asked if the VISPDAT being replaced is because of bias.

Iraida answered regarding the replacement of VISPDAT is no longer supported therefore the assessment presented will replace the VI and the COVID assessment once transition takes place.

Iraida asked if we are in place to make a motion to work toward approval of the homeless assessment tool that had been developed. A determination of transition to new plan will need to be discussed. Iraida has already edited the tool based on the last meeting review and suggestions.

Motion to replace assessment tool – Matt Perez. Legal Action

Second the Motion – Bob Held, Legal Action

Iraida reviewed the prescreen tool. There will be a few edits to be made for Racine's COC and the updates will be made and review the tool. There was discussion on having a group of individuals that have lived experience review the tool and provide feedback and invite to the next CE assessment workgroup.

The next action step will be to update the prescreen. Suggested that the next meeting be after October 1, 2023.

Update from Balance of State workgroup meeting for the assessment. Bob Held was able to attend yesterday's meeting. The consensus is a system based on household. Most categories will look at one head of household and who scores the highest. The goal is to make sure that there is no overscoring or giving a lot of extra points to families. There are more resources for families with children. The discussion and concern were regarding the disability section.

Iraida will not be attending the BOS workgroup going forward as that CoC is now working on updating their policy and procedures and transition plan which is not relevant to Racine.

Next meeting will be October 4, 2023. Assignment is to think about implementing the new assessment. There is a review after 30 days there is a review. Iraida suggests that the goal is to have all transition done within 90 days. Iraida will pull up the policies and procedures at the next meeting to make changes regarding the new assessment.

Meeting ended.

