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Coordinated Entry System for Homeless Services Policies and Procedures Addendum to address COVID-19 Public Health Crisis

Updates Affective:

July 20, 2020 – Prevention

November 12, 2020 – Permanent Housing

Please note: This is an ongoing and evolving public health crisis; effective dates and policy
 addendums may change as the response evolves

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Introduction

In December 2019, a new coronavirus known as SARS-CoV-2 was first detected. It has since caused outbreaks of the coronavirus disease COVID-19 that has spread globally. The first case was reported in the United States in January 2020 and in Wisconsin in February 2020. In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a pandemic and the President declared the outbreak a national emergency. Since March 2020, Wisconsin has declared a state of emergency and made a disaster declaration; shut down large gathering places; and limited the movement of residents. Consequently, many community stakeholders and provider agencies are facing challenges in ensuring appropriate shelter and housing options are available for program participants who need to be separated from others because they are exhibiting symptoms; training staff on how to safely work with program participants and prevent spreading the virus; obtaining supplies to prevent the spread of the virus; and maintaining necessary staffing levels during the outbreak. Further, many program participants are suffering economic consequences from the mass shutdown of businesses and lack of availability of traditional mainstream benefits.

In response to COVID-19 the Continuum of Care for the City & County of Racine (WI-502) (Racine CoC) has updated and changed some of its Racine Coordinated Entry System (CES) Policies and Procedures to position the system to respond to the COVID-19 public health crisis. This CES Policies and Procedures addendum (“the addendum”) reflects the current updates. Please note this is a constantly evolving crisis and response, and dates and policies are subject to change as the Racine CoC continues to refine its COVID-19 response.

Wherever applicable, the addendum supersedes the currently adopted Coordinated Entry Written Standards Racine CoC for the duration of the COVID-19 crisis in Wisconsin, which is the timeframe during which this addendum is intended to be in effect.

Determination of Eligibility and Priority for Prevention and Housing Resources

To facilitate access to the most appropriate response to each household’s immediate and

long-term housing needs and ensure that scarce permanent housing resources are targeted to those who are most vulnerable and/or have been homeless the longest, the *Racine CoC Coordinated Entry System* uses the following criteria:

Figure 1: Pre-COVID Order of Prevention Prioritization

Pre-COVID Order of Prevention Prioritization:		
Prioritization for Prevention	Barrier	Scoring
For all participants who have experienced homelessness in an emergency shelter or place not meant for habitation within the past five years, have a household of five or more, or live in or need an accessible unit, live in subsidized unit, have a criminal background, or have prior evictions	Eviction history in last two years	1 point
	Currently lives in subsidized housing	1 point
	Currently lives in or needs an accessible unit	1 point
	Large family of five or more	1 point
	Criminal history	1 point
	Attempting to flee current domestic violence	1 point
	Experienced homelessness in Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven, or place not meant for human habitation in last 5 years	1 point

Figure 2: Pre-COVID Order of PH Prioritization

Pre-COVID Order of PH Prioritization:	
Prioritization for PSH Notice CPD-16-11 published 7/25/2016	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.a. Chronic Homeless + longest length of time homeless + severe service need b. Chronic Homeless + longest length of time homeless 2. Homeless + disability + longest length of time homeless (at least 12 months cumulative in 3 years <4 occasions) + severe service needs 3. Homeless + disability + severe service need; 4. Homeless + disability + place not meant for human habitation, ES/MV 5. Homeless + disability + coming from transitional housing
Prioritization for RRH	Homeless + VI score within RRH suggested range (8-1, 9, 10, 11, 12) + longest length of time homeless

Figure 3: COVID Order of Prevention Prioritization

COVID Order of Prevention Prioritization:		
Prioritization for Prevention	Underlying medical condition that puts you at higher risk for COVID19 – check with CDC website ¹	5 points
	Essential worker	1 point
	Unemployed/Underemployed due to COVID19	1 point
	Relies on Public Transportation	1 point
	Lack of Childcare/School closed	1 point
	Household include person age 50 +	50-59 – 1 point, 60-69 – 2 points, 70-79 – 3 points, 80+ – 4 points

1. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fneed-extra-precautions%2Fgroups-at-higher-risk.html

Figure 4: COVID Order of PH Prioritization

COVID Order of PH Prioritization ¹ :	
Prioritization for PSH	COVID Score identifies "severe service need", VI-SPDAT is tie breaker
Prioritization for RRH	Homeless + COVID Prioritization Score + VI-SPDAT + longest length of time homeless

1. Using COVID Risk factors to prioritize PH to reduce the risk of contracting and transmitting COVID

Figure 5: COVID Equity Factors

COVID Equity Factors	SCORE
Age ¹	60-69: 3.5x as likely..... 3.5 points
	70-79: 12x as likely..... 12 points
	80-89: 30x as likely..... 30 points
	90+:56x as likely..... 56 points
Underlying Health Conditions ²	4 points
Essential Worker	1 point
Barriers	Criminal History, or History Evictions, or Households needing 3 or more bedrooms Total maximum 1 point

1. Age: risk increases with age, CDC site: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/older-adults.html> And <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/cases.htm>

2. Underlying health conditions: https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6913e2.htm#T1_down;

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>

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