



Coordinated Entry Committee October Updates

Dear CEC members,

I will be canceling our regularly scheduled CEC meeting this month because I have only one update to give to you all, and I thought it best to provide it in writing out of respect for our time. Here is an update on the progress of our Assessment Pilot Focus Group:

Efforts to date:

- Identified goals, including utilization of an assessment for prioritization and collaboration between elements of the homeless response system (shelter, outreach, regional and community access points) for greater “throughput.” Long term, we are interested in exploring the use of administrative data for risk modeling in prioritization.
- Identified potential assessments to pilot. These include:
 - The DESC Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT)
 - The Matching to Appropriate Placement (MAP) Tool
 - The Multnomah Screening & Services Tool (MSST)
 - The Austin Prioritization Assessment Tool (APAT)
 - The Housing Assistance Screening Tool (HAST)
 - The Community Housing Assessment Tool (CHAT)
- Identified what issues matter to this community:
 - Equity
 - Matching high-needs individuals with PSH services
 - Decreasing Mobility Requests
 - Decreasing referral attrition
 - Remaining open to how we can accomplish these goals via smaller pockets of innovation rather than large scale, slow moving, system-wide initiatives
 - Considering the impacts of phased or tiered assessments (i.e. tiers for RRH, PSH requiring disability and homelessness only, PSH requiring severe disabilities, etc.)

Next steps:

- Complete our review of the tools
- Narrow down the list to 2-3 for deeper investigation
- Choose one for pilot-implementation
- Create a plan to ensure the tool is equitable
- Construct a plan for implementation

I will be reaching out to the members of the Focus Group separately to follow up on these next steps and reschedule our meeting since I was out sick this week and had to cancel.

I sincerely appreciate the time, effort and thought contributed by the members of the Assessment Pilot Focus Group so far. This work could not have advanced without Eddy, Finn, Martha, Noah, Porscha and Sherry. Additionally, I am grateful to Duy Tran and Chad Vaculin of DESC and REACH, respectively, who have contributed time and effort to this planning process as well. Thank you all for your contributions to the community.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Assessment Pilot Focus Group or the change to our upcoming meeting schedule, please don't hesitate to email me at thomas.regan@kcrha.org or call me at (206) 635-0093.

Best,

Tom

