KCRHA
King County Regional Homelessness Authority

Coordinated Entry Committee

Assessment Pilot Workgroup Updates

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Goals

- Utilize an assessment to prioritize rather than current practice based on length of time homeless
- Support and encourage a systematic process from access to referral, utilizing existing community resources (shelter, outreach, regional and community access points)
- Increase cross-system collaboration (health, behavioral health, jail health, etc.)

Landscape Analysis

- From September to December the Assessment Pilot Workgroup (APW) reviewed **four** VI-SPDAT alternative assessments used across the U.S. by different CoC's
  - The Downtown Emergency Service Center Vulnerability Assessment Tool (**VAT**)
  - The Portland/Multnomah County Multnomah Screening & Services Tool (**MSST**)
  - The Austin ECHO Austin Prioritization Assessment Tool (**APAT**)
  - The Centre for Social Data Analytics Housing Assistance Screening Tool (**HAST**)

Landscape Analysis

- The APW developed uniform criteria for how to review assessments
  - Equity
  - Homelessness history
  - Supports available/supports needed
  - Health (physical & behavioral)
  - Marginalized populations disproportionately impacted by homelessness
  - DV/IPV
  - Alignment of high-needs individuals with intensive PSH services
- Met several times to review assessment content, note common triaging and vulnerability domains, and decide what type of domains would be critical for a local assessment

Results

- The APW decided to:
  - Incorporate elements of the triaging tools and assessments we found to be critically necessary for our local community into a revised version of our current Housing Triage Tool (HTT) to pilot
  - Used a "phased approach" for assessment that would include the HTT being "phase 1" and the abridged version of the VAT (mini-VAT) for a "phase 2" assessment
  - Delegate authority to the CE Manager to construct the pilot HTT from the results of the landscape analysis, to be reviewed by APW

Next Steps

- CE Manager is constructing pilot HTT for rigorous review
  - APW will review
  - HUD TA will review
  - KCRHA Executive leadership will review
  - Lived experts will review
- CEC will vote on whether to proceed with implementing tools for pilot evaluation

Next Steps

- APW, CE Manager, HUD TA and UW Evaluator will design pilot evaluation with a testable hypothesis
- Identify pilot sample populations (front doors and housing units) for control and variable groups
- CEC and other requisite governance structures vote to approve pilot evaluation

Evaluation

- Collaboration with the UW iSchool for evaluation
- Mixed-methods analysis comparing proposed pilot triaging tool and current CE operations

Questions?