



KCRHA
King County Regional Homelessness Authority

FY26 NOFO Rating Criteria

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Purpose Today

- Familiarize SPC with the current criteria
- Develop a shared understanding about the purpose and rationale for the recommendations to update NOFO rating criteria.
- Obtain input for changes that will be finalized in subsequent meetings
- Focus on HMIS and other data-driven rating criteria



Future Steps and Meetings

- Incorporate changes based on this discussion
- Review NOFO for other required changes
- Analyze maximum and expected point allocations for new vs. renewing projects to ensure balance
- Vote on final criteria in June

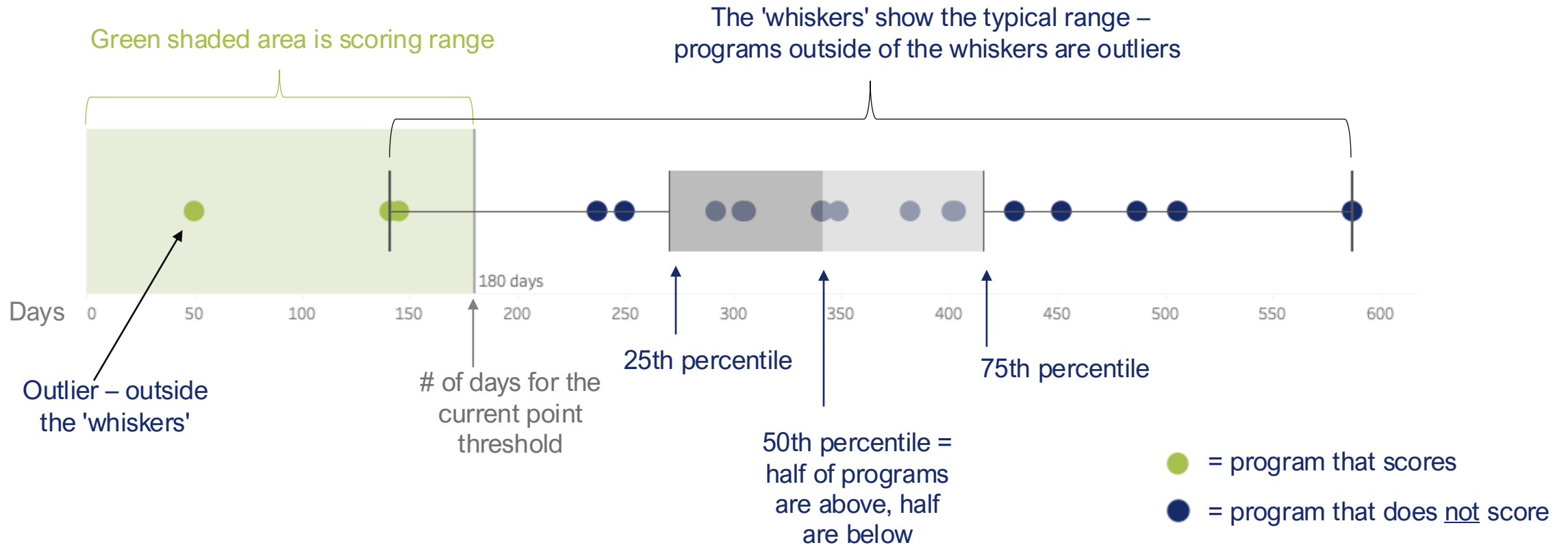


The Why

- HMIS Rating Criteria has not been significantly updated in more than 6 years.
 - Want to be data informed about our metrics while supporting a standard of excellence for our community.
- Align rating with stated HUD priorities while supporting local values.
- The December 2025 NOFO shifted point allocation requirements:
 - Objective criteria (e.g., cost effectiveness, performance data, type of population served) must account for **at least 50%** of the total available points.
 - **At least 25%** of the total points available must account for the following:
 - Returns to homelessness performance measure;
 - Employment income performance measure; and
 - Supportive service participation requirements.



How to read box and whisker charts



HMIS Data Criteria

HMIS-Based Performance Rating: Metrics and Point Allocation
Recommendations



Exits to Permanent Housing: Current

Metric:

- **PSH:** % remaining in PSH or exited to a PH situation (zero points if less than 45%). Full points to meet/exceed system target of 90%
- **TH:** % moving to PH (zero points if less than 50%). Full points to meet/exceed system target of 85%
- **RRH:** % moving to PH (zero point if less than 50%). Full points to meet/exceed system target of 85%

Point Allocation:

- Meets or exceeds = 15pts
- Nearing goal = 10 pts
- Does not meet expectations = 5pts



Purpose and Rationale for Change

- Increase point total to 20
 - Helps meet the 50% of objective criteria rule
 - Speaks to importance of stabilizing people into permanent housing



Exits to Permanent Housing: Recommendation

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- **PSH:** % remaining in PSH or exited to a PH situation (zero points if less than 45%). Full points to meet/exceed system target of 90%
- **TH:** % moving to PH (zero points if less than 50%). Full points to meet/exceed system target of 85%
- **RRH:** % moving to PH (zero point if less than 50%). Full points to meet/exceed system target of 85%

Point Allocation:

- 20 points: Meets or exceeds
- 10 points: Nearing goal
- 0 points = Does not meet expectations



Unknown Exits: Current

Metric:

- Extent to which participants exit to a known destination.

Point Allocation:

- 7 points = Less than 5% of clients that exit to "unknown".
- No points if more than 5% exit to "unknown".



Unknown Exits: Recommendation

Metric:

- Extent to which participants exit to a known destination.

Point Allocation:

- **10** points = Less than 5% of clients that exit to "unknown".
- No points if more than 5% exit to "unknown".



Returns to Homelessness: Current

Metric:

- The extent to which persons who exit homelessness to permanent housing destination return to homelessness meets or exceeds system target for program and population type.
 - For youth serving programs the standard is 5% across all project types.
 - For non-youth programs the standard is 8% for TH and ES, and 3% for RRH and PSH.

Point Allocation:

- 5 points = meets or exceeds system target.
- No partial scores.



Purpose and Rationale for Change

- Increase point total to 20
 - Helps meet the 25% of criteria rule
 - Speaks to importance of stabilizing people.



Returns to Homelessness: Recommendation

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 - For youth serving programs the standard is 5% across all project types.
 - For non-youth programs the standard is 8% for TH and ES, and 3% for RRH and PSH.

Point Allocation:

- **20** points = meets or exceeds system target.
- No partial scores.



Exits with Earned Income: Current

Metric:

- Extent to which adults in the program exit with employment income.
- HUD metric is that 20% of households exit with earned income

Point Allocation:

- 3 points = More than 20% exited with earned income.
- No partial scores



Purpose and Rationale for Change

- Increase point total to 20
 - Helps meet the 25% of criteria rule
 - Speaks to importance of connecting people to ongoing self-sufficiency and stability.
- HUD set 20% as the threshold for households exiting with earned income



Exits with Earned Income: Recommendation

Metric:

- Extent to which adults in the program exit with employment income.

Point Allocation:

- 20 points = More than 20% exited with earned income.
- No partial scores



Exits with Non-Earned Income: Current

Metric:

- Extent to which adults in the program exit with cash income from other sources (e.g. TANF, SSDI) or non-cash (e.g. EBT, Medicaid)

Point Allocation:

- 3 points = More than 95% exited with non-earned income.
- No partial scores



Exits with Non-Earned Income: Recommendation

Metric:

- Extent to which adults in the program exit with cash income from other sources (e.g. TANF, SSDI) or non-cash (e.g. EBT, Medicaid)

Point Allocation:

- **5** points = More than 95% exited with non-earned income.
- No partial scores



Exits with No Financial Resources: Current

Metric:

- Extent to which no more than 10% of participants exit with “no financial resources” (cash or non-cash)

Point Allocation:

- 3 points = Fewer than 10% exited with no income.
- No partial scores.



Exits with No Financial Resources: Recommendation

Metric:

- Extent to which no more than 10% of participants exit with “no financial resources” (cash or non-cash)

Point Allocation:

- **5** points = Fewer than 10% exited with no income.
- No partial scores.



Participants Served: Current

Metric:

- Proportion of Households served coming from streets and/or Emergency Shelter

Point Allocation:

- 10 points = 100% population served coming from homelessness.
- No partial scores.



Participants Served: Recommendation

Metric:

- Proportion of participants served coming from streets and/or Emergency Shelter

Point Allocation:

- **5** points = 100% population served coming from homelessness.
- No partial scores.



Data Quality & Completeness: Current

Metric:

- No more than 5% reported missing/not collected etc., for data in any element (excluding Name, SSN, HIV/AIDS status)

Point Allocation:

- 7 Points = Less than 5% of universal data elements that are 'missing' - e.g. data not collected, client doesn't know, client refused.
- No partial scores.



Data Quality & Completeness: Recommendation

Metric:

- No more than 5% reported missing/not collected etc., for data in any element (excluding Name, SSN, HIV/AIDS status)

Point Allocation:

- **5** Points = Less than 5% of universal data elements that are 'missing' - e.g. data not collected, client doesn't know, client refused.
- No partial scores.



Occupancy & Capacity: Current - No Change Recommended at This Time

Metric:

- Extent to which the project maintains capacity/occupancy.
 - Note: RRH scores are determined by move-in rate.

Point Allocation:

- 5pts = Occupancy of 95% or more (RRH based on move-in rate)
- 3pts = Occupancy of 90-94% (RRH based on move-in rate)
- 2pts = Occupancy rate of 85-89% (RRH based on move-in rate)
- No points for less than 85% occupancy (RRH based on move-in rate)



NEW - Exits to Unsubsidized Housing

- Aligns our project rating with HUD priority of "Promoting Self-Sufficiency"
 - Promotes a new metric that HUD may apply to evaluate CoCs.

Metric:

- Demonstrate that at least 20% of participants who exit from TH/RRH exit to unsubsidized housing.

Point Allocation:

- 5 points: At least 20% of participants that exit, exit to unsubsidized housing.
- 0 points: Less than 20% if participants exit, exit to unsubsidized housing.



Non-HMIS Data Criteria

Fact-based Rating: Metrics and Point Allocation Recommendations



Program Component Priority: Current

Metric:

- Permanent Supportive Housing Project = 14pts
- Rapid Re-Housing for Families, Individuals, and Young Adults = 12pts
- Joint Component Transitional Housing/Rapid Re-Housing = 10pts
- Transitional Housing = 8pts
- Safe Haven = 8pts
- YHDP Support Services Only = 6pts

Point Allocation:

- Points based on component type.
- No partial points.



Purpose and Rationale for Change

- Local priority for permanent housing programs, particularly Permanent Supportive Housing.
 - Aim to reflect that value in rating.



Program Component Priority: Recommendation

Metric:

- Permanent Supportive Housing Project = 15pts
- Rapid Re-Housing = 10pts
- Joint Component Transitional Housing/Rapid Rehousing = 10pts
- Transitional Housing = 5pts
- Safe Haven = 5pts
- Support Services Only = 5pts

Point Allocation:

- Points based on component type.
- No partial points.



Program Population Priority: Current

Metric:

- 100% of units are dedicated / prioritized for Chronically Homeless Persons = 3pts
- 100% of units serve Youth and Young Adults= 1pt
- 100% of units operate as “Recovery Based” Housing = 1pt
- 100% of units serve Elders and seniors = 1pt
- 100% of households are fleeing Domestic Violence or Sex Trafficking = 1pt

Point Allocation:

- 3 points = 100% of units dedicated to or prioritized for chronic homelessness
- 1 point = 100% dedicated to other population type



Purpose and Rationale for Change

- Increases point total for programs serving a variety of populations.
 - Acknowledges the nuance of populations served by different programs.
- Change "Chronic" to "Unsheltered" to align with HUD priority to reduce unsheltered homelessness.



Program Population Priority: Recommendation

Metric:

- Units/program dedicated/prioritizes **Unsheltered** Persons = 3pts
- Units/program serve Youth and Young Adults= 1pt
- Units/program operates as “Recovery Based” Housing = 3pt
- Units serve Elders, seniors and/or disabled persons = 3pt
- Units/program participants are fleeing Domestic Violence or Sex Trafficking = 1pt

Point Allocation:

- Full points for each of the target populations the program serves.
- Programs may receive points for serving multiple populations within the same program



Project Expenditures: Current

Metric:

- Extent to which the project spent 100% of HUD funds.

Point Allocation:

- 3 points = Underspend is less than or equal to 10%
- 1 point = Underspend is over 10% and less than 25%
- No points for underspend over 25%



Project Expenditures: Recommendation

Metric:

- Extent to which the project spent 100% of HUD funds.

Point Allocation:

- 15 points = Underspend is less than or equal to 5%
- 10 points = Underspend is 6% to 10%
- 5 points = Underspend 11% to 20%
- No points for underspend over 20%



NEW - Timely Annual Performance Report

- Aligns our project rating with HUD priority of merit-based scoring
 - Promotes a new metric that HUD used to award funds CoC projects.

Metric:

- APR submitted in a timely manner.

Point Allocation:

- 10 points for APR submitted on time.
- No partial points.



NEW – Monitoring Results

- Aligns our project rating with HUD priority of merit-based scoring
 - Promotes a new metric that HUD used to award funds CoC projects.

Metric & Point Allocation:

- 10 points for no findings or recommendations that remain open.
- No partial points.



NEW - Supportive Services Participation

- Recommendation may change pending FY26 NOFO.
- Required to be part of the 25% criteria threshold.
 - Will affect what is evaluated in the application and how many points are given to information looked for in the application.

Metric:

- Evidence of required engagement per 24 CFR 578.75(h)
 - Aka does the program mandate participation in services such as case management

Point Allocation:

- 20 Points: Evidence of required engagement in alignment 24 CFR 578.75(h) based on attached agreement.
- No partial points



Next Steps

KCRHA staff will reconcile the recommendations with any input from today's presentation.

