



# Reimagine CE Workgroup #8

July 14, 2023



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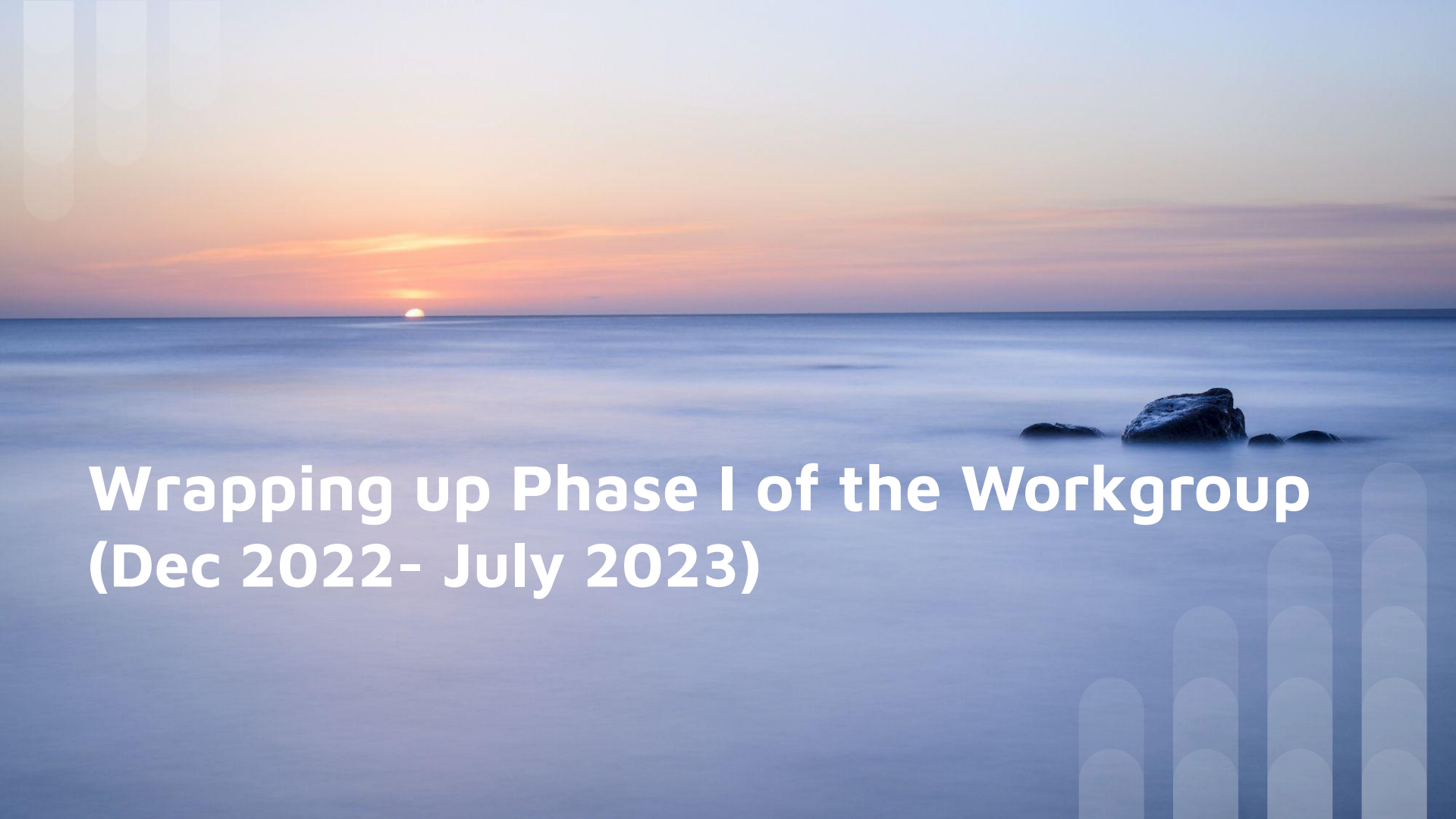
## **Workgroup Goal**

Recommend a new way to prioritize individuals and families for RRH and PSH openings in Dane CoC to the HSC board of Directors by December 2022.



## **Correction to the CE Family Data**

The “clients served” field in the Dane CoC CE family data we presented at the June meeting were described incorrectly. The numbers represented the head of household, not all persons in families. Corrected report was emailed out to the workgroup and posted on the HSC website.



**Wrapping up Phase I of the Workgroup  
(Dec 2022- July 2023)**



## Recap of the Previous Meetings by Meeting Date

- December 6: Overview of CE; Prioritization in Dane County; Workgroup goals
- January 13: Review of HUD rules; Review of VI-SPDAT
- February 10: HUD TA presentation on other community examples
- March 10: HUD TA meeting debrief; Dane CoC data highlights on race and ethnicity
- April 14: Outreach Plan; Dane CoC System Performance Data Review I (Days Homeless)
- May 12: Dane CoC System Performance Data Review II (Exit to PH, Return to Homeless)
- June 9: Dane CoC CE Specific Data Review



# Data We Have Reviewed

Dane CoC Data Highlights on Race and Ethnicity

Dane CoC System Performance Data (FY 2022 October 1, 2021-September 30, 2022)

- Days Homeless
- Exit to Permanent Destinations
- Return to Homelessness

Dane CoC Coordinated Entry Data ( May 1, 2022- April 30, 2023)

- Served clients
- Reassigned (referred) to Permanent Housing program
- Permanent Housing enrollment
- Permanent Housing enrollment with Housing Move In Date



# Summary of the Data We Have Reviewed

- In Dane County, there exists a significant disparity in homelessness rates among people of color, particularly black households. Despite comprising only 6% of the county's population and 8% of households experiencing poverty, black households account for a 40% of individuals experiencing HUD category 1 homelessness (sheltered and unsheltered situations) and make up 53% of CE enrollment.
- Although the disparities in our homeless services system are smaller in scale compared to the overall system, upon reviewing the performance of the Dane County Continuum of Care (CoC) system and Coordinated Entry, we have identified specific areas where people of color had worse outcomes.
- CE housing interventions contribute to resolving only a very small percentage of episodes of homelessness. In a one-year period, only 17% of families (41 out of 239) and 5% of singles (60 out of 1,172) who were referred to CE were able to secure housing through housing programs that accept referrals from Coordinated Entry.





# Disparities Identified: Families

## System Performance

- Black parenting youth experienced a longer period of homelessness.
- Black families had lower rate of exit to permanent destinations than White families.
- No substantial difference was observed in return to homelessness.

## CE

- Latino families were less likely to be referred to PSH than white families.
- Latino families were less likely to be housed through a PSH program than white families.
- Black families were less likely to be referred to RRH than white families.
- Black families were less likely to be housed through a RRH program than white families.



# Disparities Identified: Singles

## System Performance

- No substantial difference was observed in Days Homeless.
- No substantial difference was observed in Exits to Permanent Destinations.
- Black singles had a higher rate of returning to homelessness than White singles.
- Hispanic singles had a higher rate of returning to homelessness than non-Hispanic singles.
- Black single youth had a higher rate of returning to homelessness than White youth.

## CE

- Black and Latino singles were less likely to be referred to PSH than white singles.
- Black and Latino singles were less likely to be housed through a PSH program than white singles.
- Black and Latino singles were less likely to be referred to RRH than white singles.
- No substantial differences were observed for singles in obtaining housing through RRH.



# Discussion Highlights on Prioritization

- Center on equity. The new prioritization system won't end racism but we can advance a more anti-racist homeless response system by centering on racial equity.
- People with lived experience should be at the table.
- How the system is experienced is a big consideration. Talk to people who use the system and evaluate the process with trauma-informed lens; Some of VI-SPDAT questions were very intrusive and people didn't feel comfortable answering them. We should be more thoughtful in developing questions.
- Process is more important than the outcome (e.g. new assessment tool) as we need to continuously review and adapt.
- One size doesn't fit all. We need to make local decisions.



# Takeaways

- What are your takeaways from the Reimagine CE phase 1 meetings?

What should we remember as we go into the next phase?

Share your thoughts now in the meeting

or use the Jamboard later!

<https://jamboard.google.com/d/1BXlpM5qkWIKw9EAGo0tj4DFKHMEq7y1B2sMqvWr-AHQ/edit?usp=sharing>

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A long wooden pier extends from the foreground into a calm sea towards a sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water. The sky transitions from orange near the horizon to a clear blue at the top. The pier is made of weathered wooden planks and leads the eye towards the horizon. In the distance, there are faint silhouettes of mountains or hills. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

**Discussion:  
What Are Our Next  
Steps?**



# Important Topics to Discuss in Phase 2

- What are our specific goals in reimagining CE prioritization? What would be the indicators that show that changes we made were positive?
- How can we modify the assessment to make it trauma-informed and address the observed disparities?
- Should we make any changes to the way the length of homelessness data is used in the prioritization?
- Should we reconsider the timing of CE referrals for individuals experiencing category 1 homelessness?
- Should we explore the concept of dynamic prioritization, where clients are initially placed in lower-intensity housing programs such as RRH and then re-evaluated over time for higher levels of support?
- Regarding PSH openings, should we continue enrolling individuals based on completion of chronic documentation?
- Do we make incremental changes over time or do we implement all changes at once?
- **What other topics should be covered in Phase 2?**



# Future Meeting Logistics

- Our goal is to develop a set of recommendations by December, 2023
- For Phase 2 (September - December), we suggest holding bi-monthly meetings on **2nd and 4th Fridays, 10am-11:30am.**
- An email will be sent out containing a Google Form to assess your availability and commitment to attend these Phase 2 meetings consistently. If you are unable to attend regularly, kindly recommend someone with similar expertise to participate in your place.
- No meeting in August
- Next meeting on **Friday, September 8**