

1/12/24 – ReImagine CE Workgroup

Attendees: Sarah Lim, Patrick Duffie, Melissa Mennig, Zach Stephen, Liz Duffie, Rachel Litchman, Allie Grant, Kristina Dux, Wendy Siewert, Jen Ripp, Brad Hinkfuss, Torrie Kopp Mueller, Karen Andro, Johneisha Prescott, Jessica Oswald, Chara Taylor, Maureen Quinlan, Alicia Spry

Reviewed Prescreen data points from 12/22/23 meeting.

Went over new proposed Prescreen data points – History of Homelessness - # of enrollments in last 12 months, # of days in projects, Family Size, Income, History of Eviction, Criminal Justice Involvement questions.

Question around any reasoning/thought behind not addressing a clients domestic violence history in order to add a question to the prescreen around capturing domestic violence somehow.

Decision around domestic violence experience being left out of the original prescreen was due to trying to capture those who are Least likely to self-resolve and then full screen is most likely to experience harm. Thought would be that domestic violence may make more sense to address in full screen rather than prescreen.

Our community does have some specific resources dedicated to the community of folks who experience DV, thought was perhaps that if folks experiencing DV already have specific resources dedicated to them does it make sense to specifically target those folks in a prescreen as well?

People who experience DV may have harder time finding housing due to having to find housing away from a dv situation which may limit housing options.

Lots of questions we could add/assign points to and that we need to be intentional and be able to explain the reasoning for adding each question and tie it back to the initial goals of making sure we capture folks who are least likely to self-resolve for prescreen and folks most likely to experience harm for the full screen.

Propose adding DV question to the prescreen for families, unsure how big a factor it would be for singles. Community currently has no DV bonus funds, some have been applied for but no DV specific housing programs at current.

Does it make sense to bump someone up who may not otherwise qualify for services because of their DV experience? Thought about not wanting to add double counting specific things or scoring it in a way that folks who experience DV would score much higher.

Currently awarding points for enrollments in HMIS, etc which would not include DAIS/DV shelters so would that inadvertently be de-prioritizing folks experiencing DV?

Chat : In the application, HUD asked about survivors.....not currently fleeing. At that time, we made an educated estimate of 384 survivors in our CoC that need housing or services.

Chat : I Think The Extra Point Should Be Giving To Survivors

Chat : A perspective to add to the conversation: As a PSH provider, what we see is that the incidence of DV unquestionably continues with clients even after they are housed. We are very frequently dealing with DV situations from the moment they are housed and thereafter. Not sure of how this reality impacts the screening process or not.

Thought around evictions and a lot of times that a landlord may try to evict due to ongoing DV situation. Folk may be less likely to be captured in HMIS if they're fleeing from another state as well.

Agreement to pin DV question for right now in order to clarify what options are and prep team will take DV question into consider and present the group with options for next meeting about DV.

Question around whether or not we're hoping to have a separate pre-screen for families or singles?

Not looking to have an entirely separate prescreen but would have some specific questions that would only be asked to families, etc.

Will there be separate prescreens for RRH/PSH/Singles/Families? Would doubt that at this time unless we decide to ask different questions to singles and families. Remember that the goal should be to keep it simple and have the data be the same for everybody. We could run the reports differently however it would make sense to ask the same questions to everybody for simplicity sake.

If not doing separate assessments for singles/families how would we decide who to count as a single or a family? Would be dependent on who you're looking to live with. Are you looking to live as a single or do you have family members you wish to live with? Currently this information is being taken from enrollment.

Since prescreen could be pre-enrollment into a CE program, do we need to ask family size/how many in household? May need to also ask about minor children in household since 2 single adults would be on the singles list but an adult and a minor child would be on the family list.

Do we talk about possibly making a tradeoff of just using shelter enrollments for families, since we don't have the resources to serve/house all families to begin with.

Thoughts that we do have plenty of families who may have adults separated into family and singles shelter so that may be too blunt a tool for deciding singles and families.

Any objections to asking a question around family size? No objections. Prep group will workshop a question around family size and bring proposal to next meeting.

Questions around "What is your total monthly take home or net pay?" Thoughts that people may just need to use gross income. If child support is an issue and that functional income may be a lot

lower than gross income – however there may be a way for us to capture child support separately and then ask gross income as well.

Always tradeoffs on what to spend money on when income is limited. If we're going to discuss child support then we would need to consider all garnishments.

May be an impossible task to go down the road of considering all garnishments because the gross income data is already not great and making the question more complicated isn't likely to yield better results.

For now we agree that gross income is easiest to use and it eliminates a question and uses HMIS data instead. Will not plan to bring options for a new question for this one.

Discussion around adding a question around Evictions in the last 2 years?

Are we okay with using the last 2 years? It wouldn't preclude anyone from being screened in – it's just part of the total points you can receive. No objections are adding a question around evictions in the last 2 years.

Discussion around adding a question around Criminal Justice Involvement?

“Do any of the following situations apply to you? A) In the past 3 years, I have spent time in jail, prison, or juvenile correction center total of longer than 12 months or more than 4 times. B) I am currently on probation or parole. C) I have been convicted of a felony offense.”

Is a juvenile record something that will make a person less likely to be housed? Is that something a landlord will see/affect housing?

Need to consider the impact of prioritizing people with criminal justice system involvement for housing programs-damage to properties, etc. There should be a discussion whether it is something we want to do. We will continue the discussion at the next meeting.