



# Reimagine CE Workgroup Phase II #12

March 7, 2024



# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Workgroup Timeline
3. PSH and RRH Prioritization Summary
4. Length of Homelessness
5. Chronic Homeless Documentation

# Reimagine CE Workgroup Timeline (Updated)

September 8, 2023	Decision-making process; Approach to develop a new assessment
October 13, 2023	Objectives for change statement; Indicators of success
October 27, 2023	Indicators of success; Primary data source
November 10, 2023	3rd party-data or self-reporting; Interim approach; Prescreen
November 24, 2023	No meeting- Thanksgiving
December 8, 2023	Prescreen Development (I)
December 22, 2023	Prescreen Development (II)
January 12, 2024	Prescreen Development (III)
January 26, 2024	Full Assessment (I)
February 9, 2024	Full Assessment (II), <b>Length of homelessness</b>
February 23, 2024	<b>PSH chronic homeless documentation requirement</b>
<b>March 8, 2024</b>	<b>Implementation Plan (I)</b>
March 22, 2024	Implementation Plan (II)



# **PSH and RRH Prioritization (approved at the HSC Board on 3/6/24)**

## **PSH Prioritization**

- Identify households with high Tier 1 PSH assessment scores and administer VI-SPDAT.
- Prioritize chronically homeless households with the highest VI-SPDAT score.

## **RRH Prioritization**

- Identify households with high Tier 1 RRH assessment scores and administer VI-SPDAT.
- Prioritize households who are newly homeless but have not been able to self-resolve within 6 months, with additional consideration for current shelter use.



# Length of Homelessness: Background

- Currently, we use VI-SPDAT score plus the number of years homeless (up to 3 years) to calculate the Dane CoC combined score. For example, someone with VI-SPDAT score 14 and 2.5 years of homelessness will get 16.5 pts.
- We are capturing the history of homelessness (# of enrollments and length in homeless services) in the pre-assessment to identify households who will complete the VI-SPDAT assessment.
- Now the question is: should we continue to use the length of homelessness as a factor alongside the VI-SPDAT score for final prioritization? If so, how should we proceed?



# Length of Homelessness: Options

- A. Continue to consider the length of homelessness along with VI-SPDAT score, using the self-reported answer to “approximate date this episode of homelessness started” question (current method).
- B. Continue to use length of homelessness at this stage, using the history of homelessness data\* from the pre-assessment.
- C. Exclude the length of homelessness from further consideration as it was incorporated in the pre-assessment and solely use the VI-SPDAT score at this stage.
- D. Use the pre-assessment history of homelessness data\* as a tie breaker for individuals with same VI-SPDAT score.

\*several options: use the pre-assessment score, one or more of the history of homeless totals



# Chronic Homelessness Documentation Requirement: Background

- We currently prioritize individuals on the PSH list who have the highest Dane CoC combined score among those with complete chronic homelessness documentation on file when a PSH opening becomes available.
- This policy was instituted in response to significant delays experienced by PSH programs in verifying chronic homelessness status, as mandated by HUD, after receiving a CE referral.
- In cases where individuals lack disability paperwork and there is no straightforward way of obtaining it (e.g. an SSI award letter), the process of obtaining documentation can take a long time or may not be successful. PSH programs often encountered extended waiting periods before moving to the next candidate, who may also face the same challenges, therefore PSH openings sometimes remained unfilled for several months.



# Chronic Homelessness Documentation Requirement: Options

- A. **Keep the requirement in place, but with the understanding that it will be applied sparingly.** CE staff will be prioritizing working with a smaller number of households who have completed the VI-SPDAT, making it much more likely to help them complete the documentation before a PSH unit becomes available.
- B. **Remove the chronic homelessness documentation requirement but implement a timeframe for submission.** When a PSH unit becomes available for a CE referral, the top person on the list will be given a specified timeframe (14-30 days, TBD) to submit the necessary documentation if not already in place. If documentation is not submitted within the specified timeframe, the next person in line will be considered for prioritization.
- C. **Option B with a modification:** Remove the chronic homelessness documentation requirement with a timeframe for submission. However, if the documentation is not received within the timeframe for the first person on the list, the next person with complete documentation on file will be prioritized to prevent further delays for PSH providers.