Home Stretch - Integration to Housing Crisis Response System

NOVEMBER 14, 2017
SYSTEM SHIFT:
Housing Crisis Response System & Coordinated Entry
HOUSING CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM
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APPROACH: Identify and mobilize every personal, familial, community or public resource available to resolve housing crises.
ALAMEDA COUNTY HOUSING CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEM

INDEPENDENT LIVING INITIATIVE
SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

HOMELSS
ASSESSMENT
HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVING
HOUSING NAVIGATION
HOUSING WORKSHOPS
PRIORITIZATION
MATCHING
LEGAL SERVICES
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES LINKAGE

HOMELESS AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS
HOUSING PROBLEM SOLVING
HOUSING WORKSHOPS
LEGAL SERVICES

SAFETY & HOUSING CRISIS SCREENING

INDEPENDENT LIVING INITIATIVE
SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES

TEMPORARY HOUSING
Shelter, Med Respite, Emergency Motel Vouchers, Transitional Housing

COMMUNITY BASED HOUSING
Family, Roommate, Friend, Rental

RAPID REHOUSING

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING
(Site-based & Scatter Site)
Home Stretch, Tenancy Sustaining Services, Landlord Liaison Services

HRCs
Regional Organization, Flexible Funding for HPS

211
OUTREACH
The process of building a coordinated system takes time. We are starting with:

- Housing Resource Centers who will be responsible for coordination in their region
  - Family Front Door – HRC for a specific target population
- Eden I & R
- Home Stretch
- Operation Vets Home
In process of being integrated into the system:

- Shelters – developing how people move in and out
- Outreach providers not connected to HRCs

Other Health and Human Services that intersect with the Housing Crisis Response System:

- Domestic Violence
- Health Care
- Behavioral Health Care
- Social Services – employment, public benefits, etc.
COORDINATED ENTRY
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Coordinated Entry is an important part of a Housing Crisis Response System, establishing a standard process and shared set of tools for:

• Access
• Housing Problem Solving/Diversion
• Assessment
• Prioritization
• Matching to Housing/Homeless Resources
• Grievances
COORDINATED ENTRY

• HUD mandate that all communities implement a Coordinated Entry System by January 2018 as their method for distributing homeless resources.

• All programs which receive HUD homelessness funds - Continuum of Care (CoC), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) - must participate

• In Alameda County, local funders are also requiring that all dedicated homeless resources be accessed through Coordinated Entry. (Cities, County Health Care Services Agency, County Housing and Community Development)
ALAMEDA COUNTY’S COORDINATED ENTRY

- **New Assessment and Scoring System**
  - Scoring will be hidden
  - Important to keep people’s information up-to-date, dynamic prioritization
  - Small subset of HRC staff have become trained on the new assessment and are testing it in the community
  - Moving forward we need to decide who else will become assessors and how they will be linked to the HRCs.
    - Intention is to figure out how to have enough capacity to assess and connect everyone who is literally homeless in our County
ALAMEDA COUNTY COORDINATED ENTRY

**Housing Resource Centers**
- Housing Crisis & Safety Screening
- Housing Workshops & Legal Services
- Housing Problem Solving
- Assessment & Prioritization
- Matching to Housing Resources
- Housing Navigation Services
- Support to Stay Housed

**2-1-1**
- 24/7 Countywide Caller Support
- Housing Crisis & Safety Screening
- Housing Problem Solving
- Connect Homeless Callers to HRCs
- Info & Referral for:
  - Non-CE Shelter & Winter Shelters
  - Non-CE Affordable Housing
  - Other Health & Social Services

**Homeless Outreach**
- Regional Teams
- Countywide Coverage
- Housing Crisis & Safety Screening
- Assessment & Prioritization
- Housing Problem Solving
- Housing Navigation Support

**Housing Resource Centers (HRC)**

**Homeless Outreach** (in orange)

**Housing Problem Solving**

**Housing Navigation Support**
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HOME STRETCH NEXT STEPS

- We will stop accepting referrals directly to Home Stretch on 11/17/17 at 5pm

- Moving forward, households will be assessed for permanent supportive housing and other resources through HRCs and outreach assessors
NEXT STEPS FOR EXISITING HOME STRETCH HOUSEHOLDS

- All priority 1 households have been referred to the HRC’s to have current assessments conducted to accurately reflect their present circumstances.

- Priority 2, 3, 4 will also be outreached to for current assessments over time.

- 5 attempts in 30 days will be made to contact and assess each household. If these attempts do not result in contact, the household will be marked inactive.

- We will continue to use the current registry and prioritization until all people in the Home Stretch registry have been outreached to for updated assessments. Once this occurs, we will retire the registry and begin matching from the community queue in HMIS.

- Providers should continue collecting housing match documents and submitting to Home Stretch; Housing Profile, Housing History, Verification of Homelessness, Verification of Disability, ID, SS Card.

- It is important to provide dynamic updates to assessments of people's situation.

- Can send clients to housing education workshops for current assessments.
NEXT STEPS FOR NEW HOUSEHOLDS

◦ No more high need documentation; diagnostic, law, health care utilization, VI-SPDAT

◦ More dynamic differentiation, more opportunity to update data and adjust score

◦ Gathering housing match documents and hold onto them so they will already have a full packet of documents

◦ Stay in contact with household

◦ Call 211, they will have the latest info on whose taking referrals and when

◦ Legal and housing workshops
BACS Housing Education & Counseling program is designed to guide you from homelessness to housing, and beyond. The Housing Education classes cover everything you need to know about finding and keeping housing. We also provide individual housing counseling for those in need.

**All classes begin at 10:30 a.m., and last 60-90 minutes.**

### Monday
- **Towne House Wellness Center**
  - 629 Oakland Ave,
  - Oakland, CA 94611

### Tuesday
- **Berkeley Food and Housing Project**
  - 1901 Fairview St,
  - Berkeley, CA 94703

### Wednesday
- **Hedco Wellness Center**
  - 590 B Street,
  - Hayward, CA 94541

### Thursday
- **Valley Wellness Center**
  - 3900 Valley Ave #B,
  - Pleasanton, CA 94566

### Friday
- **South County Wellness Center**
  - 40965 Grimmer Blvd,
  - Fremont, CA 94538

There will be time for individual counseling after the classes. Join us for one class, four classes, or all the classes—you will get something out of it, however many you attend!

Classes include: How to fill out applications (even if you are homeless), available housing today, adjusting to permanent housing, good relationships with landlords, and more!

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LEGAL ADVICE LINE
800-551-5554