South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium
2019 SDHDA Annual Housing Conference
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Presentation Agenda
Advances in Homelessness Services
Continuum of Care Approach
SD Housing for the Homeless Consortium
Coordinated Entry System
Continuum of Care

• Community Based
• Long-range Plan
• Recommended & supported by US Dept. of Housing & Urban Development

South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium (SDHHC)

• Since 2000 SDHHC has been SD CoC

Service & housing providers, individuals, city/county/state/federal government, & faith based organizations collaborating to address homeless
**Beliefs**

- Housing & other basic human needs should be within everyone’s reach in an affordable & dignified manner

**Vision & Values**

- Empower those experiencing homelessness to gain self-sufficiency
- Homelessness is unacceptable, preventable, expensive, & resolvable through education, coordination, & collaboration

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**SDHHC - Coordinated & Collaborative Response to Homelessness**

**South Dakota Coordinated Entry System**

Established August 2018
CES CORE Elements

What are the CORE parts of CES?

• ACCESS to housing crisis response system
• Standardized strengths & needs ASSESSMENT
• PRIORITIZATION process based on vulnerability
• REFERRAL to program that best cures experience of homelessness

The Coordinated Entry System Represents Significant
Purpose of Coordinated Entry

• CES changes CoC from project-focused to person-focused

• Prioritization for services based on vulnerability of participants

• Consistent process for accessing assistance

Purpose continued…

• Ensures highest need, most vulnerable are prioritized & served

• Change from projects making decisions on whom to serve into an integrated system decision making based on standardized assessment scoring
CES Terms – Literally Homeless
– HUD Definition – Summary
• Primary nighttime residence is a public or private place not meant for human habitation.
• Public or privately operated shelter
• Is exiting an institution where they have resided for less than 90 days and resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation prior

Literally Homeless continued..
• Fleeing/Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence and has no other residence & lacks resources to obtain other permanent housing
CES CORE Elements

ACCESS POINTS
• The engagement point for participants
• Assessment completed in HMIS
• Physical places with regional organization
• Statewide Call Center - Helpline Center
  1-800-664-1349
• CES must allow people to access emergency services with as few barriers as possible
• Access points promote diversion strategies

CES CORE Elements

Assessment
• Written policy required – CES P&P Manual
• Assessor training required
• Standardized tool required – VI-SPDAT
• Workflow completed in HMIS – training required
• Data elements must be captured for HUD reporting
**CES CORE Elements**

**Prioritization**
- Written policy utilized
- Standardized tool administered - VISPDAT
- Case Conferenced
- Completed in HMIS

**CES CORE Elements**

**Referral**
- Policy – current policy puts CE clients into waitlist status and referrals are done upon notification of capacity from a program/provider
- Completed via email through the HMIS
- Currently in CE only housing referrals are made but there is an opportunity to make many other referrals, i.e. emergency shelter bed opening, transitional housing, crisis needs assessment, etc.
CES – Roles & Responsibilities

- Regional Coordinator
- Case Conferencing Team
- Access Point(s)
- Receiving Programs
- Authorized CES HMIS Agencies
- SDHDA

CES Statewide Data 2019

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South Dakota Housing for the Homeless Consortium
Next Meeting, Tuesday, 12/10/2019
11 am Central time
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