

Population Prioritization Guidelines for the Coordinated Entry System

Upon review of local data on homelessness and discussion of needs, as well as review of Federal law, as well as applicable HUD regulations, the CSPH Board adopted these prioritization guidelines on 4/6/2021. The Coordinated Entry Lead Agency will prioritize populations based upon the following guidelines:

1. Homeless Households with a Disability with Long Periods of Homelessness and Severe Service Needs. (Chronically Homeless Households) Where “Severe Service Needs” means a VI-SPDAT score of 8+ for Individuals and 9+ for Families; “Long Periods of Homelessness” means a household has a total length of time homeless of more than 12 months continuously or a cumulative length of time homeless of more than 12 months over at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years.

2. Homeless Households with a Disability with Severe Service Needs. Where there is no minimum length of time homeless necessary, but households who have longer lengths of time homeless are prioritized.

3. Homeless Households with an Increased Vulnerability to Victimization, including Physical Assault, Trafficking or Sex Work. Where this increased vulnerability is reflected in “Yes” answers to any of the following questions on the VI-SPDAT: for individuals – 5, 8, 9, 14, or 27; for families – 9, 12, 13, 18, 31. Where tiebreakers are required, overall, VI-SPDAT score will be used, followed by length of time homeless.

4. Homeless Youth or Unaccompanied Minor Households. Where “Youth” refers to a household where the head of household is between 18 and 24 years old. VI-SPDAT Score, followed by Length of Time Homeless, are tiebreakers.

5. Homeless Households Coming from Places Not Meant for Human Habitation, Safe Haven, or Emergency Shelter Without Severe Service Needs. Where prioritization will further be based first on VI-SPDAT score followed by Length of Time Homeless.

6. Homeless Households Coming from Transitional Housing Without Severe Service Needs.