

Minnesota Coordinated Entry Prioritization Assessment Tool Work Group Update

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What is Happening with the Coordinated Entry Prioritization Assessment Tool in Minnesota?

Over the past year, there has been a lot of discussion statewide about the Coordinated Entry Prioritization Assistance Tool. Should we continue with the current tool? Should we choose a different tool? Should we consider developing our own tool in Minnesota? To address these questions and recommend what we do in the future, the Coordinated Entry Prioritization Assistance Tool Work Group was formed.

What is the Coordinated Entry Prioritization Assistance Tool Work Group?

The Minnesota Coordinated Entry Prioritization Assessment Tool Work Group consists of representatives from Continuums of Care, state homeless programs, the Minnesota Tribal Collaborative, Coordinated Entry priority list managers, and the HIMS systems administrator.

What is the Work Group Doing?

This group is focused on what a Coordinated Entry Prioritization Assistance Tool should look like for Minnesota moving forward.

Beginning in 2019, this group will be working with a technical assistance provider under contract with Minnesota Housing. After an evaluation, the technical assistance provider and the Minnesota Coordinated Entry Prioritization Assessment Tool Work Group will make a recommendation in the summer of 2019 that will either:

- Recommend keeping the current assessment tool as is;
- Recommend moving forward with the existing tool assessment with some recommended improvements on implementation; or
- Recommend replacing the current assessment tool with an already existing assessment tool (one that is successfully being used elsewhere) or recommend developing a new assessment tool

Why does this Work Group Exist?

Minnesota Coordinated Entry stakeholders identified that it is essential that the Coordinated Entry assessment process:

- Promote accurate referrals;
- Implement client centric approaches; and
- Is trauma informed and culturally competent

The workgroup and the technical assistance provider will use these key factors when evaluating Minnesota's current CE prioritization assistance tool and suggesting potential alternatives moving forward.

What is the Work Group's Timeline?

The Minnesota Coordinated Entry Prioritization Assessment Tool Workgroup will make a recommendation in the summer of 2019. Implementation of any changes to the Coordinated Entry Prioritization Assistance Tool would be a significant project, likely to begin in the fall of 2019.

Reminder: Resources Available for the VI-SPDAT with Minnesota Script

Incorporation of the VI-SPDAT with Minnesota Script began in November, 2018. See the resources below to help support this process:

- [Coordinated Entry System Training Recording](#)
- [Presentation Power Point and Handouts](#)

If you have questions regarding how to implement the VI-SPDAT with Minnesota Script, please send them to MNCoordinatedSystem@gmail.com. This email has been set up specifically for questions related to the VI-SPDAT with Minnesota Script.

Technical Assistance Update

Minnesota Coordinated Entry (CE) stakeholders (Continuums of Care, the Minnesota Tribal Collaborative, and state funders) want to promote accurate referrals and implement client-centric approaches that are trauma informed and culturally competent while assessing individuals. To help determine whether these criteria are being met, the CE stakeholders have sought assistance in evaluating the current CE prioritization assistance tool, identifying how it could be improved, or identifying the need to replace this tool with either an existing tool or the creation of a new tool.

In October 2018, a Request for Proposals (RFP) was announced for a technical assistance provider to help with this work. Proposals were submitted and are currently being reviewed. Recommendations will be shared following the stakeholders' decision process and the fulfillment of contract due diligence with the selected applicant.

Separate Opportunity to Provide Direct Feedback to OrgCode

The following information is not a part of the activities being worked on by the CE Prioritization Assistant Tool Work Group, but because Minnesota has used the VI-SPDAT, we want to share this opportunity to provide feedback directly to OrgCode regarding the tool.

OrgCode is in the process of collecting feedback on the VI-SPDAT 2.0 in preparation for updating to VI-SPDAT 3.0. If you would like to provide feedback to OrgCode about the VI-SPDAT 2.0, [complete this survey](#).



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