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 change to something different? Should we consider developing our own tool? In Minnesota, to address these questions and make 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 Communities of Care, state homeless programs, the Minnesota TSB Collaborative, Coordinated Entry priority list managers, and the OPM systems administrator.

What is the Work Group Doing?

This group is focused on a Coordinated Entry Prioritization Assistance Tool that would 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:

- Recommened 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 that is no longer an existing assessment tool but that is successfully being used elsewhere or recommending a new 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
- Be 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.

Technical Assistance Update

Minnesota Coordinated Entry (CE) stakeholders (Communities of Care, the Minnesota TSB Collaborative, and other funders) want to improve access to resources 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 should be improved, or identifying the need to replace this tool with another 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 contracts 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 Assistance Tool Work Group, but because Minnesota has used the VI-SPDAT, we are offering this opportunity to provide feedback directly to OrgCode regarding the work in progress.

OrgCode is in the process of collecting feedback on the VI-SPDAT 3.0 prior to updating to VI-SPDAT 3.0. If you would like to provide feedback to OrgCode about the VI-SPDAT 3.0, please use this survey.

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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.