Access to Housing: CE EMILY KENNEY

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Why is housing so hard?

No one system

- Not an entitlement
- Complex eligibility requirements

What is Coordinated Entry

- HUD mandate for those who are homeless
- Housing funded by CoC and ESG are required to use CE
- Four Requirements:
 - Identification
 - Assessment
 - Prioritization
 - Referral

What makes Coordinated Entry work?

Broad, diverse partnerships to identify people in need

- Centralized management of "the list"

Housing solutions

A note about systems change

- Babies floating down the river

- Ending different types of homelessness
- Housing First
- Prevention First



Before Using The CE System....

Does this person have natural supports?

- Can we salvage a "doubled-up" situation?
- What does this person have already that can be used?
- Three pillars for stable housing- can these be worked on without a housing system?
 - Housing type
 - And how to pay for it
 - ► Income
 - Everyone needs an income plan!
 - Support

If the person has YOU, can they work toward independent/general housing?

Rental Housing Resource Center Contact

- 9 co-partners coming together to reduce evictions
 - Legal support
 - Landlord support/buy in
 - Funding for rent assistance
 - Connection to Coordinated Entry
- Community Advocates hosts the Triage Team
 - Call: 414-895-RENT
 - Walk in to Community Advocates
 - Go to renthelpmke.org

What's New in CE

- Bolstered our prevention partners
- Including Safe Haven now
- Specific process & line of funding for healthcare partners
- Recently added two specific programs for people experiencing homelessness due to fleeing violence
- Continuing to add intake partners

CE in Milwaukee County

Identification

- People call 2-1-1
- Street outreach finds someone
- They come to a walk-in site
 - Repairers of the Breach from 9-11am, M W F
 - St. Ben's from 1-4pm, M W F
- We receive a referral from a partner
 - Email name, DOB, and synopsis to <u>ceteam@impactinc.org</u>
 - Professionals Line for Shelter: 414-455-1760
 - Want to become a partner? Email <u>ekenney@impactinc.org</u> to get set up!



Prevention Assessment

- Used to triage next steps, prevention or homeless
- Coordinated Entry Assessment
 - Used to prioritize for our in-demand HUD housing options
- VI-SPDAT
 - Used as objective measure

Prioritization

We use both objective (from the assessment tools) and subjective (during a staffing) information for prioritization.

Shelter	Prevention	Rapid Rehousing	Permanent Supportive Housing
 Priorities: 1) Outside 2) Fleeing violence 3) Leaving an institution 4) Everyone else 	Prevention Assessment Score	 Singles- 1) Returning to homelessness 2) Length of time literally homeless Eamilies- 1) Outside 2) Fleeing violence 3) Large families 4) Young kids 5) Disabling conditions 	 Priorities: 1) Chronically homeless 2) Literally homeless with severe service needs 3) Those with severe service needs

What happens at a staffing?

CE Staffing

- Follow up on previous referrals
- Announce openings
- Go off of the list to fill
 - Case conferencing
- Transfer Meeting
 - Discuss bump ups/move on needs
 - Announce openings
 - Case conferencing



- HUD and landlord required paperwork
- If not completed within 2 weeks, re-staff the client and unit
- Clients can decline every 2 weeks for 6 months before removed fully
- We try to connect with clients once every month for 3 months before removing
- Clients can always be re-added

Programs that come through CE

- My Home
- Housing First
- Johnston Center, Capuchin Apartments, St. Anthony's, Prairie Apartments
- Project Bridge
- ► Homelinc
- ROOTS
- Operation Turning Point
- Veterans Gardens
- Keys to Independence
- Rapid Rehousing
- Homeless set-aside Section 8
- Shelters (Guest House, Salvation Army, Cathedral Center, Family Support Center, Hope House)
- Safe Haven

Programs that do NOT come through CE

MRM, Joy House

- DV Shelters
- Community Intervention Housing
- Medical Respite
- Section 8/Housing Authority
- Elderly/Disabled Subsidized Housing
- New funding streams: COVID Prevention, ERA

Contact Information

▶ 2-1-1

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