

HOMELESS CONTINUUM OF CARE OF STARK COUNTY (HCCSC)
Systems Performance Committee (SPC)
Tuesday, August 18, 2020
9:30 a.m. via Zoom

Members Present

Lisa Snyder
Jennifer Keaton
Allison Esber
Beverly Lewis
Shannon McMahan Williams
Renee Biggums
Shirene Starn-Tapyrik

SHNI Staff

Marcie Bragg
Melissa Terrell

Members Not Present

Lisa Waikem
Danelle Lightner
Duane Wykoff

Guests

Tiffany Ford

I. Welcome and Introductions

At 9:33am, Marcie Bragg, committee chair, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. Today's discussion will include a review of the data collected on the length of time between assessment to housing and exits for all projects; it was determined that the committee would review this data to look for any system disparities for each race and/or ethnicity.

II. Discussion and Approval of July 2020 Meeting Minutes

Motion: Marcie requested a motion to approve the July 2020 System Performance Committee (SPC) meeting minutes as presented. Jennifer motioned to approve. Allison seconded the motion and it was carried by all members present except Shannon, who abstained.

III. Discussion of Length of Time between Assessment to Lease Up (See Attachment 1)

- a. Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)
- b. Rapid Rehousing (RRH)

Jennifer led the SPC through the *All Exits from PSH or RRH* document. Jennifer indicated that she utilized the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY October 1st – September 30th) because the System Performance Targets and Longitudinal Systems Analysis (LSA) follow the FFY. During the previous meeting, the SPC discussed individuals who entered the system and during today's discussion, the SPC will review those who exited the system into Permanent Housing (PH) destinations; this document accounts for two FFYs; 10/01/2017 – 9/30/2018 and 10/01/2018 – 9/30/2019. The charts show individuals, not households, of those that are exiting from the system. Jennifer led the committee through the top charts and discussed individual categories that were not counted in the total and provided a reason for why some individuals were not included in the total count, such as not exiting to a permanent destination. The bottom charts include a racial and ethnic breakdown of those exiting the system into PH that were counted in the total exits from the system.

All Exits from PSH or RRH Discussion:

- a. Jennifer discussed the most accurate data column in the chart which is "*Days assessed to housed*". Jennifer indicated that the other columns include self-reported dates. Jennifer reported that there could be other participants leaving PSH and RRH and the exits may not reflect the accurate number of days homeless to housed; this is no fault of projects data entry, however education for HMIS users on how to ask more specific questions of a participant could lead to more accurate participant answers resulting in reliable data. A SPC member recommended asking for the information in a different way that may be beneficial to

obtaining accurate information such as “When was the last date of permanent housing” instead of asking how long someone has been homeless. The HCCSC holds an All User HMIS meeting and this topic could be presented for discussion.

- b. When reviewing the charts, there were several points discussed, which were as follows:
1. There is a difference in the year-over-year category for race and ethnicity. Homeless Navigation will look at the number of deceased individuals to see if there are any gaps or trends.
 2. Entered before SPDATS could have been a result of Section 8 opening up or other factors. Other factors have not yet been identified.
 3. In RRH, a participant enters the project when determined eligible for assistance and may leave the project before the end of assistance, or lease-up, such as not being able to find a landlord before the voucher expires.
 4. Transfers have went up from year-over-year, this may be due to the new transfer policy put in place.
 5. Days homeless to housed have went up year-over-year and this area should be looked at by the system.
 6. The outliers include the Hispanic data which only accounted for 4 individuals; Jennifer indicated there are additional outliers in the data.
 7. There were two items identified through the review which are a) a disproportionate amount of African Americans entering into the system based on the County’s demographics and b) returns to homelessness should be reviewed as this data may play a role in understanding if there are additional disparities.

Next Steps for SPC review includes reviewing data on those that have been exited to non-permanent destinations and recidivism of those that have exited from PH; this data should include a racial and ethnical breakdown. The committee agreed that we should be reviewing data on each project type and look into recidivism of those that exited to, and did not exit into, permanent housing destinations. Since the data follows the FFY, there will be an additional year of data to review after next month. SPC members also plan to review the Homeless Prevention Ohio Housing Finance Agency projects, possibly in October, to look for any trends / disparities within the system.

Discussion: There are several other factors that could attribute to data outcomes. Jennifer indicated that the length of stay increased within the shelters last year and several RRH projects that were just beginning to take referrals during this time. There are factors that need to be considered when discussing current funding policies and procedures such as, evictions due to COVID19, people being displaced due to COVID19 issues, income and ability to sustain housing after program exit that may contribute to recidivism. Other factors discussed were the barriers with childcare and a household’s ability to obtain or increase income. The SPC will continue to review data to assist with shaping policies and procedures.

IV. Old Business/New Business

Marcie thanked SPC members and guest Tiffany Ford for the great discussion. The OHFA data discussion will occur in October and include up-to two months of data for review.

V. Adjournment With no further business to be discussed, at 10:29am the meeting adjourned.

All Exits from PSH or RR

completed 8/14/20

10/1/2017 through 09/30/2018

Not Counted	
Destination-Deceased	12
Destination-Non-permanent	65
Destination-Refused/no interview	4
Entered before SPDAT	28
Left household	4
Not housed (RR)	14
Transfer in	7
SPDAT missing	6
Not literally homeless	1
	141

10/1/2018 through 09/30/2019

Not Counted	
Destination-Deceased	12
Destination-Non-permanent	85
Destination-Refused/no interview	5
Entered before SPDAT	46
Left household	6
Not housed (RR)	18
Transfer in	30
SPDAT missing	4
Not literally homeless	1
	207

Counted Exits from PSH or RR

10/1/2017 through 09/30/2018

Race	No.	Days Assessed to Housed	Days Homeless* to Housed	Days Homeless* to Assessed
All Races/Ethnicities	193	86.2	96.9	10.6
American Indian/Alaskan Native	1	87	89	2
Black/African American	86	89.5	99	9.5
White	78	77.2	77.6	0.4
Multiple Races**	28	100.9	144.1	42.9
Ethnicity				
Hispanic	15	92.9	93.7	0.8
Non-Hispanic	178	85.7	97.1	11.5

10/1/2018 through 09/30/2019

No.	Days Assessed to Housed	Days Homeless* to Housed	Days Homeless* to Assessed
216	91.8	113.6	2.2
0			
97	82.9	99.1	16.2
84	112.2	136.4	24.2
35	67.4	99.1	31.7
4	65.6	59	-6.6
212	92.3	114.6	22.3

*Days Homeless self-report from project entry

**Includes 1 Asian in 2018-19