



Coordinated Assessment System Policies & Procedures Revision

Purpose: This memo outlines key changes to the Coordinated Assessment System (CAS) Policies and Procedures.

Background: The CAS Implementation Workgroup convened in February 2021 and approved a change to the match and prioritization criteria for the TX-600 Dallas City & County, Irving Continuum of Care (CoC) Policies and Procedures. The changes included discontinuing to use of the DOPS Matrix as the mechanism for match and prioritization of households and utilizing a simplified process for matching, prioritizing, and enabling referrals in CAS. In addition, Veterans were identified as a priority population for CAS resources. This change was made in response to The Homeless Collaborative’s system wide goal to End Veteran Homelessness by the end of 2021.

In summer 2021, the Homeless Collaborative stakeholders were engaged to begin planning for the expansion of resources as a result of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). In response, the Homeless Collaborative launched the Dallas Real Time Rapid Rehousing (DRTRR) initiative which would utilize HUD’s Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) and Rapid Housing Program Assistance to house over 2,700 individuals and families over two (2) years. This expansion of resources presents the CoC with an opportunity to begin working toward the next system wide goal of 50% reduction in chronic, unsheltered homelessness by 2023. To that end, the CAS Implementation Workgroup convened on September 28, 2021 to revise to the CAS prioritization and match criteria to include Emergency Housing Vouchers as an intervention type for referrals in CAS and create a prioritization to targets CAS resources in alignment with the system-wide goal of 50% reduction of chronic unsheltered homelessness by 2023.

Proposed Changes:

Emergency Housing Vouchers (EHV) will be included as one of the intervention types that households enrolled in CAS can be match and referred to resolve their homelessness. Households will be matched to the appropriate housing intervention based on program eligibility criteria and information captured during the CAS assessment process. The table below outlines the updated match criteria for interventions in CAS.

Intervention Type	Match Criteria
<u>PSH</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literally Homeless • Chronic households
<u>EHV</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literally homeless • Chronic & Non-Chronic households • Reported Disability
<u>RRH</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Literally homeless • Non-Chronic households



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In addition, CAS will implement a priority for the population defined as “persons identified through an encampment decommissioning process.” This refinement to the prioritization scheme is designed to support and accelerate progress toward achieving the system wide goal of 50% reduction in unsheltered homelessness by 2023. As housing resources become available within each intervention type, CAS will utilize the order priority defined below.

Housing Intervention	Prioritization	Population	Secondary Prioritization
<u>PSH</u>	1	Chronic Individuals & Families identified through Encampment Decommissioning Process	1. CAS Intake Date
			2. VI Score
	2	Chronic Veteran Individuals & Families	1. CAS Intake Date
			2. VI Score
	3	Chronic Individuals & Families	1. CAS Intake Date
			2. VI Score
<u>EHV</u>	1	Chronic and Non-Chronic Individuals & Families with a disability identified through Encampment Decommissioning Process	1. CAS Intake Date
			2. VI Score
	2	Chronic and Non-Chronic Veteran Individuals & Families with a disability	1. CAS Intake Date
			2. VI Score
	3	Chronic and Non-Chronic Individuals & Families with a disability	1. CAS Intake Date
			2. VI Score
<u>RRH</u>	1	Non-Chronic Individuals & Families identified through Encampment Decommissioning Process	1. CAS Intake Date
			2. VI Score
	2	Non-Chronic Veteran Individuals & Families	1. CAS Intake Date
			2. VI Score
	3	Non-Chronic Individuals & Families	1. CAS Intake Date
			2. VI Score