

funder required considerations that warrant further review and result in a denial of tenancy. Denials should be rare. Housing providers should accept or deny decisions within the time frame defined by the CoC.

Participating in Care Conferencing

Weekly, housing providers and other members of the community will come together around the table. Based on client choice, housing resources will be allocated, and care plans will be developed.

Review referrals only from the centralized prioritization list.

At the weekly Care Conferencing meetings, housing providers will be given a reliable and consistent supply of appropriate referrals. Individual housing providers will no longer maintain their own waiting lists for housing projects.

Comply with non-discrimination requirements.

Housing providers must comply with civil rights and fair housing laws and requirements. This non-discrimination and equal opportunity provisions of Federal civil rights laws prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex, national origin, disability, familial status, actual or

perceived sexual orientation, gender identify, or marital status.

Low Barriers.

Housing providers play a critical role in ensuring prospective tenants have access to housing to end their homelessness. You are encouraged to favorably consider referrals for tenancy even when prospective tenants have limited income, active or history of substance use, domestic violence history, resistance to receiving services, history of evictions or poor credit, or criminal records.

Questions?

Contact the CE manager for more information about CE in your area

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Coordinated Entry



Siouxland Coalition to End Homelessness



<http://siouxlandhomeless.org/>

Coordinated Entry (CE) is a CoC-wide process for assessing the needs of persons experiencing a housing crisis facilitating access to CoC resources.

The SCEH CoC has adopted a centralized intake strategy for CE and designed a common set of operational principles that guide the CE process. This process will ensure the clients experience consistency in the manner in which CoC resources are accessed, clients' needs are documented, and referrals are coordinated. This system wide change will also help evaluate the effectiveness of the CoC's crisis response systems and allocate scarce resources.

If someone you know or are working with is experiencing a housing crisis, please refer them to an Access Point to begin the Coordinated Entry process.

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Coordinated Entry's four principle elements: Access, Assessment, Prioritization, and Referral

Access: Access refers to the places where an individual or family experiencing homelessness access the coordinated entry process.

Assessment: Assessment is a standardized process to understanding a household's current housing situations, housing and service needs, risks of harm, risks of future or continued homelessness, and other adverse outcomes.

Prioritization: Prioritization refers to the CoC's process for determining the rank order in which potential program participants are referred to housing. The CoC's prioritization process must ensure people with the **most severe service needs and levels of vulnerability** receive housing and homeless assistance before those with less severe service needs and lower levels of vulnerability.

Referral: After completing the **Assessment** phase of CE, prospective tenants are matched with available housing and housing resources based on attributes of housing and clients' needs and preferences.

Coordinated Entry Participation Expectations for Housing Providers

Publish Selection & Screening Criteria.

All criteria and factors used to make enrollment determinations must be made available in writing and must be consistently followed by staff making decisions.

Communicate Vacancies. Communicate with CoC to let them know when housing units are available or will become available.

Accept or deny referrals in the time frame allowed: Housing providers are encouraged to accept all appropriate referrals provided by CE. Individual housing providers may have site specific or other