



## **Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC)**

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### **Coordinated Entry Progress Report**

The Yolo County Homeless and Poverty Action Coalition (HPAC) adopted formal Coordinated Entry Policies and Procedures on January 17, 2018. Since then, the Technical Subcommittee has developed a Prevention & Diversion Tool to assist providers, and continues to develop the Coordinated Entry Communication and Evaluation plans, and Case Conference procedures. Coordinated Entry will play an increasingly vital role in the annual Continuum of Care (CoC) grant application, as well as new funding sources such as the California Emergency Solutions and Housing grant.

The following represents a brief overview of the three Case Conferences completed in Yolo County, as of August 27, 2018.

#### **CASE CONFERENCES TO DATE**

- 3 Case Conferences held as of 8/27/2018
  - 2/14/18 – Yolo Community Care Continuum (YCCC) – 2 individual beds
  - 3/9/18 – Fourth & Hope – 1 family unit
  - 8/9/18 – Yolo Community Care Continuum (YCCC) – 1 individual bed
- Average time to housing after case conference: 1-2 weeks

#### **LESSONS LEARNED**

Working from a VI-SPDAT list generated from HMIS consisting of all assessments completed since Yolo County implemented the VI-SPDAT in 2016, was cumbersome. Many individuals on that list were already housed or had lost contact with providers months or years ago. Case Conferences were most effective when attendees had direct knowledge of an individual's situation. As a result, the working Case Conference process now includes steps for the list to be reviewed and refined prior to the Case Conference, with individuals already housed or otherwise clearly ineligible for the unit (based on household type, income, or diagnoses restrictions) removed. The revised list of approximately 20 people is then shared with the participating HMIS agencies prior to the Case Conference so that they can send representatives with knowledge of individual situations. Also, it became clear that the most effective way of generating the list would be to fully implement the Community Queue function in HMIS where only individuals known to be currently homeless and who are able to be located, would be added.

#### **TECHNICAL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

- Providers review all VI-SPDATs completed by their agency, one-by-one, and “refer” individuals to the Community Queue who meet the following criteria:
  - In contact with a provider within 120 days prior, and
  - Are currently homeless and in need of housing.
- The Yolo County HMIS Analyst and Sacramento Steps Forward plan to provide refresher VI-SPDAT/Coordinated Entry training in September or October with further guidance on community queue utilization.