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| **POLICY** | When encountering an especially vulnerable individual, outreach workers should secure placement in a safe, supportive environment. |
| **PURPOSE** | To ensure that homeless, vulnerable individuals are connected to supportive placement and that the placement understands the level of vulnerability |
| **PROCEDURE** | * Assess the vulnerability of the individual by determining if they require care and consideration beyond what is typical during the process of placement. Examples of vulnerable individuals may include:   + People with acute medical conditions   + People with intellectual or development disabilities   + People with cognitive impairment, including dementia   + People with physical disability impairment   + People with acute psychosis   + The elderly * Whenever placement occurs for a person that should be considered a vulnerable individual, care should be taken to ensure that all special considerations are made for placement in a shelter, Safe Haven placement, admission to a Hospital Emergency Room, or admission to a Crisis Center * Outreach Worker should confirm that staff at placement have connected with individual and aware of his/her unique needs. * Outreach Worker should provide whatever information he/she has about individual at time of placement * Outreach Worker should establish contact on the following day to ensure that placement was successful and there are no outstanding issues or concerns. * If an Outreach Worker is informed of elopement (within a certain time frame after placement), the Worker should actively participate in the attempts made to return the individual to the placement |