

CES Prioritization Workgroup

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) Leadership Team met on December 14th, 2021. During the meeting we revised the composition of the CES Prioritization Workgroup. The CES Prioritization Workgroup will comprise of representation from the following;

- The 8 CoC Affinity Groups
 - CE Leads (CSH and The Center for Housing & Health)
 - CES Leadership Team
 - CES Racial Equity Workgroup
 - CoC HMIS Data Lead
 - CES Skilled Assessors
 - CES Call Center Representation
 - Chicago CoC Lived Experience Commission
 - Chicago CoC Youth Advisory Board
 - Chicago Coalition for the Homeless
 - Other Sector Stakeholders*
 - Healthcare/Medical Provider
- * The CES Prioritization Workgroup will determine what other sector stakeholders to be involved.

The representation from these various stakeholder groups and/or sectors can be someone other than the chair. The groups will determine who will be their representative within the CES Prioritization Workgroup. The goal of the Prioritization Workgroup will decide if our Chicago CES will continue to use the current temporary prioritization plan the prioritizes households that are at high-risk of severe complications from COVID-19 as defined by the Centers of Disease Control {[CE-Temporary-Prioritization-Plan-2.0.pdf \(csh.org\)](#)}, go back to the previous prioritization plan of 2019 that prioritizes length of homelessness {[Chicago-CE-Prioritization-Chart-2019.pdf \(csh.org\)](#)}, or create a new one.

As we all understand the complexity of the work we do in this sector, our Chicago Continuum of Care needs to make a very difficult decision due to not having enough housing inventory to support all those who are experiencing homelessness. We look to work together to make the best possible decision for our CoC. We also look to have a workgroup that is inclusive, transparent, and accountable to our goal. In addition the voting members of the Prioritization Workgroup, the meetings will be open to the public and meeting information will be made available on the CoC Calendar {<https://allchicago.org/news-events/>} as well as the CES website {[The Corporation for Supportive Housing - Chicago Coordinated Entry System - CSH \(wpengine.com\)](#)}.

This goal and the work within this workgroup will be labor intensive and require us to push beyond the day to day operations in our sector work. The CES Leadership team is here to serve in support of the work and goals within the CES Prioritization Workgroup and will offer what support is identified by the CES Prioritization Workgroup. We also understand that some research and information has been done in previous years and we are happy to connect the Workgroup with the historical content and work done before 2022 in relation to Prioritization.

Please feel free to contact The CES Leadership Team if you have any questions, comments or concerns.