

PRIORITIZATION WORKGROUP FAQ

QUESTIONS

ANSWERS

Why is prioritization necessary within the Coordinated Entry System (CES)?	Our system has limited resources. The CES system has to find ways to prioritize and allocate those limited services.
What is Chicago CES current prioritization?	The Chicago CES is currently utilizing the Temporary High Risk Prioritization Plan .
How long has Chicago CES used the temporary prioritization plan?	<p>The Coordinated Entry (CE) Leadership Team adopted a temporary high-risk prioritization plan in April 2020 in response to COVID-19 and following the guidance of the Chicago Department of Public Health Department (CDPH).</p> <p>*language from COC board for timing</p>
What was Chicago CES prioritization before COVID-19?	Previously prioritization relied on length of homelessness.
How many people have been housed through current prioritization?	<p>Between May 2020 to February 2022: 2255 Housed</p> <p>https://www.csh.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Coordinated-Entry-Leadership-Team-Meeting-Packet-February-2022.pdf</p>

<p>What is the composition of this workgroup?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Healthcare/Medical Provider <p>* The CES Prioritization Workgroup will determine what other sector stakeholders want to be involved.</p>

VALUE STATEMENT:

The 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.

GROUP GOAL:

The Workgroup will decide if we want to continue to utilize our current (temporary) plan, to go back to our Pre-Covid Prioritization, or create a new one moving forward.

RESOURCES

- [Allocating Homeless Services After the Withdrawal of the Vulnerability Index–Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool \(aphapublications.org\)](#)
- [CE-Temporary-Prioritization-Plan-2.0.pdf \(csh.org\)](#)
- [Executive Order \(illinois.gov\)](#)
- [Vulnerability Index \(VI\) and Scoring Rubric – Helpdesk - Homeless Management Information System \(HMIS\) \(allchicago.org\)](#)
- [CoC Program Toolkit - CoC Responsibilities and Duties - HUD Exchange](#)
- [*Lead Me Home*](#) – documentary on Netflix about the CES system and unsheltered individuals being assessed in Seattle, Los Angeles, and the California Bay area.