Coordinated Assessment

March 20, 2015

Why Coordinated Assessment

- HUD required CoCs to develop and implement a coordinated access and assessment system for all CoC and ESG funded programs
- Research shows that coordinated access systems help communities to end homelessness

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Office of Community Planning and Development

Special Attention of:	**Notice: CPD-14-012**
All Secretary's Representatives	**Issued:** July 28, 2014
All Regional Directors for CPD	**Expires:** This Notice is effective until it is amended, superseded, or rescinded
All CPD Division Directors	
Continuums of Care (CoC)	
Recipients of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Program	**Cross Reference:** 24 CFR Parts 578 and 42 U.S.C. 11381, *et seq.*

Subject: Notice on Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness and Other Vulnerable Homeless Persons in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status

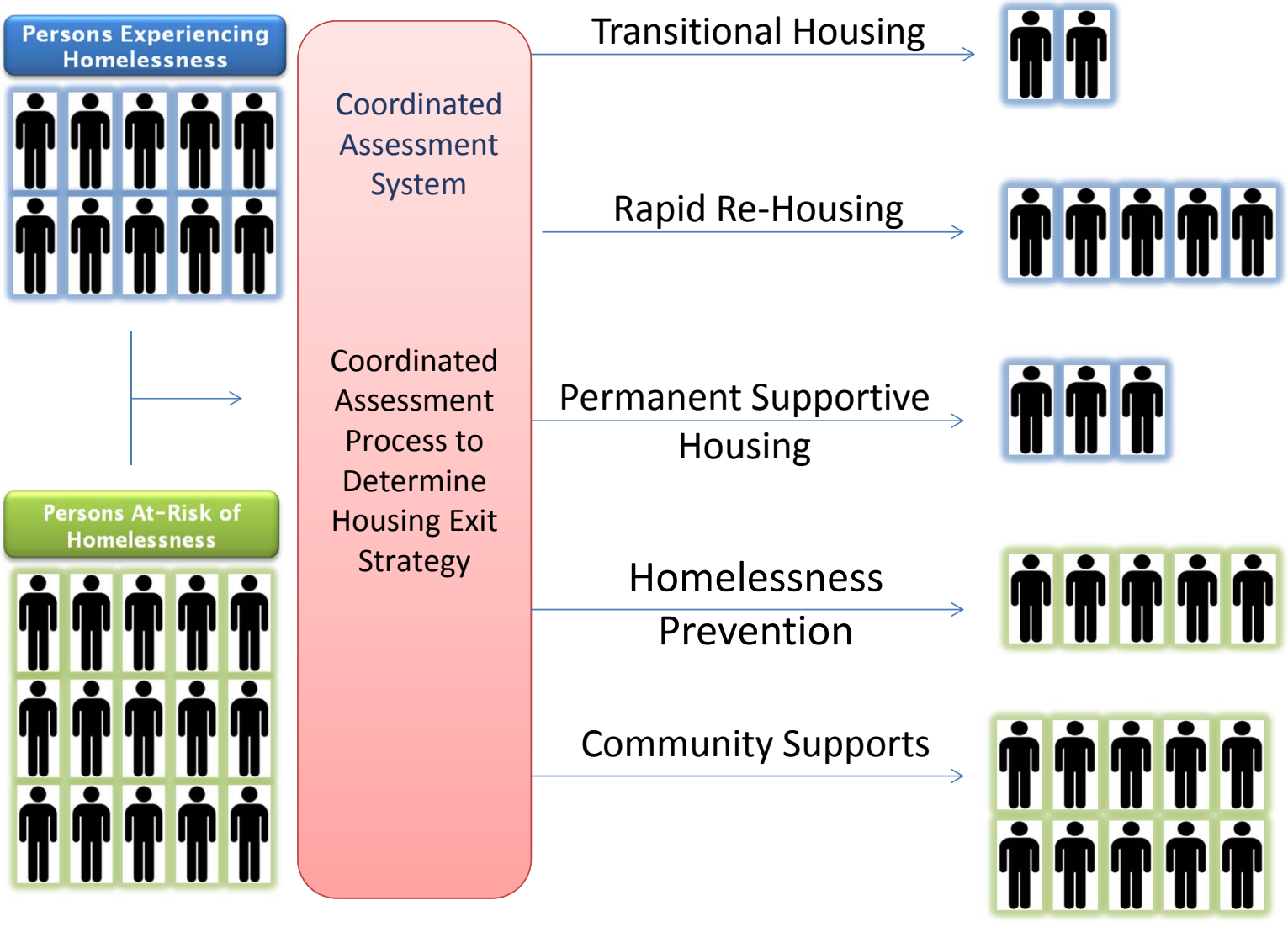
What is Coordinated Assessment

HUD Definition ***(CoC Interim Rule, Section 578.3)***

- A centralized or coordinated process designed to
  - Coordinate program participant intake,
  - Coordinated assessment, and
  - Coordinate the provision of referrals.
- A centralized or coordinated assessment system
  - Covers the geographic area,
  - Is easily accessed by individual/family seeking housing or services,
  - Is well advertised, and
  - Includes a comprehensive and standardized assessment tool.

What is Coordinated Assessment

- Move people through the system
- Reduce duplication of efforts
- Serve clients effectively
- Assist with ending chronic homelessness
- Make a better match of services to clients' needs, reducing returns to homelessness
  - Diversion & Prevention
  - Interim / Transitional Housing
  - Rapid Rehousing
  - Permanent Supportive Housing


Persons Experiencing Homelessness
Persons At-Risk of Homelessness
Coordinated Assessment System
Coordinated Assessment Process to Determine Housing Exit Strategy
Transitional Housing
Rapid Re-Housing
Permanent Supportive Housing
Homelessness Prevention
Community Supports

Coordinated Assessment Goals in Tarrant County

- Develop and maintain a Coordinated Assessment System that is responsive to needs of providers, consumers, and changing dynamics of resources and environmental conditions
- Effectively triage phone calls of persons with a housing crisis to prevent entry into the homeless emergency response system
- Support the capacity and opportunity of persons who present at emergency shelters to self-resolve out of their homeless status with non-housing supports such as information, transportation, critical documents, and the direct client services fund
- **Strategically target appropriate level and type of housing intervention and resources for persons who *are not able* to self-resolve**
- **Document and verify homelessness, disability, veteran and family status**
- **Prioritize consumers with a methodology that is understood, transparent, evenly administered, accountable and responsive**
- **Provide a well managed, accurate, dynamic housing prioritization list**

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Tarrant County Homeless Coalition

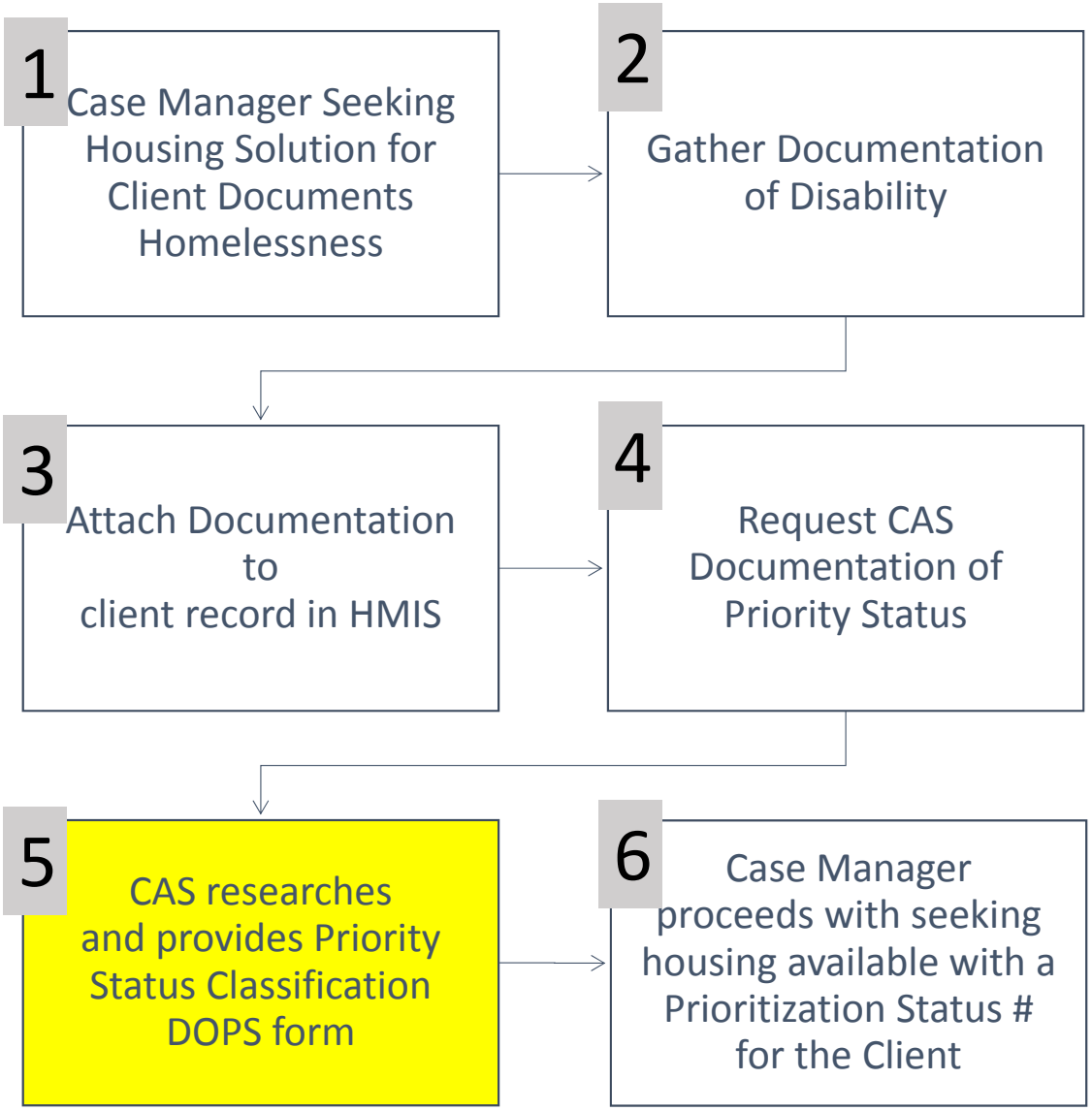
HOMELESS HELPLINE

817-996-8800

CALL OR TEXT 8 AM - 10 PM

Elements of the Prioritization Process

1. Documentation of Homeless Status
   - How long homeless and proof of homelessness within and outside the CoC
2. Documentation of Disability
   - What physical, mental health or behavior health conditions exist that are of a persistent nature and preventing a client from getting housed
3. Documentation of Household Status
   - Are there children under the age of 18 in the household
4. Documentation of Veteran Status
   - Are you a veteran, what is the discharge status and are you VA eligible or ineligible
5. Severity of Service Needs
   - Housing Assessment Form / VI-SPDAT


1
Case Manager Seeking Housing Solution for Client Documents Homelessness
2
Gather Documentation of Disability
3
Attach Documentation to client record in HMIS
4
Request CAS Documentation of Priority Status
5
CAS researches and provides Priority Status Classification DOPS form
6
Case Manager proceeds with seeking housing available with a Prioritization Status # for the Client

P12 Coordinated Assessment Prioritization Guidelines for CoC Housing Resources

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	Priority	Homeless Category	Length of Stay in Homelessness	Where Experience Homelessness	Severity of Service Needs	Documented Disability
Dedicated CH PSH Beds	P1	Chronic - Individual or HHLD with Children	> 12 Months Continuous *OR* Total of at least 4 Episodes Total > 12 months in 3 years	UN, ES, SH	High = VI-SPDAT Score of 10 or greater	Yes
	P2	Chronic - Individual or HHLD with Children	> 12 Months Continuous *OR* Total of at least 4 Episodes Total > 12 months in 3 years	UN, ES, SH	LowerVI-SPDAT Score of 5 or greater	Yes
	P3	Chronic - Individual or HHLD with Children	Total of at least 4 Episodes Total < 12 months in 3 years	UN, ES, SH	High = VI-SPDAT Score of 10 or greater	Yes
	P4	Chronic - Individual or HHLD with Children	Total of at least 4 Episodes Total < 12 months in 3 years	UN, ES, SH	LowerVI-SPDAT Score of 5 or greater	Yes
Committed CH Beds Created by Turnover (85% program goal)	P5	Category 1 - Individual or HHLD with Children	Any Length of Stay OR = < 90 Days Institution	UN, ES, SH *OR* Institution IF UN ES SH Prior to entry	High = VI-SPDAT Score of 10 or greater	Yes
	P6	Category 1 - Individual or HHLD with Children	> or = 6 Months Continuous *OR* at least 3 episodes in 3 years > = 6 Months *OR* = < 90 Days in Institution	UN, ES, SH *OR* Institution IF UN ES SH Prior to entry	LowerVI-SPDAT Score of 5 or greater	Yes
	P7	Category 1 - Individual or HHLD with Children	Any time > 30 days *OR* = < 90 Days Institution	UN, ES, SH *OR* Institution IF UN ES SH Prior to entry	LowerVI-SPDAT Score of 5 or greater	Yes
	P8	Category 1 - Individual or HHLD with Children	*Any Length of Stay > 14 days*	TH IF previous UN, ES, or SH *(dependant on funding source CoC or ESG)*	LowerVI-SPDAT Score of 5 or greater	Yes
Transitional Housing	P9	Category 1 or 4 HHLD with Children	*Any Length of Stay*	UN, ES, SH	LowerVI-SPDAT Score of 5 or greater	Not required. Collect documenation if available
	P10	Category 1 or 4 Individual	*Length of Stay > 14 days*	UN ES SH	LowerVI-SPDAT Score of 5 or greater	Not required. Collect documenation if available
Rapid Rehousing	P11	Category 1 or 4 HHLD with Children	*Any Length of Stay*	UN ES SH	LowerVI-SPDAT Score of 5 or greater	Not required. Collect documenation if available
	P12	Category 1 or 4 Individual	*Length of Stay > 14 days*	UN ES SH	LowerVI-SPDAT Score of 5 or greater	Not required. Collect documenation if available
Homeless Prevention	NP 1	Homeless Category 2 Individual or HHLD with Children OR Category 1 Homeless	Primary nighttime residence lost within 14 days OR Category 1 Homeless with Length of Stay < 14 days	No Subsequent residence identified and no social networks to obtain permanent housing OR ES	VI-SPDAT Score of 0 or greater	Not required. Collect documenation if available
	NP 2	At-Risk of Homelessness Category 1, 2 or 3 Individual or HHLD with Children	Primary nighttime residence will be lost within 21 days	Meet any At Risk of Homelessness Criteria	VI-SPDAT Score of 0 or greater	Not required. Collect documenation if available

Documentation of Priority Status

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P12 system *(formerly P3)*

P1-4 – Chronic Homeless Dedicated PSH Beds

P5-8 – Non Dedicated to Chronic PSH Beds (85% policy)

P9 – TH Beds for families with high level of service needs

P10 – TH Beds for individuals with high level of service needs

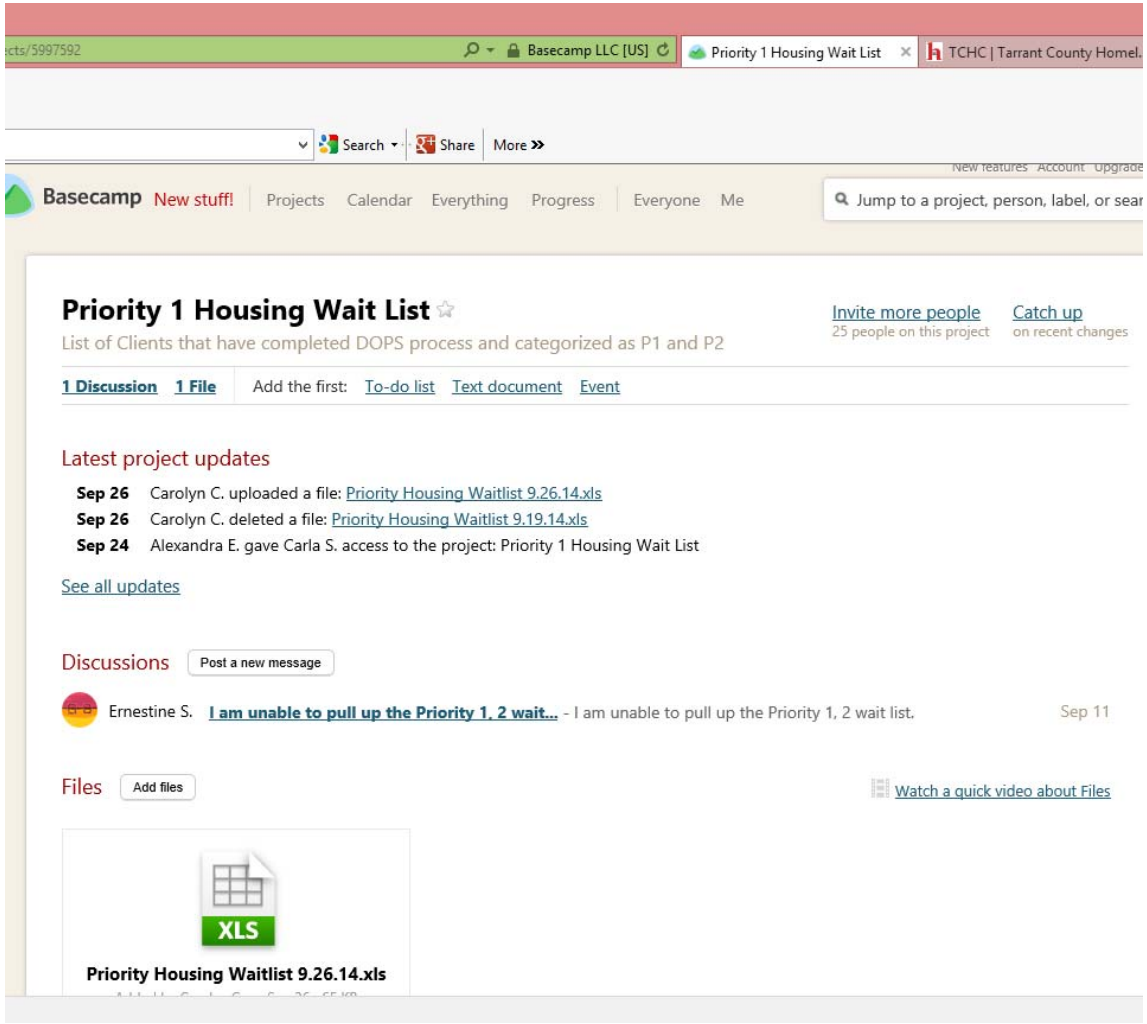
P11 – RRH Beds for families with low level of service needs

P12 – RRH Beds for individuals with low level of service needs

Base Camp Housing Priority List

Weekly Generated Priority List

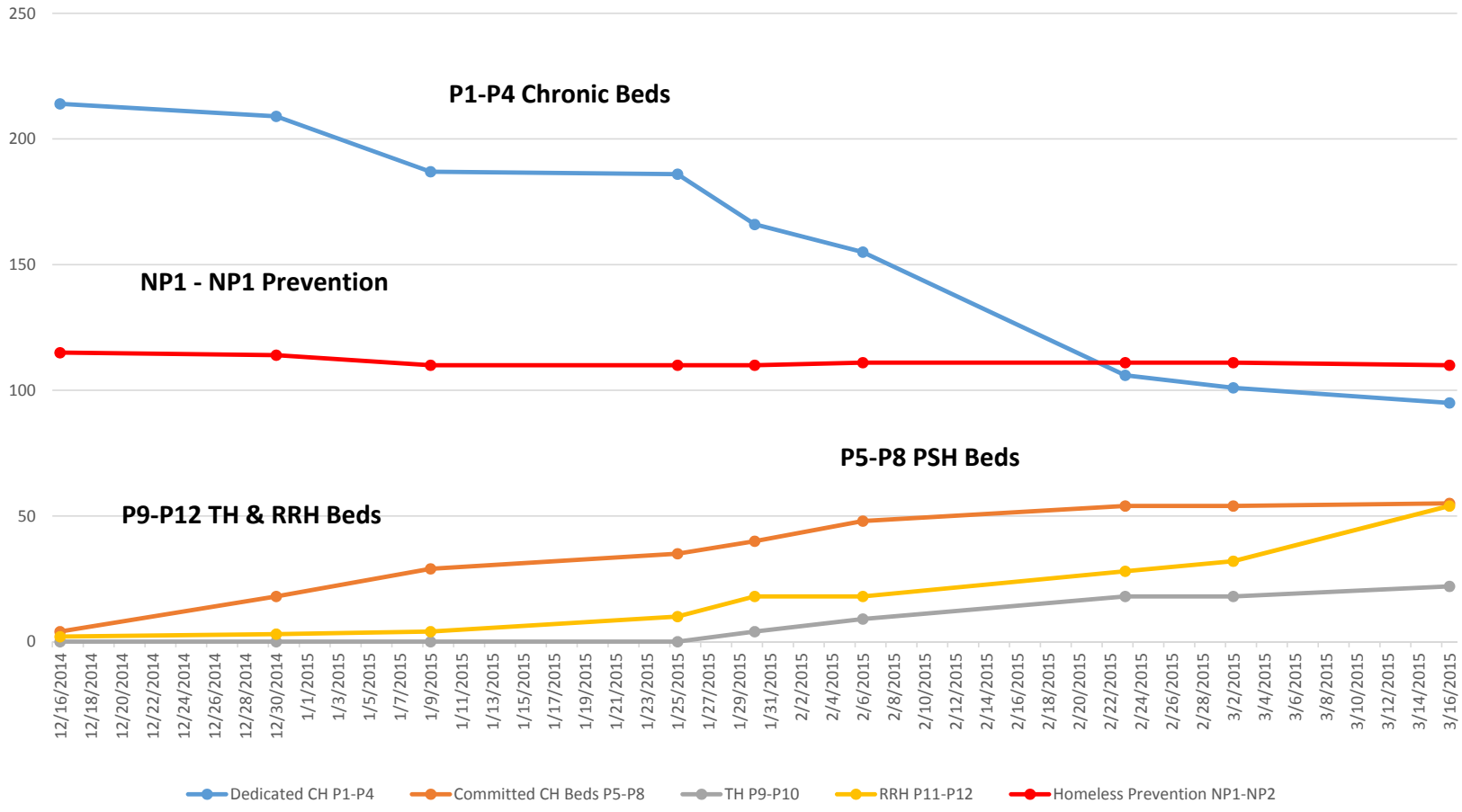
Uploaded every Friday



Prioritization Numbers to Date

- Process began in April 2014
- 652 Clients have been Prioritized
  - 210 Identified as Chronically Homeless
- 316 Housed
  - 140 Housed were Chronically Homeless

Prioritization List Trends



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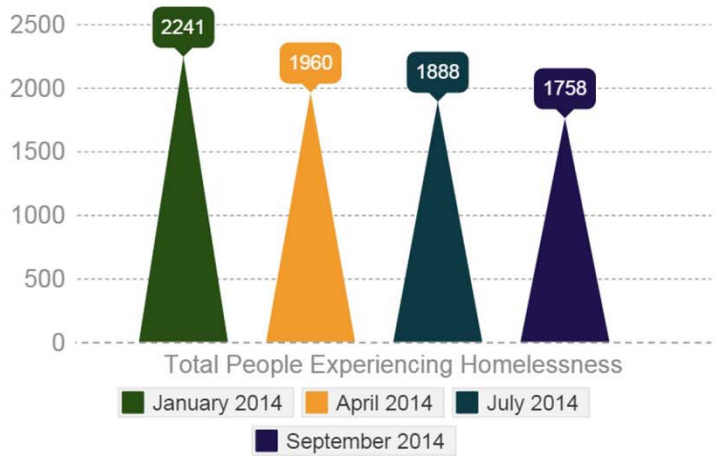
Continuum of Care

Community Progress on Ending Homelessness

October 8, 2014

How Many People Are Homeless in Tarrant & Parker County



Tarrant & Parker County September Point in Time Count of 1737 reflects a 7% decrease from the July PIT Count and a 22% decrease from the January PIT Count

Thank you