



# Coordinated Assessment System Committee

March 27, 2024



# Welcome to the CAS Monthly Meeting!

## Coordinated Assessment System (CAS)

### Committee Members

- i. Priscilla Bates - Raleigh Housing Authority
- ii. Tosheria Brown - Oak City Cares – Coordinated Entry Lead
- iii. Emily Downing - The Green Chair Project & Healing Transitions
- iv. Paige Felton - The Women’s Center
- v. Alexis Hampton - Healing Transitions
- vi. David Harris - Wake County
- vii. Talisha Lewis - Haven House
- viii. Michelle Mozingo - Wake County Public Schools System
- ix. Rebekah Shamberger - Town of Apex
- x. Allison Sickels - Wake County
- xi. Arlene Smith - Wake Med
- xii. Nicole Wilson - Veterans’ Affairs
- xiii. Erin Yates - CASA
- xiv. Tamara Young - Grace Within Transitions Foundation

# Coordinated Access System Committee Governance

## Roles & Responsibilities

- Ensuring fair and equitable distribution of services and resources.
- Regularly reviewing and overseeing the prioritization process.
- Ensuring consumers, providers, and key stakeholders are involved with the prioritization process.
- Ensuring homelessness service providers receive ongoing training and learning opportunities.
- Recommend changes/modifications to the CAS Written Standards and the policies and procedures.
- Ensuring feedback loops are created for consumers and homeless system providers. Feedback should be presented to the CoC Governance Board.
- Provide oversight of the CoC's CAS Lead to ensure compliance with HUD reporting, standards, and expectations.

# Coordinated Access System Committee Governance

## Priorities given from the Governance Board

- 1) New prioritization process
- 2) Creation of a VI-SPDAT Alternative
- 3) Update/Creation of a Policies and Procedures manual

# Agenda



- 1) Introduction of New CAS Committee Member
  - Talisha Lewis (Haven House)
- 2) Current Prioritization Follow-up
- 3) Creation of New Coordinated Entry Prioritization
  - Create a timeline for entire process
  - Creation of survey questions
- 4) Creation of New Assessment Tool
  - Create a timeline for the entire process
- 5) How to create a CE System that fully encompasses all the definitions of homelessness?

## Current By-Name List Prioritization

- 1) Disability
- 2) Cumulative length of time homeless in a shelter or street outreach
- 3) Chronicity
  - HUD Definition: Has been homeless and living as described for at least 12 months or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years, as long as the combined occasions equal at least 12 months and each break in homelessness separating the occasions included at least 7 consecutive nights of not living as described.
- 4) Other programs client is enrolled in
  - The more programs enrolled, higher on the list of prioritization
- 5) VISPDAT

# By-Name List

## Current BNL Fields

1. Client Full Name
2. Unique Identifier
3. Gender
4. Current Age
5. Date of Birth
6. SNN- Last 4
7. Veteran Status
8. Race and Ethnicity
9. Last Recorded HMIS Activity Date
10. Last Active Agency
11. Most Recent Enrollment ID
12. Most Recent Enrolling Program
13. Most Recent Enrolling Project Type
14. On the night before – Street, ES, SH
15. Residence prior to project Entry
16. Most recent enrollment project start date
17. MR enrollment household move-in date
18. MRE project exit date
19. MRE exit destination
20. Rental subsidy

## By-Name List

### Current BNL Fields

1. MRE Household Type
2. MRE Household Adult Count
3. MRE Household Child Count
4. MRE Age of oldest household member
5. Chronically homeless at Project Start of MRE
6. Times homeless in past three years
7. Total months homeless in past three years
8. Disabling condition
9. LOS MRE
- 10. MR Current living situation date**
11. MR Current living situation
12. MR CE Assessment Score
13. CE Assessment Completion Status

\*\*\*There are still more fields\*\*\*



## By-Name List Prioritization

### Information from Stephen Gruver

- Consider prioritizing pregnant women in their 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester for shelter or housing.
  - This was presented to Stephen Gruver from Brian Klausner of WakeMed
  - They have seen patients come into the hospital, in their 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester and they and their family are stay on a hotel
  - Have been through Coordinated Entry but on the waitlist for shelter

## By-Name List Prioritization Timeline

### Information found via the NC Balance of State

Order of Priority: Updated to reflect the new order of priority for ESG and/or CoC-funded permanent housing.

- 1) Most severe service needs, as determined through HART acuity score.
- 2) Highest HART acuity score and experiencing unsheltered homelessness.
- 3) Highest HART acuity score and the longest length of time homeless.
- 4) Highest HART acuity score and disabling condition.
- 5) Family with highest HART acuity score.

## CE Assessment Tool Timeline

Information found via the NC Balance of State

- 1) Revision with Stakeholders
- 2) Pilot Phase
- 3) Analysis and Revision with Community
  - Points & weighing was applied after the analysis
- 4) Training Phase
- 5) Launch Phase

\*\*\*They basically gave each phase two months\*\*\*

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## Homeless Assessment & Referral Tool (HART)

### 1) Housing and Homeless History (Weighted 4.2)

- 1) How long has it been since you lived in your own place?
- 2) How many months have you been without a home, such as living outside or in a shelter?
- 3) Where did you sleep last night?
- 4) Where will you sleep tonight?

### 2) Risk (Weight 1)

- 1) Did you leave your previous or current living situation because you felt unsafe?
- 2) Have you experienced violence since becoming homeless?
- 3) Have you ever experienced violence with someone close to you?
- 4) Are you currently experiencing or feel you are at risk of experiencing violence?

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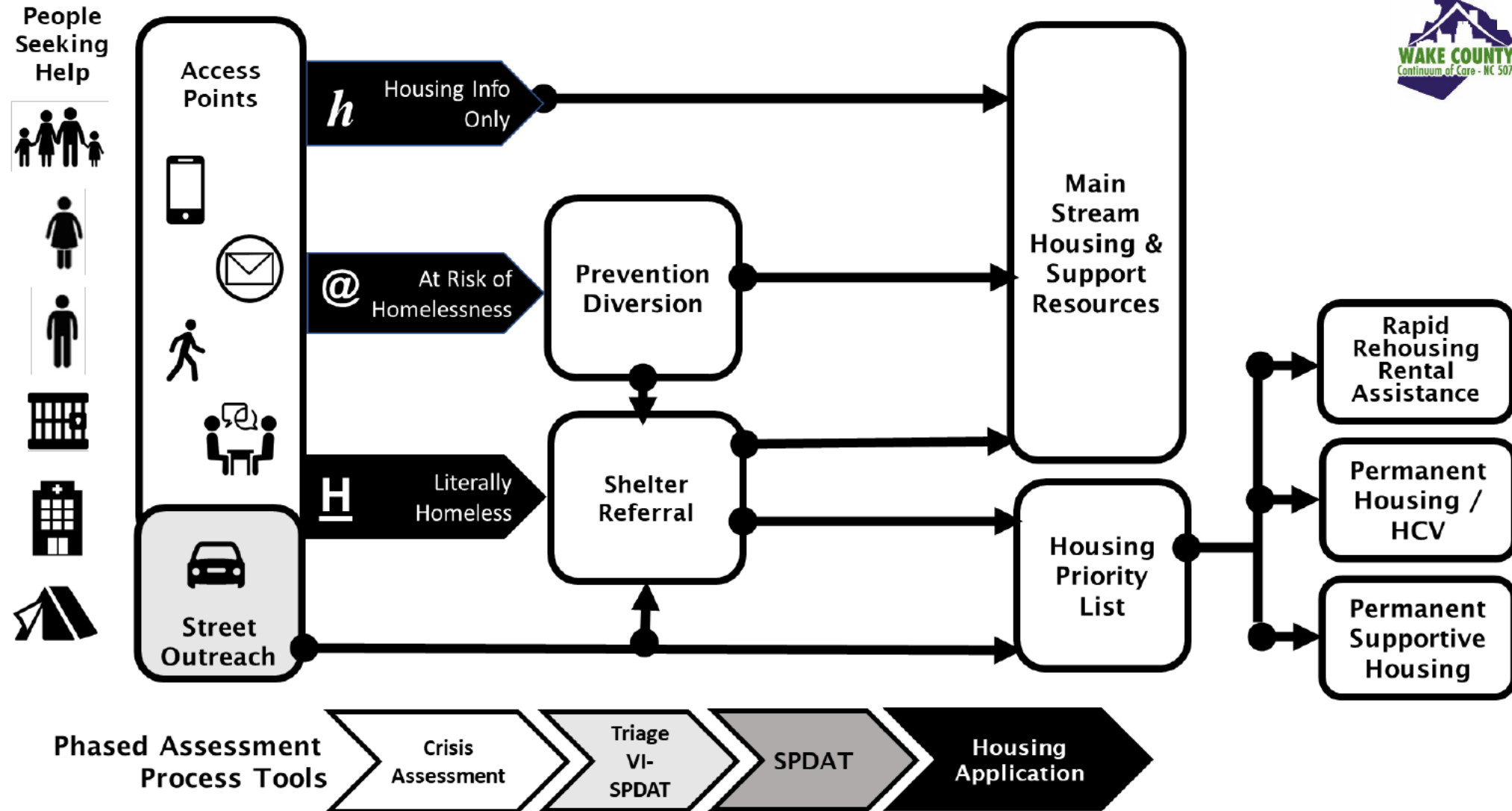
### 1) Health & Wellness (Weighted 3.25)

- 1) Does anyone in your household have any physical or mental health conditions that are treated or have been treated by a professional?
- 2) Do you have lung cancer, kidney or liver failure, heart disease, or a substance use disorder?
- 3) Is the lack of housing making it hard to get to a doctor's office or take prescribed medications?
- 4) Do you have health insurance?

### 2) Family Unit (Weighted 3)

- 1) What is the date of birth of all family members?
- 2) Is anyone in the household pregnant?
- 3) How many **children** under the age of 18 are not currently staying with your family, but would live with you? (if you have a home)
- 4) How many **adults** 18 or older are not currently staying with your family, but would live with you? (if you had a home)

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## Next Steps:

- **Prioritization:**
  - Continue to look at ways Street Outreach and Shelter may not inhibit getting services to clients that refuse shelter or do not qualify for SO
  - Potential prioritization of those that are “Medically Fragile” (i.e. 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester, Receiving Chemo, Receiving Dialysis,
  
- **Assessment:**
  - Look over the HART Assessment questions and adapt them to better fit our community
  - Potentially add more sections to gain more specific information pertaining to barriers and demographics



## Next Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

10:00 A.M.