

**Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care
2018 Order of Priority Policy**

Permanent Supportive Housing Prioritization

Beginning with the FY 2013 competition, programs funded under the Continuum of Care (CoC) program that provided Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) were asked to prioritize a percentage of available beds for individuals who are considered to be chronically homeless. In FY17, the Missouri Balance of State Continuum of Care (Mo BoS CoC) required that new PSH projects dedicate any new beds to chronically homeless persons and strongly advised existing PSH projects to dedicate or apply DedicatedPLUS rules to their existing beds. As this priority is ratified in the FY18 competition, all PSH beds within the Mo BoS CoC have been dedicated for the chronically homeless population.

In 2016, HUD released Notice CPD-16-11 titled Prioritizing Persons Experiencing Chronic Homelessness in Permanent Supportive Housing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Documenting Chronic Homeless Status. Within beds that were dedicated or prioritized for the chronically homeless, each PSH must select persons for Permanent Supportive Housing in the following order:

Order of Priority 1—A household should be prioritized first in dedicated or prioritized PSH if all of the following are true:

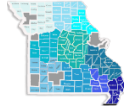
- (a) Individual or head of household meets the definition of chronically homeless per 24 CFR 578.3; and,
- (b) The length of time the individual or head of household has been homeless is at least 12 months continuously or over a of at least four occasions in the past 3 years where the total length of time homeless totals at least 12 months; and,
- (c) The individual or head of household has been identified as having severe service needs.

Order of Priority 2—A household should be prioritized second in dedicated or prioritized PSH if all of the following are true:

- (a) Individual or head of household meets the definition of chronically homeless per 24 CFR 578.3; and,
- (b) The length of time the individual or head of household has been living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter is at least 12 months continuously or over a period of at least four occasions in the past 3 years where the total length of time homeless totals at least 12 months; and,
- (c) The individual or head of household has NOT been identified as having severe service needs; and,
- (d) There are no chronically homeless households within the Mo BoS CoC's geographic area that meet the criteria under Order of Priority 1 for dedicated or prioritized PSH.

Order of Priority 3—A household should be prioritized third in dedicated or prioritized PSH if all of the following are true:

- (a) Individual or head of household meets the definition of chronically homeless per 24 CFR 578.3; and,
- (b) The length of time the individual or head of household has been living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter is at least four occasions in the past 3 years where the total length of time homeless totals less than 12 months; and,
- (c) The individual or head of household has been identified as having severe service needs; and



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(d) There are no chronically homeless households within the Mo BoS CoC's geographic area that meet the criteria under Order of Priority 1 and 2 for dedicated or prioritized PSH.

Order of Priority 4—A household should be prioritized fourth in dedicated or prioritized PSH if all of the following are true:

- (a) Individual or head of household meets the definition of chronically homeless per 24 CFR 578.3;
- (b) The length of time the individual or head of household has been living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter is at least four occasions in the past 3 years where the total length of time homeless totals less than 12 months (see question 5 below); and,
- (c) The individual or head of household has NOT been identified as having severe service needs; and
- (d) There are no chronically homeless households within the Mo BoS CoC's geographic area that meet

The Order of Priority is also followed in the Mo BoS CoC Coordinated Entry Procedures for all projects in the following order as updated & approved by the Board March 27, 2018.

Prioritization and Program Type Match

Order of Priority

1. Chronic
2. Severity of Service Needs (as indicated by VI-SPDAT Score)
3. Length of Time Homeless
4. Disability
5. Currently Living in A Place Not Meant for Human Habitation
6. Currently fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, dating violence, or stalking
7. Currently Living in a Safe Haven or Emergency Shelter
8. Currently Living in Transitional Housing
9. Veteran Status
10. Family Size

To comply with The Mo BoS CoC Order of Priority, if two participants eligible for a housing resource are similar, you must move from Priority 1 down the Order of Priority until there is a difference between participants. For example, Participant 1 is chronic, VI-SPDAT score of 12 and Participant 2 is non-chronic, VI-SPDAT score 13. Participant 1 would be chosen because they met Priority 1 but Participant 2 did not. In another example, Participant 3 is non-chronic, VI-SPDAT 11, 10 months homeless, not disabled, currently living in an emergency shelter; and Participant 4 is non-chronic, VI-SPDAT 11, 10 months homeless, not disabled, currently living in a tent. Participant 4 would be chosen because they met Priority 5 and Participant 3 did not.

Consultation during case conferencing will be factored into any decisions or placements that vary from the following minimum standards:

- The minimum score on the VI-SPDAT 2.0 for a PSH referral is 4, and Order of Priority will be followed. If a participant scores in the referral range for PSH, but no PSH units are available, that participant may be referred to a RRH unit until a PSH bed is available.
- The minimum score on a VI-SPDAT 2.0 for RRH/TH is 2, and Order of Priority will be followed.