

Homelessness Prevention - Other Risk Factors to be Used

For Homelessness Prevention activities, in addition to HPRP eligibility requirements, are there other risk factors that will be used to determine eligibility and/or prioritization for homelessness prevention assistance? Yes

If yes, identify the criteria to be used and provide a brief description, including how the criteria will be used (e.g. limited to only certain types of HPRP assistance or applied across all subgrantees and types of assistance) and rationale for why the criteria were chosen (limit 2500 characters).

Michigan has developed a common initial screening and intake assessment. Statewide the following risk factors were defined for prevention consumers. They reflect both factors that are related to homelessness as well as some unique Michigan issues. The "matrix" of risk factors was developed with providers statewide that had experience in prevention programming. The factors beyond insufficient income and a lack of access to adequate support systems to sustain housing include:

(1) Has or is likely to gain sufficient ongoing income to sustain housing (job, SSI, TANF, etc), (2) Barriers to sustaining housing are moderate and may be addressed within 3 months, (3) Actual or pending Eviction within 2 weeks, (4) Institutional care within 2 weeks of discharge, (4) Condemned or Sub-Standard Housing, (5) At risk for utility shut off, (5) Overcrowding in a doubled-up situation, (6) Over 50% of income spent on housing, (7) sudden loss of income. Factors 1 and 2 are included to prioritize those individual who are likely to be successful with shallow subsidy.

Following the screening assessment, additional factors are included to prioritize aid and identify issues that will need to be addressed in the Housing Plan. Each community develops it's own metric for how they plan to use the secondary factors. This allows for a distribution of funds that is sensitive to local conditions. Secondary factors include: rental arrearage, homeless history, foreclosure of rental housing, unemployment (short term, long term, job elimination), loss of unemployment benefits, frequent job changes, language or communication barriers, transportation that impacts employment, education barriers, young household with young children, domestic violence, medical debt, foster care history, physical disabilities or chronic health issues, medical crisis that impacts employment, recent death of a spouse, mental health or substance abuse issues, and criminal history. Some factors may be used to trigger additional information gathering or to refer for alternative services.

Finally, Michigan has established an HPRP quality improvement/benchmarking group that will review our selection plan factors and fine tune them as indicated once we are in a "live environment." Core to this process will be a review of outcomes that have been built into the system. We anticipate our selection process to narrow somewhat with experience and that our choices will be data informed.

Data Collection Plan

Will beneficiary data be entered (or uploaded at least quarterly) into a single HMIS at the grantee level in order to generate unduplicated data for "Persons and Households Served" questions in the QPR? Yes

If yes, briefly describe the HMIS to be used and the plan to ensure data quality (completeness and accuracy)(limit 2000 characters).

Lead HPRP agencies in each CoC and BOS community were identified statewide to implement HPRP. All agencies are participating on Michigan's Statewide HMIS (MSHMIS). The MSHMIS has nearly 550 participating agencies and provides extensive training in data quality accompanied by multiple report options. In collaboration with the MSHMIS Vendor, HPRP sharing protocols, workflows as well as recommended system configurations were clearly defined, tested, and documented. Lead Agencies from across Michigan attended training sessions that we offered 2/week throughout September and continuing 1/week on an ongoing basis. Anticipating live entry to begin in October, sessions of running the reports including the HPRP Data Quality Reports will begin in late October. These sessions will also be ongoing throughout the life of the grant. Finally, and most importantly, data quality reports reflecting the Statewide implementation will be provided to MSHMIS to support routine oversight.

If no, briefly describe the HMIS(s) and/or other comparable client-level database(s) that will be used by one or more subgrantees and the plan to ensure data quality (completeness and accuracy)(limit 2000 characters).

Summary

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Grantee State	No Input Required
Grantee Information	10/5/09 3:29 PM
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