

Rapid Rehousing Task Force

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Minutes

We discussed the Housing Preference Survey and the Document Checklist that is currently being utilized to match individuals and families to Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and how to adapt these forms to fit Rapid Rehousing (RRH) needs.

The Housing Preference Survey is a survey answered by the head of household, which is aimed at determining their geographic preference for housing, barriers to housing (e.g., eviction record, felony record, and documentation), and preferences or requirements of the housing unit (e.g., first floor, patio, parking for vehicle, and elevator access). The version of the Housing Preference Survey that was reviewed can be found here:

http://ocpartnership.net/images/website/1236/files/housing_preference_survey_-_2.3.2016_2392.pdf

Overview of the changes to the Housing Preference Survey, as proposed by those in attendance:

- Question 9: Take out
- Question 10: Make the question a bit broader like: 'What is your income?' 'What are your financial resources?' or 'What is your household income?'
- Question 11 and 12: Stay in and include whether client has been asked to leave, has abandoned the unit or has been given notice.
- Question 13 – 17: Take out
- Question 18: Do you owe money to a housing authority?
- Question 19: Stays in
- Question 21: Needs more inclusive language like: Have you or a member of your family, ever been convicted of a felony.
- Questions 26, 27 and 29: Take out
- Questions 28 and 30: Stay in.

The Document Checklist establishes the minimum required documentation for an individual or family to be matched to a housing opportunity. The version of the Document Checklist that was reviewed can be found here:

http://ocpartnership.net/images/website/1236/files/housing_documents_checklist_2.3.2016_2394.pdf

Those in attendance established that the Required Documentation needed to be matched to a RRH opportunity, is as follows:

- Pre-Screening Tool, VI- SPDAT and Housing Preference Survey are still needed and so are HMIS client consent forms for everyone in the household over 18.

- A family can still be housed even if there are un-documented members of that family. One person over 18 needs to have status although this can sometimes depend on the landlord.
- There is no need for the Chronic Homeless Status form as clients do not need to be Chronically Homeless in order to enter RRH.
- Also there is no need for the Disabling Condition Verification.