

Tennessee Valley Continuum of Care

Polices, Plans, and Procedures

COC Governing Council

Permanent Supportive Housing Prioritizing		
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I. Subject: Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care (CoC) Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) Assistance Prioritizing

II. Purpose: To establish prioritizing guidance for HUD CoC PSH providers for administering assistance to homeless participant(s) when PSH beds are not dedicated or not prioritized for occupancy by person experiencing chronic homelessness.

III. Objective: To meet the requirements of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Continuum of Care Interim Rule (24 CFR 578) and Notice CPD 16-11.

IV. Authority: TN Valley Continuum of Care

V. Procedure and Responsibilities:

1. TN Valley Continuum of Care (TVCoC) will follow the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) CPD-16-11 guidance and Continuum of Care Interim Rule (24 CFR 578) when administering Permanent Supportive Housing to the homeless when using CoC HUD funding for beds not dedicated or not prioritized for occupancy by person experiencing chronic homelessness. This guidance is based upon:
 - a. Notice CPD 16-11 which supersedes Notice CPD 14-012 that was adopted by TVCoC on November 19, 2015.
 - b. Notice CPD 16-11 reflects the new definition of chronically homeless as defined in CoC Program interim rule.

2. TVCoC CoC program funded PSH that are not dedicated or prioritized for the chronically homeless would be required to follow this order of priority when selecting participants for housing, in a manner consistent with their current grant agreement.
 - a. First Priority – Homeless individuals and families with a disability with long periods of episodic homelessness and severe service needs.
“An individual or family that is eligible for CoC program funded PSH who has experienced fewer than four occasions where they have been living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter but where the cumulative time homeless is at least 12 months and has been identified as having severe service needs”
 - b. Second Priority – Homeless individuals and families with a disability with severe service needs.
“An individual or family that is eligible for CoC program funded PSH who is residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter and has been identified as having severe service needs. The length of time in which households have been homeless should also be considered when prioritizing households that meet this order of priority but there is not a minimum length of time required.”
 - c. Third Priority – Homeless individuals and families with a disability coming from places not meant for human habitation, safe haven or emergency shelter without severe service needs.
“An individual or family that is eligible for CoC program funded PSH who is residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven or an emergency shelter where the individual or family has not been identified as having severe service needs. The length of time in which households have been homeless should be considered when prioritizing households that meet this order of priority, but there is not a minimum length of time required.
 - d. Fourth Priority – Homeless individuals and families with a disability coming from transitional housing.
“An individual or family that is eligible for CoC program funded PSH who is Currently residing in a transitional housing project, where prior to residing in a transitional housing project, had lived in a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or safe haven. This priority also includes individuals and families residing in transitional housing who were fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking and prior to residing in that transitional housing project even if they did not live in a place not meant for human habitation, an emergency shelter, or a safe haven prior to entry in the transitional housing.:
3. Recipient of CoC program funded PSH should follow the order of priority above, as adopted by the CoC, while also considering the goals and any identified target populations served by the project. For example, non-dedicated or non-prioritized CoC program funded PSH that is permitted to target youth experiencing homelessness should follow the order of priority under section III.B.1 of Notice CPT 16-11, as adopted by the CoC, to the extent in which youth meet the stated criteria.

4. HUD CoC recipient must exercise due diligence when conducting outreach and assessment to ensure that person are prioritized for assistance based on their length of time homeless and the severity of their needs following the order of priority described in Notice CPD 16-11. They are also encouraged to follow Housing First approach to the maximum extent practicable. Street outreach providers should continue to make attempts to engage those persons and have been resistant to accepting an offer of PSH and where the COC has adopted the notice must continue to prioritize these individuals until they are housed.

VI: Cancellation:

This policy supersedes all previous instructions.

Governing Council Member