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New Men's Shelter on Bartillon

Target Population, Capacity, and Prioritization

The Men's Shelter serves male-identified individuals over the age of 18. The shelter has a fixed capacity of 250 beds across six (6) dormitory spaces. Due to capacity limits, the shelter prioritizes access for the most vulnerable individuals who are unhoused and have expressed an interest in staying at shelter. The following prioritization processes are used to fill open beds:

- Priority 1: Hospital Returns - enrolled guests, returning from a hospitalization.
- Priority 2: Unsheltered Priority List - waitlist for those actively using Street Outreach who meet at least one of the following Medical Vulnerability Criteria:
    - Age 65 or Older
    - Medical Equipment and Treatment
        - Requires medical equipment to sleep or maintain basic health overnight (e.g., oxygen, CPAP, heart monitor), or
        - Requires refrigerated medication (e.g., insulin), or
        - Is currently receiving wound care or frostbite treatment.
    - Mobility → Uses a wheelchair and is unable to walk without a wheelchair.
    - Hospice Care → A medical professional has told them they are eligible for hospice care.
- Priority 3: First-Come, First-Served (FCFS) List - waitlist for those actively using Street Outreach or Day Shelter.

Waitlist and Referral Process

The Unsheltered Priority and FCFS waitlists are generated from the HMIS using data collected by Street Outreach and Day Shelter staff working with clients enrolled in those projects. Individuals seeking shelter who are not already connected to one of these projects should be referred as appropriate.

To appear on the First-Come, First-Served (FCFS) List, an individual must meet all of the following:

- Have an active enrollment in a participating Street Outreach or Day Shelter project; and
- Have completed the Shelter Interest Assessment in HMIS, indicating interest; and
- Have a recent attendance record from a Day Shelter, or unsheltered Current Living Situation (CLS) documented by a Street Outreach project in HMIS.

To appear on the Unsheltered Priority List, an individual must meet the criteria for the FCFS list; and

- Have an active enrollment in a participating Street Outreach project; and
- Meet at least one Medical Vulnerability Criteria (listed under Priority 2, above).

Bed Utilization and Service Engagement Expectations

The shelter operates with a housing-focused approach. Guests must use their assigned bed nightly in order to retain it. There is no maximum length of stay; continued stay requires engagement in services that support progress toward housing.

First 90 Days - All guests create a housing-focused plan and have access to available services such as housing workshops and case management appointments. Participation is encouraged but not required.

After 90 Days - All guests are required to engage in housing-focused case management services either on-site or through coordination with external providers.