HOUSING STABILITY TEAM (HST) – COUNTY GENERAL FUND (CGF) Wellsky Handbook

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Questions?

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Housing Stability Team Wellsky Handbook - Revision History

- Original version published September 2020
- November 10th, 2020, Update:
 - Added more bullets to Data Milestones
 - Clarified program entry instructions
 - o Included Household Data sharing option
 - o Clarified services instructions
 - Clarified program exit instructions
- February 5th, 2025 Update:
 - o Updated language from ServicePoint to Wellsky
 - o Updated Race and Inclusive Identity section

HOUSING STABILITY TEAM PROGRAM MODEL

Housing Stability Team (HST) is a program to promote housing stability for clients enrolled in DCHS and Health Department programs. HST consists of two funding sources, which have different eligibility and reporting requirements: County General Fund (CGF) and Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA).

The information contained within this handbook provides instructions related to the County General Fund.

Households are eligible for County General Funds if they meet the following criteria:

- At risk of homeless/eviction.
- Have utility shut off notice (when other funds are not available).

DATA MILESTONES - HOUSING STABILITY TEAM - CGF

ENTRY SERVICES EXIT Exit client in Wellsky Add client to Wellsky* Track services in Create household* Exit from program Wellsky Add all ADULTS immediately; use end Current and future to household of month as Exit Date. services: use first of Add child only if If client returns within month as Start Date; main client** 90 days of Exit Date, use end of month as • Create program entry delete exit to continue End Date; record only Include all ADULTS recording services. one month per service from household in entry If client returns 90 Past services / Use first of month days or more after Exit Arrears: use first of as Entry Date Date, open new entry. month as Start and • Record Interim Update End Dates (one day Use end of month transaction) as Interim Date Answer only under head of household All data entry is due by 15th of following month

^{*}Instructions for doing these items are not covered in this handbook. If you have any questions or would like to schedule training, contact Kat Thompson at 971-202-8330 or kat.thompson@multco.us.

^{**}This caveat applies to the Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities HST-CGF program only.

ENTERING CLIENTS

1. HOUSEHOLD	Every client needs 1 (and only 1) household
Household Type	
Head of Household	Only one person should be designated as head of household
Relationship to Head of HH	If client is head of household, this should be 'Self'
HH Date Entered	Required if entering client into Wellsky for the first time. Same as Program Entry Date.

2. ENTRY Without a program entry, clients will not appear in reports

- Create a program entry for the Head of Household by clicking on "Add Entry/Exit" from the Summary or Entry/Exit tabs. Click the check boxes next to the names of all adults in the household to include them in the program entry.
- Once in the entry, click on EACH adult household member to enter their program entry data.
- Use Household Data button to copy shared household data from Head of Household's assessment to all other household members' assessments.***

Туре	Always choose 'Basic'	
Entry Date	*Defaults to date of data entry – Change to date date)	e of program entry (i.e. intake
	Complete the following questions for EACH Hou	sehold Member***
Section I	***Questions marked with three asterisks may b Data button	e answered using the Household
Program	Choose relevant program.	
Client Location***	OR-501 Portland/Gresham/Multnomah County	
Household Size***	Total # in household - may be different from # of	people who need an entry.
Relationship to Head of Household	Choose "Self" if head of household. Otherwise, choose appropriate relationship to head of household. One member of the household (and no more than one) must be designated as head of household.	
Date of Birth		
Date of Birth Type		
Gender		
	Click 'Add' to enter clients' self-identified race/ethni	city. Add all that apply.
Inclusive Identity	Q Inclusive Identity (Race/Ethnicity/Origin)	
	Start Date *	Please add all that apply (Race/Ethnicity/Origin):
	Add	

Race	Required in addition to Inclusive Identity. Hold "ctrl" or "cmd" key to select multiple value
Additional Race and Ethnicity Detail	(Optional) Do not answer the same as "Race".
Primary Language	Select Primary Language.
If Primary Language is Other, then Specify	Required if Primary Language chosen above is 'Other' - Do not enter a 2nd language or a language that is part of the picklist options under "Primary Language".
Does the client have a disabling condition?	

Covered by Health Insurance?

Section II	Complete for Head of Household and All Adults
Prior Living Situation***	See Appendix A for additional information about this question
Length of Stay in Previous Place***	See Appendix A for additional information about this question

ENTERING SERVICES

- All services should be entered in the Head of Household's record. Check off the names of all adult household members to include them in the service.
- Don't combine months (unless recording arrears); each month should have its own service transaction.
- Record arrears in a separate transaction from current and future months' services.

SERVICES	
Start Date	Current or future services: First day of the program entry and/or service month Arrears: First day of the program entry month
End Date	Current or future service: Last day of the service month Arrears: First day of the program entry month (same date as Start Date)
Service Type	 Select service from the list of the following categories: Homeless Prevention Programs (deposits, fees, etc) Rent Payment Assistance Utility Assistance
Service Staff	For Bienestar use only
# of Units	Exact dollar amount
Unit Type	Leave blank
Cost Per Unit	Leave blank
Total Cost of Units	Leave blank

EXITING CLIENTS

Answers from Entry will carry over. Be sure to update any responses that have changed.

• If entering multiple data packets at once, use most recent packet to update answers at exit.

EXIT	
Exit Date	Use same date as End Date of last (i.e. most recent) service transaction (likely will be end of program entry and/or service month)
Reason for Leaving	"Completed Program"
Destination	
Section II	Update for Head of Household and all Adults
Does the client have a disabling condition?	
Prior Living Situation***	See Appendix A for additional information about this question
Length of Stay in Previous Place***	See Appendix A for additional information about this question

APPENDIX A

"Prior Living Situation" now has multiple housing situations to choose from. Each housing situation (Homeless, Institutional, and Temporary & Permanent) has a list of options.

Prior Living Situation	Residence just prior to entry (i.e. the night before entry date). Choose only ONE.
Length of Stay in Previous Place	

If response to Prior Living Situation is under HOMELESS SITUATIONS, you will see the following questions:

Approximate date homelessness started

Regardless of where they stayed last night - Number of times client has been on the streets, in emergency shelter, or safe haven in the past 3 years including today

Total number of months homeless on the street, in emergency shelter or safe haven in the past 3 years

If response to Residence Prior to Project Entry is under INSTITUTIONAL SITUATIONS <u>and</u> Length of Stay in Previous Place is less than **90 days**, you will see the following questions:

On the night before [residence prior situation], did client stay on the streets, emergency shelter or safe haven? If yes, complete the following:

Approximate date homelessness started

Regardless of where they stayed last night - Number of times client has been on the streets, in emergency shelter, or safe haven in the past 3 years including today

Total number of months homeless on the street, in emergency shelter or safe haven in the past 3 years

If response to Residence Prior to Project Entry is under TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT HOUSING SITUATIONS and Length of Stay in Previous Place is less than 7 days, you will see the following questions:

On the night before [residence prior situation], did client stay on the streets, emergency shelter or safe haven? If yes, complete the following:

Approximate date homelessness started

Regardless of where they stayed last night - Number of times client has been on the streets, in emergency shelter, or safe haven in the past 3 years including today

Total number of months homeless on the street, in emergency shelter or safe haven in the past 3 years