

# North Carolina Balance of State Continuum of Care

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# **BoS Coordinated Assessment Dialogue Call November 10, 2015**

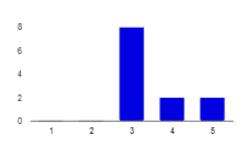
**Present on the call:** Jan Bowman, Thadeous Carr, Sharon Covington, James Cox, Roxanne Curry, Brian Fike, Gabriela Gonzalez, Lynne James, Michelle Knapp, Faye Pierce, Susan Pridgen, Candice Rountree, Janice Sauls, Nina Walker

Staff: Emily Carmody, Corey Root

- Change to VI-SPDAT Version 2
  - Incorporates feedback Orgcode got from the field
  - Specifically around DV elements
    - Shorter, fewer questions
  - Takes on average 7 minutes rather than 9 minutes
    - Removed subjective measures
  - Evaluators making judgment calls based on observation
  - More detail about the changes: ncceh.org/files/6130
  - Step-by-step instructions posted
    - ncceh.org/files/6366
  - Regional Committees
    - Inform all agencies participating in Coordinated Assessment about the change to version 2
    - Provide Orgcode explainer to agencies
      - http://www.orgcode.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/VI-SPDAT v2 Backgrounder.pdf
    - Convert waitlist scores from VI-SPDAT version 1 to version 2
      - Instructions on page 4 of Orgcode explainer
  - Agencies & Staff
    - Supply copies of VI-SPDAT v2.0
      - ncceh.org/bos/coordinatedassessment/
    - All staff administering VI-SPDAT required to watch revised BoS training before January 1, 2016
      - https://prezi.com/ebmxox 3qwqd/vi-spdat-version-2/
    - Collect all copies of the VI-SPDAT v1.0 to be recycled
    - Read the Orgcode explainer document
      - http://www.orgcode.com/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/VI-SPDAT v2 Backgrounder.pdf
    - Begin assessing households with the VI-SPDAT v2.0 as of January 1, 2016

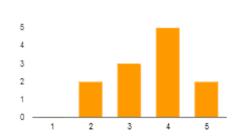
- CA Outcome Reporting
  - o First report due Oct. 15 reporting on July September 2015
  - o Expecting 14 reports
    - Received 12
    - Need info from AHRMM & Caswell
  - NCCEH will be creating coordinated assessment 'report card' to reflect back to Regional Committee what their data says
    - Look for this in December or January
  - o Data reported
    - 0 grievances filed
    - Feedback on Assessment tools was positive-ish
      - P/D screen more neutral

### The Prevention/Diversion screen is successful in triaging households in housing crises.



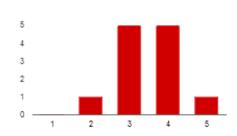
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2	0	0%
3	8	66.7%
4	2	16.7%
Strongly Agree: 5	2	16.7%

#### The VI-SPDAT screen is successful at prioritizing clients for housing resources.



Strongly Disagree: 1 0 0%
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4 5 41.7%
Strongly Agree: 5 2 16.7%

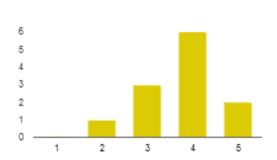
#### The Case Management Tool is successful at ongoing assessment and service planning for clients.



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Strongly Agree: 5 1 8.3%



### The assessment tool trainings are clear and prepare staff to do assessments.



Strongly Disagree: 1	0	0%
2	1	8.3%
3	3	25%
4	6	50%
Strongly Agree: 5	2	16.7%

- o Regional Committee identified many challenges and system gaps
  - Participation
  - System flow
  - Resources
  - Affordable housing
  - Alignment with HUD priorities
  - Homeless definition
  - Prioritization
  - Community/other agency education
  - Tracking and reporting data
  - Not implementing fully
- Regional Committees reported some success with coordinated assessment
  - Regional Committees like the tools
    - VI-SPDAT
  - Increasing education and participation
- o During the call, people gave feedback on Coordinated Assessment Tools
  - Alamance prevention/diversion working well
  - Pitt VI-SPDAT taking longer than expected
    - Will retrain on version 2
    - Still taking 30 minutes?
- Participants also gave feedback on the process of submitting the outcome reports
  - Tally form for P/D was helpful
    - Confusing, but not sure how to improve
    - Layout can be improved
  - Online form was OK
    - NCCEH staff looking at improving form
  - Information gathering was difficult
  - Very frustrating
  - How information relevant?
  - Flow of questions
- BoS Coordinated Assessment Council (CAC) has recommended a CA Plan change policy
  - Changes to plans are expected
  - Some changes made at local level, some required CAC approval



- o For changes that require CAC approval, use form
  - http://goo.gl/forms/Z9iEFKMvT2
- o Changes made at local level report these using the quarterly outcome form

Type of plan change	Level of approval
Change who/how assessments made	Regional Committee
Change is type of service available in	
community	Regional Committee
Adding referral agencies (supplying or	
receiving referrals)	Regional Committee
Model (centralized/decentralized)	Regional Committee
CA lead	Regional Committee
Increasing hours accessible	
(P/D or VI-SPDAT)	Regional Committee
Decreasing hours accessible	
(P/D or VI-SPDAT)	CAC
Transportation resources	Regional Committee
Phone option/not	Regional Committee
Referral mechanism/process	CAC
Waitlist mechanism/process	CAC
Start using real-time bed availability	Regional Committee
Stop/Start using HMIS	CAC
Change grievance process for agency or	
individual	Regional Committee
Change oversight process	Regional Committee
Change score ranges for referrals	Regional Committee
Changes to assessment tools	CAC



## • Short form to request CAC changes

Contact phone numbe	
Contact email *	
The changes listed belo (CAC). Other changes c	I coordinated assessment plan are you requesting? * I we require approval from the Balance of State Coordinated Assessment Council an be made with approval at the Regional Committee level and reported using an Assessment outcome report.
Decreasing the hour and/or the VI-SPDAT	s staff are available to assess clients using the Prevention/Diversion screen
Change to referral to	pol or process
Change to waitlist to	pol or process
Stop/start using HM	IIS
Any change to the F	revention/Diversion screen, VI-SPDAT or case management tool
Please describe in det changes. *	ail the specifc change(s) you are requesting and the reasons for the



- Tips and Tools none
- Challenges & Questions
  - o Pitt County still evaluating if have the right match of services
- Reminders
  - o CA outcomes form due Jan. 15
    - October December 2015
  - o NC 211 updates due Jan. 31
- Next meeting
  - o Tues. Dec. 8, 3-4 pm
  - o Register on NCCEH website
    - ncceh.org/events/945
- Keep in touch
  - o bos@ncceh.org
  - o (919) 755-4393

