AGENDA

Determining Priorities for Coordinated Action around Ending Youth Homelessness in Chicago

Monday, April 24th, 2017, 9:00am to 12:00pm

Heartland Alliance Headquarters at 208 S La Salle, 13th floor

Facilitators: Matthew Morton & Beth Horowitz, Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago

8:30 – 9:00	Register, grab coffee, and get comfortable
9:00 – 9:25	Welcome remarks and motivation for this gathering (Jeri Linas, Teen Living Programs; Commissioner Lisa Morrison Butler, Department of Family and Support Services (DFSS); David Sinski, Heartland Alliance)
9:25 – 9:40	Introductions • Name and association
9:40 – 9:55	Stage setting (Matthew Morton, Chapin Hall) • Agenda for the day and housekeeping • Brief evidence overview • Description of the consolidated criteria – discussion on clarifying existing criteria and whether key criteria are missing • Description of the prioritization exercise
9:55 – 10:15	Round 1: Sequencing
10:15 – 10:25	Brief break
10:25 – 10:40	Round 2: Individual prioritization
10:40 – 11:25	Round 3: Small group prioritization
11:25 – 11:50	Round 4: Next steps
11:50 – 12:00	Closing remarks (Matthew Morton, Chapin Hall; Flora Koppel, Unity Parenting)

CONSOLIDATED CRITERIA

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The below six criteria (prioritization options) represent a consolidated list based on criteria for ending youth homelessness proposed in different documents by the US Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH) and the National Network for Youth (NN4Y).

1. **Identify all unaccompanied homeless youth (UHY) and assess supply gap:** The community works collaboratively with diverse stakeholders, supported by a shared data platform, to reliably identify all unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness and housing instability and assess the most substantial gaps in supply of services to meet the documented need.

2. **Comprehensive coordinated plan with continuum of housing options:** The community has a coordinated plan for addressing youth homelessness. The plan involves an adequate and diverse continuum of housing and service options. The community has a plan for mobilizing resources and developing systems capacity to catalyze progress towards preventing and quickly ending future experiences of youth homelessness.

3. **Prevention and diversion:** The community has a planful approach to preventing youth homelessness, including services to help young people reunify, reconnect or stay with family, and to transition youth out of other systems (e.g., child welfare and juvenile/criminal justice), and otherwise provides immediate access to low-thresholds emergency shelter.

4. **Helping youth out of chronic homelessness:** The community has an adequate and diverse continuum of housing options to meet the needs of homeless and unstably housed youth and uses a Housing First and low-barrier approach to swiftly connect youth to permanent/non-time-limited housing with appropriate services and supports.

5. **Coordinated entry:** The community has a "no wrong door" approach in which coordinated entry effectively links youth experiencing homelessness to housing and services that meet their needs and frequently utilizes developmentally appropriate assessments to match youth to the services with which they are ready to interact.

6. **Outcomes and system-performance measurement:** The community measures the success of programs serving young people using youth appropriate core outcomes, which focus on stable housing; permanent connections; education, training and employment; health and social/emotional well-being; and self-sufficiency.
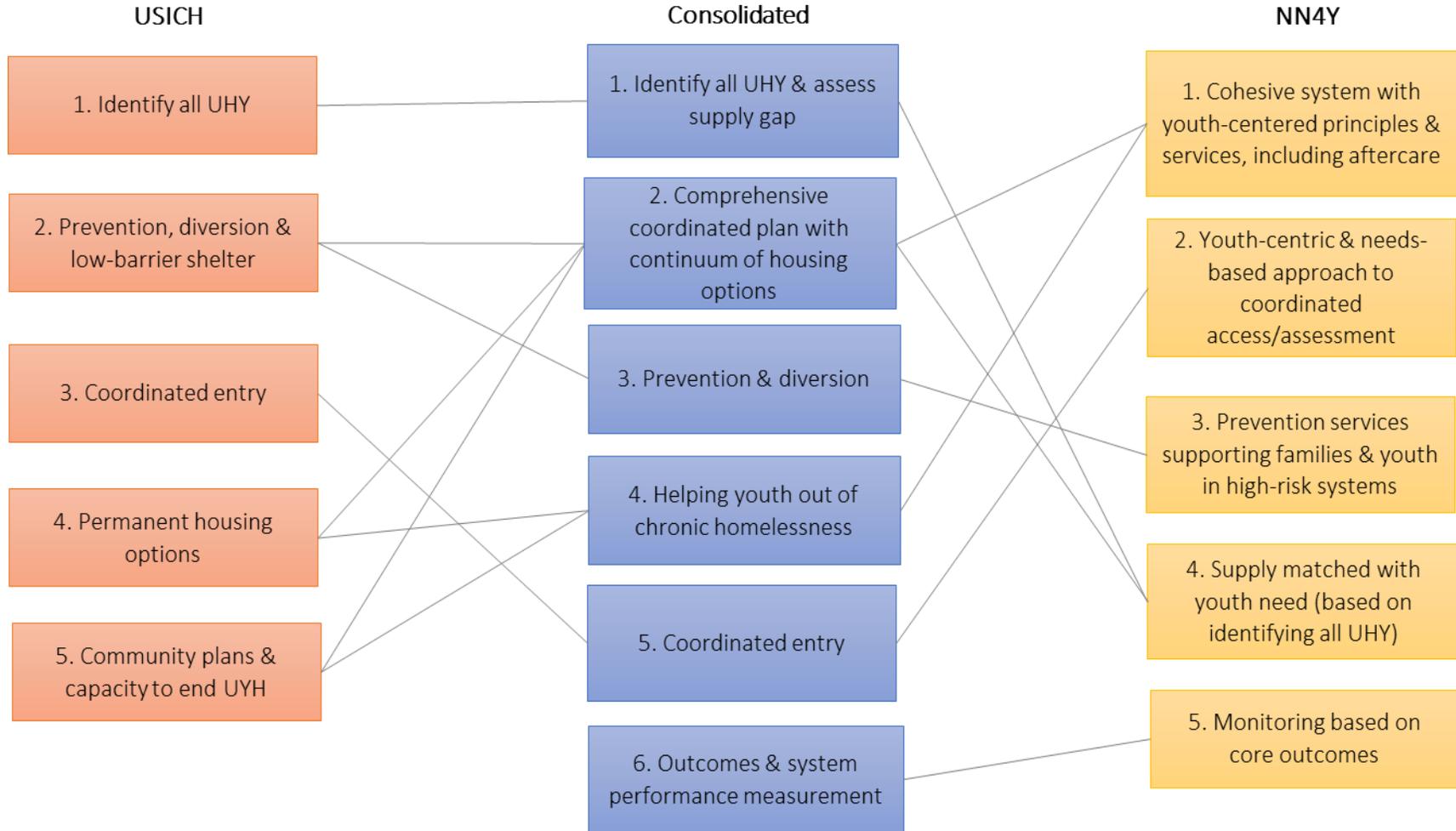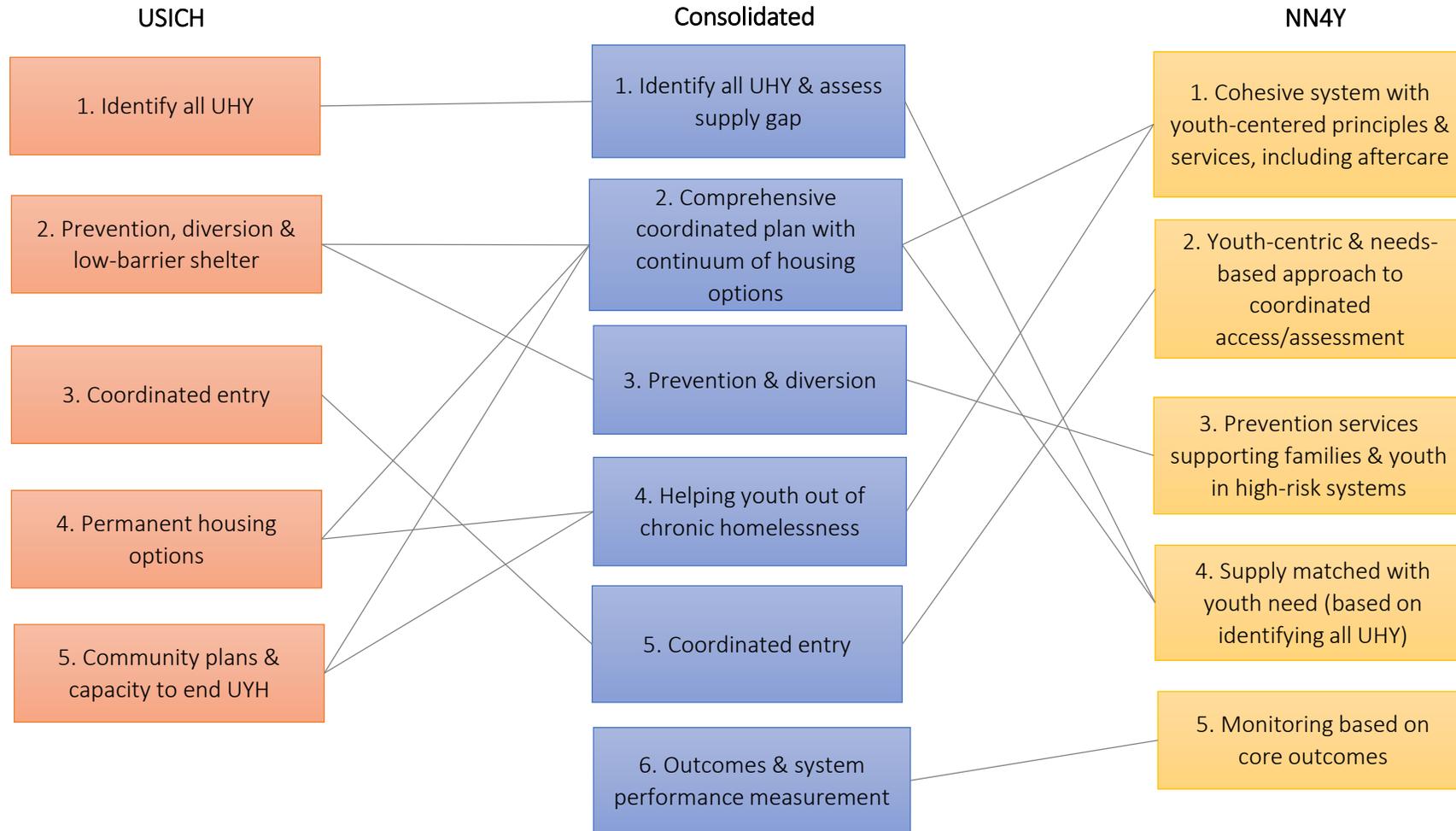
USICH

1. Identify all UHY

2. Prevention, diversion & low-barrier shelter

3. Coordinated entry

4. Permanent housing options

5. Community plans & capacity to end UYH

Consolidated

1. Identify all UHY & assess supply gap

2. Comprehensive coordinated plan with continuum of housing options

3. Prevention & diversion

4. Helping youth out of chronic homelessness

5. Coordinated entry

6. Outcomes & system performance measurement

NN4Y

1. Cohesive system with youth-centered principles & services, including aftercare

2. Youth-centric & needs-based approach to coordinated access/assessment

3. Prevention services supporting families & youth in high-risk systems

4. Supply matched with youth need (based on identifying all UHY)

5. Monitoring based on core outcomes

Figure 1. Consolidation of USICH & NN4Y criteria for ending youth homelessness
Note: The boxes only describe the "what"; they omit the detailed "how's" narrated in the two original documents.

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