# Sacramento CoC HMIS WORKING WITH THE REFERRALS TAB



This section details the most common tasks performed in the Referrals section:

- How to View and Enroll a Client from the Pending tab
- How to Place a Client as "Pending In Process"
- How to Deny a Referral
- How to View Completed and Denied Tabs

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# How to View a Client from the Pending Tab

When a referral is sent to your Agency and you are the person that has been identified to receive the referrals for a project in the system, an email will come to you that includes the Unique Identifier (UI) of the client that is being referred. Paste the UI in the search box in the Pending tab.

To work with that client in the Pending tab of the Referrals section, mouse over the Client Name (e.g. Willie Winston):

**Selecting the "Edit" link** will take you to the actual Referral where you can view the referral, any notes along with it, place the person as "Pending - In Process," or deny the referral and send it to the Community Queue tab.

**Selecting the client name** will take you to the Profile screen of the client record. This is where you will enroll the client into your project once you have housed them.

| Per  | nding              | Refer     | rals   |               |           |              |
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| M    | Mode: Standard 🗨 🔍 |           |  |               |           |              |
| El   | igible Clie        | ents Only |  |               |           |              |
| Clic | ent                |           | Program Name   | Referral Date | Qualified | Days Pending |
| es 🖬 | llie Winsto        | on        | Mental Health Shelter<br>Bitfocus System referral to Clarity Test Agency     | 08/25/2014    | No        | 0            |
| Sal  | lly Steven         | 5         | Deriver Emergency Shelter<br>Bitfocus System referral to Clarity Test Agency | 08/25/2014    | No        | 0            |

#### Sacramento CoC HMIS <u>How to change referral status to "Pending - In Process"</u>

(For PSH Projects Only) If your project does not move the client in the day of your intake appointment, you will need to utilize the "Pending - In Process" option to update the status of the client. This lets the Coordinated Entry team know that you have met with the client and determined they are a good fit for your project and that you will be continuing to work with them to secure their housing. After opening the referral by selecting the "Edit" link, you will use the drop down to change the status to "Pending – In Process" then click "Save Changes".

| Referred Date     | 04/13/2015 12:48 PM           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Days Pending      | 170 day(s)                    |
| Qualified         | Reassigned                    |
| VI-SPDAT score    | 7                             |
| Referred by Staff | Kenneth Thomas                |
| Last Activity     | 08/03/2015 Check-In           |
| Status            | Pending v                     |
| Private           | Pending - In Process Denied   |
|                   | Save changes or <u>Cancel</u> |
|                   |                               |

After you save the change in their status, scroll down to the "Notes" section and write a brief note. Select the "Send Note" button to save it. We ask that you enter a note weekly during the process between your intake appointment and when you secure them housing and enroll them into your project.

| NOTES   |  |
|---------|--|
|         | No records to display                  |
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|         | Send Note                              |
| HISTORY |  |
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There is never a reason that you will need to use the "Referral Connections" section of this referral screen.

| REFERRAL CONNECTIONS           | Add Connection |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| There are no results to displa | ý              |
| NOTES                          |                |

## Sacramento CoC HMIS <u>How To Enroll A Client/Household Into Your Project</u>

(**For RRH**) - When you have determined you will be working with the client to find housing or (**For PSH**) -When you have secured housing for the client that was referred to your project and you are giving them their keys, you will need to complete the referral process by enrolling them into the project.

From the Pending tab in the Referral screen, **select the client name** (rather than hovering over it to edit the referral). This will take you to the Profile screen of the client record. From there you will go to the "Programs" tab and select the arrow down to open the information for the project the client was referred to.

| PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|
| Step Up Sacramento (SUS) is a PSH collaboration b   | etween 3 Agencies to serve chronically                   | homeless. This scattered site model will ho          | ouse 40 Seniors (55+) (possibly with a partner/spouse).                          |
| Occupancy (Today)   | (  | Referrals (90 Days)                                  |  |
| Funding Source<br>HUD.CoC - Permanent Supportive<br>Housing                                     | Service Categories:<br>Transportation<br>Case Management | <ul> <li>✓ Housing</li> <li>✓ Life Skills</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Housing Search and Placement</li> <li>Alcohol and Drug Abuse</li> </ul> |
| HOUSING AVAILABILITY:   |  |  |  |
| ▶ Housed with Step Up Sacramento (Next Move): Se  | niors (40)   |  | 40 Beds in 40 Units  |
| Program Placement a result of Referral<br>provided by Next Move (SAEHC) - Step<br>Up Sacramento |  |  | 1 pending referral(s). Oldest 16 days.   |

The box at the bottom left will have a blue check-mark and it contains the statement that links the enrollment with the referral. <u>Please keep it checked</u> to ensure the referral results are properly tracked.



If the referral was for a family you should see the group members listed at the bottom. If this family is new to the system, you will need to create profiles for all family members and connect them as a household prior to this step so they will all appear on this screen *(remember to search for each client before creating a profile)*. Select any additional family members that are being enrolled into your project at this point so the enrollment stays linked.



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## How to Deny a Referral

If you need to deny a referral, including because a client is refusing your services, go into the Pending tab in the referral screen open the referral by selecting the "Edit" link.

| Referred by Staff | Kenneth Thomas                |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| Last Activity     | 08/03/2015 Check-In           |
| Status            | Pending •                     |
| Private           | Pending - In Process Denied   |
|                   | Save changes or <u>Cancel</u> |

You will use the drop down to change the status to "Denied," which will trigger the additional boxes to appear: Send to Community Queue, Denied Reason, Denied Message, and Private.

| Status                  | Denied • |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Send to Community Queue | Select 🔻 |
| Denied Reason           | Select • |
| Denied Message          |          |
| Private                 |          |

**Set the "Send to Community Queue" box to Yes.** All denied referrals must be referred back to the Queue in order for them to be referred to another project.

| Last Activity           | 08/03/2015 Check-In   |                |
|-------------------------|---|----------------|
| Status                  | Denied  |                |
| Send to Community Queue | Yes V   |                |
| Denied Reason           | Select  |                |
| Denied Message          | Select Lack of Eligibility Full Capacity/No Availability Client out of Julnsdiction                               |                |
| Private                 | Client previously received service<br>Needs could not be met by program   |                |
|                         | Disagreement with rules<br>Client refused services cel<br>Client did not show up or call<br>Referral time expired |                |
| REFERRAL CONNECTIONS    | Self Resolved - Client Housed<br>Falsification of Documents<br>Denied by Landlord/Property Manager<br>Other       | Add Connection |

Then, at "Denied Reason" select the answer from the drop-down menu that best fits why your Agency is denying the referral. Once you have made the appropriate selection, write a note in the "Denied Message" with more detail as to exactly why the client is being denied from that project (<u>Do Not Check the "Private" box</u>). Click "Save Changes".

| Last Activity                       | 08/03/2015 Check-In                     |
|-------------------------------------|---|
| Status                              | Denied •                                |
| Send to Community Queue             | Yes v                                   |
| Denied Reason                       | Client refused servcies                 |
| Denied Message<br>This should not   | Client does not want congregate living. |
| Private This should not be checked! |   |
|                                     | Save changes or <u>Cancel</u>           |

You will also need to upload a denial letter into the system that can be given to the client. Upload this in the "Files" tab of the client's profile page.

#### Sacramento CoC HMIS Working With The Additional Tabs

In addition to the Pending tab, you will also see five additional tabs that are available for you to view data in.

| REFERR    | ALS                |           |        |      |              |  |
|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--------|------|--------------|--|
| Pending   | Community Queue    | Completed | Denied | Sent | Availability |  |
| Pending R | eferrals           |           |        |      |              |  |
| Search    |                    |           |        |      |              |  |
| 📃 Eli     | gible Clients Only |           |        |      |              |  |

**Community Queue:** This tab shows the name of every client in the *full* Community Queue and is managed by SSF. \*You will never need to work in this tab\*

**Completed:** This tab shows the name of every client that was referred to you and that you have accepted into your project by completing an enrollment in the system.

**Denied:** This tab shows the name of every client that was referred to you and that you have denied in the system.

**Sent:** This tab shows the names of clients that your Agency referred. We *do not* have direct referral between Agencies at this time and we are only using the Community Queue that is managed by SSF. \*You will never need to work in this tab\*

**Availability:** This tab lists all of the housing projects in your Agency and will allow you to change the availability of each to reflect if you have openings. This will eventually be used since many agencies are not currently doing live data entry. Because there are other steps involved with this tab, including showing the number of beds and units when you select "limited availability", there will be additional training provided when we begin to use this option. \*For now you do not need to work in this tab\*