

**Unified Supportive Housing System (USHS)**  
**SEVERITY OF SERVICE NEEDS SCREENING SUMMARY TOOL**

Assessor's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**DOMAIN 1: Physical Health**

**Please Check Only One  
Box In This Section**

- ☐ **No Impairment**
- No health complaints; appears well
  - Would likely access medical care if needed
- ☐ **Minor Or Temporary Health Problem(s)**  
 Examples:
- Cast or splint but able to take care of daily activities
  - Recovering from minor surgery and doing well with self-care
  - Acute medical problem(s) such as a respiratory or skin infection but taking medication as prescribed
- ☐ **Stable Significant Medical Or Physical Issue(s), Or Chronic Medical Condition(s) That Is Being Managed**  
 Examples:
- Chronic but stable medical problems such as diabetes, emphysema, high blood pressure, heart disease, seizure disorder, Hepatitis, HIV disease, or cancer in remission AND compliant with medical care.
  - Deaf or Legally Blind
  - Over 60 years old w/o reported conditions but does not access care even for routine checkups
  - Uncomplicated pregnancy receiving regular pre-natal care
  - Sleep Apnea requiring C-PAP (w/access)
  - Cancer (stage 0-3) and receiving treatment
- ☐ **Chronic Medical Condition(s) That Is Not Well-Managed Or Significant Physical Impairment(s)**  
 Examples:
- Poorly managed diabetes or hyper-tension
  - Undergoing treatment for Hepatitis C
  - Needs home oxygen
  - Liver failure
  - Kidney failure requiring dialysis
  - Sleep apnea requiring C-PAP (w/no access)
  - Traumatic Brain Injury or history of Stroke with impairment
  - HIV disease not adequately treated
  - Severe arthritis affecting several joints
  - High risk pregnancy
  - Respiratory challenges: frequent asthma episodes; COPD, CHF, emphysema not well managed.
  - Chronic and recurrent skin infections
  - Advanced cancer
  - Cognitive impairment but retains decision making capacity
  - Incontinent of urine or stool
  - Serious chronic condition AND not taking meds as prescribed or frequently loses them
- ☐ **Totally Neglectful Of Physical Health, Extremely Impaired By Condition, Serious Health Condition(s)**  
 Examples:
- Not compliant for treatment for HIV or Cancer
  - Terminal illness: expected to lead to death within 6 months
  - Missing limb(s) with significant mobility or life activity challenges
  - Moderate or advanced dementia, without decision making capacity – *case conf. required*
  - Obvious, alarming symptoms present without client's concern, such as signs of significant swelling, open wounds, shortness of breath, recurrent chest pain, unexplained weight loss, or chronic cough

## DOMAIN 2: Mental, Behavioral and Developmental Health

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- ☐ **No Mental, Behavioral and Developmental Health Issues**
  - Reports no recent MH crises or admissions
  - Not receiving MH treatment but exhibits no obvious signs or symptoms of MH issues
  - No developmental issues.
- ☐ **Mild Mental, Behavioral and Developmental Health**
  - Reports feeling down or anxious about situation or life circumstances (e.g. situational depression)
  - Mild intellectual disability (functions in daily life, but slower than typical in developmental areas)
- ☐ **Moderate Mental, Behavioral and Developmental Health**
  - Reported or observed MH issues (*even if doesn't wish to talk about them*)
  - Reports having MH care connection already in place
  - Taking any psychiatric medications as prescribed
  - Moderate intellectual disability (noticeable developmental delays, can self-care)
- ☐ **High Mental, Behavioral and Developmental Health**
  - Serious MH with tenuous service engagement
  - May be non-compliant with or resistant to MH medications
  - Denies interest in recommended MH services
  - Severe intellectual disability (needs direct supervision, can learn very simple self-care)
- ☐ **Severe Mental, Behavioral and Developmental Health**
  - No connection to needed MH services
  - Extreme MH symptoms that impair functioning (e.g. talking to self, severe delusions/paranoia, fearful/phobic, extreme depressed or manic mood)
  - No insight regarding serious Mental Illness
  - Profound intellectual disability (requires close supervision, not capable of independent living) – *Case Conf. Required*

## DOMAIN 3: Substance Use

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- ☐ **No Or Non- Problematic Substance Use**
  - No substance use or strictly social use that has no negative impact on level of functioning.
- ☐ **Mild Substance Use**
  - Sporadic use of substances not obviously affecting level of functioning
  - Acknowledges substance use
  - Still able to meet basic needs most of the time
- ☐ **Moderate Substance Use**
  - 90 to 180 days into addiction recovery
  - Chemical Dependency program participation w/o any follow-up care
  - Individual expressed concern about relapse risk or current substance use impairs ability to meet basic needs
  - Has some support available for substance use issues but may not be actively involved
  - Use impairs progress in goals (e.g., binge use)
- ☐ **High Substance Use**
  - In first 90 days of CD treatment or addiction recovery
  - Still enmeshed in alcohol/drug using social group
  - High relapse potential or use obviously impacts function in many areas, (e.g. keeping appointments, self-care, interactions with others, meeting basic needs)
  - Not interested in support for substance use issues at this time (Pre-contemplative or low insight)
- ☐ **Severe Substance Use**
  - Active addiction with little or no interest in CD treatment involvement
  - Obvious deterioration in functioning (e.g. physical or mental decline due to substance use)
  - Severe symptoms of both substance use & mental illness
  - Low or no insight into substance use issues
  - Clear cognitive damage due to substances
  - No engagement with available substance use support services despite obvious need.
  - Continued use despite previous overdose
  - Frequent encounters with police, legal system or crisis services due to substance use

## DOMAIN 4: High Utilization of Crisis or Emergency Services to Meet Basic Needs, Including But Not Limited to Emergency Rooms, Jails, and Psychiatric Facilities

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- ☐ **No Utilization**
  - No crisis services have been used, or used in normal or appropriate situations, such as injuries in auto accident (not DUI) or dehydration from the flu
- ☐ **Mild Utilization**
  - Crisis services have been used infrequently but for potentially preventable situations (such as injuries sustained in a DUI)
  - Use of services did not result in arrest, hospital admission or probate
- ☐ **Moderate Utilization**
  - Crisis services have been used at least 3 times in the past year, resulting in arrest, probate or hospital admission at least once
  - Individual would likely not have been at imminent risk of harming self or others if crisis services had not responded
- ☐ **High Utilization**
  - Crisis services have been utilized 4 or more times in the past year, resulting in arrests, probate and/or hospital admissions. If crisis services had not responded, individual or others may have been at risk of harm
- ☐ **Severe Utilization**
  - Frequent (at least monthly) use of crisis services
  - If not for crisis response, individual or others likely would not have survived on one or more occasions.

## DOMAIN 5: Vulnerability to Victimization

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- ☐ **No Evidence Of Vulnerability**  
Examples:
  - Strong survival skills
  - Capable of networking and self-advocacy
  - Knows where to go and how to get there
  - Needs no prompting regarding safe behavior
- ☐ **Evidence Of Mild Vulnerability**  
Examples:
  - Has some survival skills
  - Is occasionally taken advantage of (e.g. friends only present on paydays)
  - Needs some assistance in recognizing unsafe behaviors and willing to talk about them
- ☐ **Evidence Of Moderate Vulnerability**  
Examples:
  - Is frequently in dangerous situations
  - Dependent on detrimental social network
  - Communicates some fears about people or situations
  - Reports being taken advantage of
- ☐ **Evidence Of High Vulnerability**  
Examples:
  - Is a loner and lacks "street smarts"
  - Possessions often stolen
  - Lacks social protection; presents with fearful, childlike or helpless demeanor
  - Has marked difficulty understanding unsafe behaviors
  - Is or was recently a DV victim
  - May trade sex for money or drugs
- ☐ **Evidence Of Severe Vulnerability**  
Examples:
  - Easily draws predators; vulnerable to exploitation
  - Has been victimized regularly (e.g. physical assault, robbery, sexual assault)
  - Often opts for the street to shelters
  - No insight regarding dangerous behavior (e.g. solicitation of sex/drugs)
  - Clear disregard for personal safety (e.g. walks into traffic)

## DOMAIN 6: Vulnerability to Illness or Death

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- ☐ Has none of the identified risk factors
- ☐ Has 1 of the identified risk factors
- ☐ Has 2 of the identified risk factors
- ☐ Has 3 of the identified risk factors
- ☐ Has 4 or more of the identified risk factors

## DOMAIN 7: Barriers to Housing/Risk of Continued Homelessness

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- ☐ Has none of the identified risk factors
- ☐ Has 1 of the identified risk factors
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- ☐ Has 4 or more of the identified risk factors

## DOMAIN 8: Other Factors Determined By the Community That Are Based on Severity of Needs

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