2024 Program Review and Certification Standards Tier 3 Self-Certify Standards

Standard A8	Guideline A8	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency must be a registered 501(c)3 or 501(c)4.	□ Up-to-date 501(c)3 or 501(c)4 documents are kept on file	Self-certification	 □ Compliant □ Compliant with conditions □ Non-compliant 		3	All programs
			□ N/A			

Standard A9	Guideline A9	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The governing board is informed about the	 ☐ Board minutes or other documentation reflect recent 	Self-certification	□ Compliant		3	All programs
needs of homeless persons at least annually.	opportunities for board members to gather information about the homeless population.		Compliant with conditions			, p. 08. a.m.e
			□ Non-			
	Examples include presentation of results from		compliant			
	focus groups, arranging a resident panel discussion, inviting the Community Shelter Board CEO or a member of the Citizen's Advisory Council or Youth Action Board to speak at a meeting, or governing board members participating in the annual Board2Board dialogue.		□ N/A			

Standard A10	Guideline A10	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency has a policy that prohibits sexual harassment which is applicable to staff, trustees, volunteers, vendors, and clients.	☐ The agency has a process for communicating and educating staff, trustees, volunteers, vendors, and clients on the policy.	Self-certification	 □ Compliant □ Compliant with conditions □ Non-compliant 		3	All programs
			□ N/A			

Standard A11	Guideline A11	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Staff receive training in the following areas: (1) Emergency evacuation procedures; (2) Universal Precautions; (3) CPR and First Aid; (4) Non-violent crisis intervention; (5) Ethical client practices; (6) Cultural competency and diversity, including training specific to any target population(s) served;	 The agency has a policy for ensuring that each new employee receives initial training within the first 6 months of employment or probationary/orientation period (whichever comes first) and that employees maintain certification where applicable. If the training is not certified by an external body (e.g., first aid), employees should receive training at least once every two years. The agency has a tracking 	Self-certification	 □ Compliant with conditions □ Non- compliant □ N/A 		3	All programs
	system that identifies when					

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(7) Recognition and	each employee needs to			
reporting of child and	receive training again and			
elder abuse;	documentation of licensure for			
(8) Agency operating	positions that require licensed			
procedures;	or credentialed staff.			
(9) Relevant community				
resources and social	☐ If serving youth, staff must be			
service programs;(CSB	trained in Positive Youth			
provides)	Development.			
(10) Customer service	·			
techniques;				
(11) Evidence-based				
practices relevant to				
project type (optional				
and as needed)				
(12) Evidence-based				
practices relevant to				
population(s) served by				
the project. (optional				
and as needed)				
(13) Homeless Crisis				
Response System				
Overview (CSB will				
provide)				
(14) DV Trauma-				
Informed Care training				
(Mandatory within first				
six months for Homeless				
Hotline staff and DV				
RRH staff)				
(15) Trauma-Informed				
Care (CSB provides)				

Standard A12	Guideline A12	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency has an organizational chart and written personnel policies detailing employee responsibilities, rights, roles, benefits, job description, attendance requirements, grievance procedures, hiring and termination procedures, annual employee review protocol, hours of operation, confidentiality and the agency's compensation and benefits plan.	The agency has a written personnel policy and procedure manual and a process for disseminating it to employees upon employment and when there are policy revisions. The manual is available for review and regularly updated. Agency has an organizational chart.	Self-certification	Compliant With conditions Non- compliant N/A		3	All programs

Standard A13	Guideline A13	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Staff attends applicable system and partner meetings, trainings, and capacity	Staff attends meetings convened by CSB.Examples of meetings include	Self-certification	☐ Compliant☐ Compliantwith		3	All programs
building activities.	Adult System Operations Workgroup, Family System Operations Workgroup,		conditions			
	Permanent Supportive Housing Roundtable, Veteran System		compliant			
	Operation Workgroup, YHDP partner meetings, Prevention		□ N/A			

Operations Workgroup, HMIS			
Administrators Group,			
coordinated planning activities,			
and focus groups.			

Standard A14	Guideline A14	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
All staff and volunteers are identifiable to clients and visitors.	☐ Easy identification can be achieved by staff nametags, shirts, or uniforms.	Self-certification	☐ Compliant☐ Compliant with conditions		3	All programs
			□ Non- compliant □ N/A			

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Standard D15	Guideline D15	Monitoing Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency does not do business with the enemy,	 The agency ensures it does not do business with the 	Self-certification	□ Compliant		3	All programs
as defined in 2 CFR 200.215.	enemy or purchase goods or services from telecommunications and		Compliant with conditions			
The agency does not contract with or procure services from telecommunications and	video surveillance vendors that are prohibited.		□ Non-compliant			
video surveillance vendors listed in 2 CFR 200.216.			□ N/A			

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Standard E15	Guideline E15	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
At least one staff person with verifiable training in emergency first aid, emergency evacuation, and CPR is on duty at all times.	 Staff members trained in first aid, CPR, and emergency evacuation are scheduled for each shift. Training logs, certificates of completion, and recent shift scheduled are available. 	Self-certification	 □ Compliant □ Compliant with conditions □ Non-compliant □ N/A 		3	All programs where on- site services are provided

Standard E16	Guideline E16	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Access to programs must be provided in	Written policies and procedures describe the	Self-certification	Compliant		3	All programs
accordance with the coordinated access	standardized assessment process and any variations for		Compliant with			
policies and procedures in the	different populations.		conditions			
HCRS P&Ps.	Written policies include		Non-			
Coordinated access	procedures regarding data		compliant			
policies and	collection and privacy.					
procedures adhere to the federal	TI 0004		N/A			
requirements in HUD	The CPOA covers all of					
Notice CPD-17-01	Columbus and Franklin County; is easily accessed; is					
Notice Establishing	well-advertised; includes a					
Additional	comprehensive and					
Requirements for a	standardized assessment tool;					
Continuum of Care	provides an initial,					
Centralized or	comprehensive assessment					
Coordinated	for housing and services; and					
Assessment System.	includes a specific policy					

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regarding those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic	
violence, dating violence,	
sexual assault, or stalking.	
Access points are accessible	
to persons with disabilities	
and limited English	
proficiency.	ļ
☐ The CPOA offers the same	
assessment approach at all	ļ
access points, but may include	
variations to meet the specific	
needs of adults without	
children, adults accompanied by children, unaccompanied	
youth, pregnant/parenting	
youth, households fleeing	
domestic violence, persons at	
risk of homelessness, and	
veterans, if these variations	
would facilitate access and	
improve the quality of	ļ
information gathered through	
the assessment.	
Assessments include culturally and linguistically compatent.	
and linguistically competent questions for all persons that	
reduce barriers to housing and	
services for special	
populations.	
☐ The coordinated entry process	
prioritizes households for	
housing and services. CPOA	

and shelters have a uniform and coordinated referral process for all beds, units, and			
services.			

Standard E17	Guideline E17	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
If the program holds funds (payee services) or possessions on behalf of clients, the written policy describes how and when the funds or possessions		Self-certification	□ Compliant□ Compliant with conditions		3	All programs
will be promptly returned upon the client's request.	☐ The program has records of accountability for any money management / payee programs for clients' funds or possessions turned over to the program for safekeeping.		□ Non- compliant □ N/A			
	 There is an easily accessible process for getting funds/possessions back from program staff. 					

^{*}Homeless Crisis Response System (HCRS) Policies & Procedures

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Standard F10	Guideline F10	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Clients are informed about and participate in a residents' council that meets at least quarterly.	particular project (single site or scattered sites).	Self-certification	□ Compliant□ Compliant with conditions		3	All programs where tenants sign leases
	 Staff encourages tenants to participate in the council, which can address a variety of topics, including facility and program concerns. 		□ Non-compliant□ N/A			
	 Staff keeps notes from council meetings that are available for review. 					

Standard F11	Guideline F11	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Clients are informed of CSB's Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) and the Youth Action Board (YAB, for youth aged 18-24) and	 Staff informs clients upon entry into the program that they are eligible to participate in the CAC and YAB, as applicable, and provides information regarding involvement. 	Self-certification	CompliantCompliant with conditions		3	All programs
encouraged to participate. Agencies work to ensure at least one resident per program participates in monthly CAC and YAB meetings, as applicable.	☐ The agency posts information on the CAC and YAB in single site supportive housing buildings and shelters.		□ Non-compliant□ N/A			

☐ Staff periodically remind tenants about the CAC and YAB and encourage participation.			
 Staff assists clients with transportation to CAC and YAB meetings. 			

Standard F12	Guideline F12	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency has a written policy, procedure and process for reporting child and elder abuse.	 The agency has a written policy and procedure for reporting abuse. The agency disseminates the policy and procedure to all staff and ensures that agency staff is trained in the procedure. 	Self-certification	CompliantCompliant with conditionsNon-compliant		3	All programs
	 Staff can describe how they ensure the policy and procedure is implemented and effective. 		□ N/A			

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Standard I1	Guideline I1	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency works with stakeholders in a good faith effort to develop a partnership with neighbors, neighborhood organizations and agencies, neighborhood businesses, and other groups. The agency or program has initiated Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) discussions and executed a written agreement, or every reasonable effort has been made to execute a written agreement.	 □ The agency has a GNA for each single site PSH or TH complex or shelter. □ GNAs are encouraged but not required for scattered sites PSH or TH programs with multiple units in one neighborhood. If there are neighborhood concerns or issues, however, CSB will ask that the program engage in good neighbor work. □ GNAs are reviewed with neighbors and neighborhood representatives and updated at least every three years. □ Neighbors include owners and tenants for business, residences and institutions. Neighborhood representatives include the Area Commission, the neighborhood association, 	Self-certification	 □ Compliant with conditions □ Non-compliant □ N/A 		3	PSH (single site), TH (single site), Shelters, projects with neighborhood issues

	y other prominent active in the area.		
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Standard I2	Guideline I2	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The Agency establishes, monitors, and complies with neighborhood safety, security, codes of conduct, and property management standards.	regarding code of conduct and property management. If applicable, these Standards	Self-certification	 □ Compliant □ Compliant with conditions □ Non-compliant □ N/A 		3	PSH, TH, Shelters

Standard I3	Guideline I3	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Board members and/or agency staff	 The agency has a list of neighborhood associations in 	Self-certification	☐ Compliant		3	

participates in appropriate neighborhood associations.	which its board and/or staff participate. Written meeting notes are available.	☐ Compli with condition	Shelters,
	☐ The agency can identify by name and title the contact persons for each group.	□ Non- complia	ant

Standard I4	Guideline I4	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency has identified current, appropriate stakeholders pertinent to the area, including residential, commercial, industrial, or institutional stakeholders.	☐ Staff can provide a list of neighborhood stakeholders, including adjacent property owners and tenants; neighborhood and civic organizations; and others who reside or work in the neighborhood.	Self-certification	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		3	PSH (single site), TH (single site), Shelters, projects with neighborhood issues

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Standard J14	Guideline J14	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency and any housing units comply with all applicable building, housing, zoning, environmental, fire, health, safety, and life safety codes, Americans with Disabilities Act policies, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and fair housing laws. Sitebased programs with clients have Building and Occupancy Permits posted.	 □ The agency has occupancy permits available for review. □ The agency can document that use of buildings is consistent with zoning. □ The agency can show proof that building(s) passed the fire safety inspection. □ The agency confirms there are plans for accommodating persons with disabilities. Examples include providing qualified sign language interpreters and materials in formats such as Braille, audio, or large type. □ The agency communicates with CSB any pending litigation or investigation for civil rights or fair housing complaints. 	□ Self-certification	 Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		3	PSH, TH, RRH, Shelters, and any location where on- site services are provided

	☐ The agency confirms that all programs comply with the new construction, reasonable accommodation, and rehabilitation requirements of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.					
Standard J15	Guideline J15	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Shelter and TH clients may use the shelter or TH facility as a legal residence for the purpose of voter registration.	 Staff encourages clients to register to vote and provides information to clients on voting rights. This information can be disseminated as part of the intake process. Voter registration forms are available on-site. 	□ Self-certification	 □ Compliant □ Compliant with conditions □ Non-compliant □ N/A 		3	TH, Shelters
Standard J16	Guideline J16	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency implements Universal Precautions Procedures as required by Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), is in compliance with applicable standards, and has written plans	 Facilities show compliance with OSHA standards. The agency has letters, certifications, or other written evidence that it has consulted with the appropriate certifying 	□ Self-certification	□ Compliant□ Compliant with conditions□ Non-compliant		3	Site-based PSH, TH, and Shelters

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concerning universal precautions. The agency documents reports provided to pul health officials and CS when reportable infect diseases are detected.	blic B tious		
Cleaning supplies and toxic chemicals are key areas not accessible to residents without staff assistance. The facility spill kits or other appropriate protocol for handling toxic substant such as drain opener, cleaner, or bleach.	pt in o has or ces,		

Standard J17	Guideline J17	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Food preparation areas must contain suitable space and equipment to store, prepare, and serve food in a safe and sanitary manner. If the program provides storage for a food pantry, there is evidence that the Mid-Ohio Food Collective has determined that	 Letters, reports, or other documentation from an appropriate review and certifying body are available for review. If the facility is not required to have a food license, the appropriate agency is consulted at least biannually. 	□ Self-certification □ For ESG-funded shelters, CSB completed a habitability inspection. No later than 10/1/24 NSPIRE inspection standards will replace all other inspection requirements.	 Compliant Compliant with conditions Non-compliant N/A 		3	PSH, TH, RRH, Shelters that provide on- site meals or food pantries

adequate provisions have been made for sanitary handling and safe storage of foods.	Agencies that provide supportive housing for persons with disabilities must provide meals or meal preparation facilities for clients.			
	☐ Kitchen cleaning schedule and guidelines are posted and/or available when requested.			
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Standard J18	Guideline J18	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Exits, steps, and walkways are clear of debris, ice, snow, and other hazards. There is a process in place to maintain clear walkways. Steps have treads or similar accommodation to prevent slipping.	 All steps and stairways have handles and treads. All walkways are kept in safe conditions regardless of the season. The facility has a plan for ensuring that debris is regularly removed from walkways. Scattered Site programs use landlords who ensure walkways are kept in safe conditions. The program advocates for clients regarding these issues, as needed. 	□ Self-certification □ For ESG-funded shelters, CSB completed a habitability inspection. No later than 10/1/24 NSPIRE inspection standards will replace all other inspection requirements.	 □ Compliant with conditions □ Non- compliant □ N/A 		3	PSH, TH, RRH, Shelters, and any location where on- site services are provided

Standard J19	Guideline J19	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Staff has keys to all locks in the facility. In independent units, clients are responsible for locking their unit,	 Residents are not able to lock staff out of the unit, nor are staff able to lock residents in. 	Self-certification	CompliantCompliant with conditions		3	Site-based PSH, TH, Shelters
but staff maintains the ability to access the units at all times.	☐ Staff has a plan and procedure that does not violate landlord-tenant law for entering units, as appropriate, in case of emergency.		□ Non-compliant□ N/A			

Standard J20	Guideline J20	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency has done radon testing and made any necessary changes in buildings where clients have access to the basement.	☐ Written evidence of testing results and remediation activities, such as reports or other correspondence, is available for review.	Self-certification	 □ Compliant □ Compliant with conditions □ Non-compliant □ N/A 		3	Site-based PSH, TH, Shelters

Standard K4	Guideline K4	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency has a quality assurance process to minimize incomplete, inaccurate, and fraudulent DCA applications.	 Staff can provide policies and procedures on DCA application processing. Staff can describe the quality assurance process. 	Self-certification	 □ Compliant with conditions □ Non- compliant 		3	All programs

Standard M22	Guideline M22	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency secures HMIS and stored HMIS data with a user authentication system consisting of a user name and a password.	 Written policy is available for review. IT specialist can confirm compliance. 	Self-certification	CompliantCompliant with conditionsNon-compliantN/A		3	All programs

Standard M23	Guideline M23	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency protects HMIS from malicious intrusions behind a secure firewall.	 □ Each individual workstation has its own firewall or there is a firewall between each workstation and any system, including the Internet and other computer networks located outside of the agency. □ The agency has a policy for review. 	Self-certification	 □ Compliant with conditions □ Non-compliant □ N/A 		3	All programs
	☐ IT specialist can confirm compliance.					

Standard M24	Guideline M24	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
If an agency uses public forums for data collection or reporting, at a minimum, HMIS must be secured to allow only connections from previously approved computers and systems.	☐ The HMIS system provides automatic compliance with this standard.	Automatic compliance determined by CSB	✓ CompliantUnder CompliantWith conditionsUnder CompliantUnder CompliantUnder CompliantUnder Compliant		3	All programs

Standard M25	Guideline M25	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
If the agency copies HMIS data on a regular basis to another medium (e.g., external	 Agency backup information is securely stored. 	Self-certification	□ Compliant □ Compliant		3	All programs
hard drive) it stores the medium in a secure	☐ IT specialist can confirm compliance.		with conditions			
location where the required privacy and security standards also			□ Non- compliant			
apply.			□ N/A			

Standard M26	Guideline M26	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
If the agency stores data in a central server or mainframe, it stores the central server or mainframe in a secure	□ IT specialist can demonstrate compliance.	Self-certification	CompliantCompliant with conditions		3	All programs

room with appropriate				
temperature control and		□ Non-		
fire suppression		compliant		
systems.		·		
		□ N/A		

Standard M27	Guideline M27	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Surge suppressors must be used to protect systems used for collecting and storing all of the HMIS data.	☐ IT specialist can confirm compliance.	Self-certification	CompliantCompliant with conditions		3	All programs
			□ Non- compliant N/A			

Standard M28	Guideline M28	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
Agencies that have systems that have access to any HMIS data maintain a user access log and logs are checked regularly.	☐ The HMIS system provides automatic compliance with this standard.	Automatic compliance determined by CSB	✓ Compliant □ Compliant with conditions □ Non-compliant □ N/A		3	All programs

Standard M29	Guideline M29	Monitoring Method	Conclusion	Certifying Official*	Tier	Program Type
The agency applies application security provisions to the software during data entry, storage, review and any other processing function.	☐ The HMIS system provides automatic compliance with this standard.	Automatic compliance determined by CSB	✓ Compliant □ Compliant with conditions □ Non-compliant □ N/A	Official	3	All programs

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