

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

Please Check Only One Box In This Section

- 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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this Section**

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

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