

MDHI Continuum of Care Housing First Self Questionnaire

Organization Name: _____ **Project Name(s):** _____

Housing First projects are effective in assisting all subpopulations of people experiencing homelessness to access and sustain permanent stable housing. It has been demonstrated that projects can operate well and safely without requirements that prevent many people living on the streets and in the shelter system from entering and/or remaining in housing.

As part of the NOFA solicitation for new and renewal projects, applicants are required to answer the following questions related to the proposed project's eligibility criteria and project rules. Each question will be scored as indicated. At the completion of the questionnaire, the applicant will tabulate the total score. Maximum points are 15.

Please attached your current lease agreement(s), if applicable, and all relevant policies and procedures for people interesting in entering your organization's housing units. For the 2018 NOFA competition, this assessment is required for CoC-funded housing sites only. Please attach these documents as PDFs.

1. Low Barrier access:

- a. Does the project require clients to pass a background screening prior to project entry (excluding sexual offender/predator check)?**

Yes No [No = 1 point]

- b. Does the project prohibit all persons with specified criminal convictions on a blanket basis to be excluded from admission (excluding registered sexual offenders)??**

Yes No [No = 1 point]

- c. Does the project require participants to be clean and sober for a specified period prior to project entry as a condition for admission?**

Yes No [No = 1 point]

- d. Does the project serve individuals and families regardless of sexual orientation, family composition, or marital status and are transgendered persons served according to the gender with which they identify?**

Yes No [Yes = 1 point]

- e. Does the project expedite the admission process including aiding in assembling necessary documents in order to support the application for admission and using person-centered and flexible processes for admission to the project?**

Yes No [Yes = 1 point]

- f. **Does the project actively participate in OneHome meetings, including the Community Design Team and, if applicable, are all new project entrants being referred through coordinated entry?**

Yes No [Yes = 1 point]

2. Housing Retention

- a. **Does the project terminate participants for failure to participate in treatment or support services including case management?**

Yes No [No = 1 point}

- b. **Does the project terminate participants solely for engaging in substance use?**

Yes No [No = 1 [point]

- c. **Does the project require participants to obtain legitimate income as a condition of remaining in the project?**

Yes No [No = 1 [point]

- d. **Does the project make all efforts to avoid discharging participants into homelessness including referral back to coordinated entry for those who cannot remain in the project?**

Yes No [Yes = 1 point]

- e. **Are project participants held to standards/behaviors not found in mainstream leases (such as not being allowed visitors, curfews, required to do chores, or not be allowed to have alcoholic beverages in their unit)?**

Yes No [No = 1 point]

3. Participant engagement

- a. **Does the project provide participant choice in accessing services and are efforts made to connect participants to community based services?**

Yes No [Yes = 1 point]

- b. **Does the project provide regular opportunities for program participants to provide input on project policies and operations?**

Yes No [Yes = 1 point]

c. **Are the project staffed be trained in clinical and non-clinical strategies to support participant engagement including harm reduction, motivational interviewing, and trauma informed approaches.?**

Yes No [Yes = 2 points]

TOTAL SCORE: _____ **% of applicable points:** _____

Certification of Responses

I attest that the answers above are true and are provided without any additional comment or clarification. I have attached all relevant policies and procedures and the organization's current lease agreement(s) (in PDF form).

Authorized Applicant Signature:

Authorized Applicant Name and Title:

Date: