

OPERATIONAL STANDARDS for THE CALL

OVERVIEW.

THE CALL [Coordinated Assessment to Local Links] is a process set up for the three Continuums of Care [CoC] within Bristol County— New Bedford's CoC [Homeless Service Providers Network—HSPN], Fall River's CoC [Homeless Service Providers Coalition], and the Greater Bristol County/Attleboro/Taunton/ Coalition to End Homelessness' CoC [GBCATCH]. The participating programs within each of these CoCs will work cooperatively to provide a single point of intake and initial assessment. This will assist residents in the continuums by meeting their housing needs with more efficiency. THE CALL will also comply with the goals and regulations of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and the HEARTH (Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing) Act.

Referrals to housing services and providers will be completed through a single source coordinated throughout each CoC. CSS (Catholic Social Services) is responsible for the operations of THE CALL which will be the initial source for intake and initial assessment. All agencies receiving CoC funding for housing related programs will be required to participate. Other programs within the CoCs are encouraged to participate. Oversight of the program process will be provided by an advisory committee comprised of representatives of the three Continuums of Care. Each Continuum may conduct their own monitoring of the program.

PROCESS.

THE CALL consists of three distinct components:

- Telephone entry into homeless systems and completion of vulnerability index
- Placement in housing, either emergency, transitional, or permanent and placement on waiting list for housing within participating agencies
- Monitoring and evaluation to ensure efficacy of the process

1. CALL CENTER

Telephone calls

THE CALL shall be accessible by dialing 1-800-HOMELESS. All calls coming into the call center will be handled as follows: a client in need of housing assistance will immediately be referred to THE CALL staff. If no staff is available, the caller will be prompted to leave contact information and THE CALL staff will return their call. Once THE CALL staff is connected with the caller, they will undergo an initial client assessment and basic information will be entered into HMIS (Homeless Management Information Systems) by THE CALL including: name, contact phone number or email address and other core information: date of birth, social security number and mother's maiden name.

Subpopulations

If the client is under extreme life threatening duress or involved in a domestic violence situation, they will immediately be connected with appropriate resources including: police, Safelink, local domestic violence shelters.

If the client is a veteran, the client will be referred to the appropriate veteran's agencies. The client will also be placed in an emergency shelter if needed and the receiving agency will refer for appropriate veteran services.

All clients will be served on a case by case basis with the goal being to locate resources for the client.

Strategic Placement

The following order will be used when assessing each individual client based on HUD preferences:

- 1. Diversion
 - a. Staff on duty will review with the client potential resources they have within their own family and resources
 - b. Staff will review resources used in the past and potential resources that a client could use either temporarily while accessing services or could use to prevent the need for ongoing services
 - c. If sustaining housing is possible, divert to prevention or rapid re-housing
- 2. Prevention
 - a. Staff will notify a client who may qualify for Prevention services the necessary documentation needed for application. If the client has documentation, an appointment will be scheduled with ESG staff utilizing the centralized CSS Emergency Solutions calendar
 - b. If client does not have documentation then an introductory letter will be mailed to client stating all documentation needed in order to apply for Rapid Rehousing services
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- 4. Permanent or Transitional Housing
 - a. Client will complete Vulnerability Index in order to go onto a waiting list for PSH (Permanent Supporting Housing), or Transitional Housing
 - b. Client will be given a score based on need and will referred to an opening in PSH or Transitional Housing based on priority rating which is determined by the vulnerability index
 - c. If there are no openings available client will enter a waiting list which is based on those with the most need
- 5. Shelter Services
 - a. Staff will attempt to locate shelter for the individual or family based on availability provided to THE CALL each morning
 - Staff will assist with providing a family information as to how to access DHCD (Department of Housing and Community Development) assistance for EA (Emergency Assistance) shelter services
 - c. Staff will contact shelters not utilizing the Coordinated Entry system to attempt to locate an opening for immediate service
 - d. If no shelter bed is available individual or family can complete a SPDAT (Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool) to determine place on waiting list if bed becomes available after shelter curfew

2. <u>ELIGIBILITY</u>

- 2.1 <u>Emergency Shelter</u>
 - Must be literally homeless according to HUD definitions
 - Can be safely maintained in shelter and behavior is not an obstacle to safety
 - Registered sex offenders are not eligible
 - Families must be referred to Massachusetts (DHCD) Department of Housing and Community Development located within the (DTA) Department of Transitional Assistance before offered other shelter/housing options.
 - Emergency Shelter should be reserved for the most vulnerable, hardest-to-serve clients.
- 2.2 <u>Transitional Housing</u>
 - Must be screened for diversion first
 - Applicant must be homeless coming from shelter/s and/or streets with income below 30% AMI (Area Median Income).
 - Applicant must be able to be safely maintained in the program
 - Client cannot be slated for PSH AND
 - At least one prior episode of homelessness (except young adults) AND
 - Be classified as one of the following special subpopulations:
 - o Young adult 18-24
 - Family with children under age 5
 - Substance use disorder
 - o Behavioral health disorder
 - o Military veteran
 - Fleeing DV and DV the cause of recent homeless episode
- 2.3 <u>Permanent Supportive Housing</u>
 - Must meet HUD definition of literally homeless AND
 - Include one family member with a disability
 - For HUD CoC-funded units, the priority for housing is given to those household who are defined as chronic homeless with the most barriers to housing

3. NOTIFICATION of VACANCIES

Participating agencies must complete eligibility forms (see addendum) for each participating program. Eligibility forms will be updated annually to reflect the most current bed counts and eligibility criteria. If a new program begins in a participating agency it will be the agency's responsibility to submit the eligibility criteria form to THE CALL a minimum of five (business) days before the program begins.

If a new agency would like to participate with THE CALL they will first need to contact the CoC in their service area and execute an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) for that Continuum. They will work with that Continuum to ensure they have provided the necessary documentation and information to participate in THE CALL.

All programs including Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, and Prevention programs are required to report vacancies between 8:30am-9:30am every morning. On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday the on call worker will contact each agency that contains emergency shelter beds by 9:30am and determine how many beds are open for the day in order to place individuals in case of an emergency.

3.1 <u>Emergency Shelter</u>

Providers must hold the vacancy on behalf of the referred client in accordance with the emergency shelter's protocols. If the referred individual or family does not arrive at the shelter to claim a bed by the appointed time the shelter will contact THE CALL and notify that the bed has reopened for the evening.

3.2 <u>Transitional Housing</u>

Staff at the Housing program will determine eligibility and acceptance or rejection into the program within three business days. If the homeless family or individual is accepted, the receiving program must document that acceptance and arrange for move-in within three business days from acceptance. To ensure that vacancies are promptly filled, THE CALL may issue up to three referrals per vacancy.

3.3 <u>Permanent Supportive Housing</u>

After the intake interview, staff will determine eligibility and acceptance or rejection into the program within five business days. If the homeless individual or family is accepted the receiving program must document that acceptance and arrange for move-in as follows:

- Project-Based PSH Program dependent upon room readiness
- Scattered-Site PSH Program
 - o Dependent upon tenant's acceptance of apartment
 - Dependent upon landlord acceptance of tenant
 - Dependent upon inspection of unit, repairs and re-inspection as applicable

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4. <u>CLIENT/CONSUMER CHOICE – PREFERENCE AND DECLINE POLICY</u>

Due to limited resources within each Continuum clients/consumers are not able to decline a referral and continue to receive services except under very limited circumstances, as all referrals should be appropriate for the client and the receiving programs.

In the case that a client declines a referral for a valid reason as decided by THE CALL and the Receiving Program, THE CALL will, at their discretion, require a case conference to review and resolve rejection decisions by clients. The purpose of the case conference will be to resolve barriers to the client receiving the indicated and desired level of service.

5. PROVIDER DECLINE POLICY

5.1 <u>Emergency Shelters</u>

Emergency Shelters may only decline individuals and families found eligible for and referred by THE CALL under limited circumstances including

- No actual vacancy available
- The household presents with more people that referred by THE CALL
- The Emergency Shelter has determined that the individual or family cannot be safely accommodated

The Emergency Shelter must accommodate the client or provide an appropriate referral and must report the reason for any decisions to reject a client to THE CALL. If the rejected client has not otherwise been accommodated for the night and no

appropriate referral can be made, the Emergency Shelter must refer the client back to THE CALL

- 5.2 <u>Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-Housing, and Permanent Supportive Housing</u> The above listed housing programs may only decline individuals and families found eligible for and referred by THE CALL under limited circumstances which include the following
 - No actual vacancy available
 - The Household presents with more people than referred by THE CALL
 - The Household has missed two intake appointments
 - Based on individual program policies and procedures, the Receiving Program has determined that the individual or family cannot be safely accommodated
 - Based on individual program policies and procedures the Receiving Program has determined the individual cannot meet tenancy obligations with the supports provided by the program.
 - The Household has not presented at the Receiving Program within five business days from the intake appointment.

Programs may not decline persons with psychiatric disabilities for refusal to participate in mental health services as long as the client reasonably complies with the tenancy and is of no harm to himself or others.

The Continuums of Care have agreed that Providers must accept at least two of every three referrals received from THE CALL.

If the client, referred by THE CALL, has not presented at the Receiving Program within five business days from the intake appointment, the Receiving Program must notify THE CALL and document the lack of follow through by the client. Should client present at or contact the Receiving Program after more than five days from the appointment, the Receiving Program must refer the client back to THE CALL, and the client is placed at the bottom of the Centralized Waitlist.

5.3 Clients declined by all referrals

THE CALL may convene a case conference in the event that a client has been declined by three programs. THE purpose of the case conference will be to resolve barriers to the client receiving indicated level of service. THE CALL will determine which parties will attend the case conference, including but not limited to the Assessment Entity, the receiving Programs, and other Collateral Contacts as determined necessary. THE CALL will then arrange a conference with the client to discuss any alternative options.

6. <u>RETURNS TO EMERGENCY SHELTER OR THE STREETS</u>

If a client/household can no longer be served by a housing program and the Receiving Program has exhausted all of its agency resources, THE CALL should be notified to determine if another placement could be made to prevent a return to emergency shelter or the streets.

7. HOLDING BEDS OR UNITS TO LOCATE CLIENTS

7.1 <u>Emergency Shelter</u>

Once a referral is made, the provider is required to hold a bed until a time as set by the Emergency Shelter's protocols, in order for the individual or household to arrive at the Emergency Shelter.

7.2 <u>Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing</u>

Once a referral has been made by THE CALL, the Receiving Program is required to hold the unit vacant for three business days in order to locate and inform the individual or household of the availability of housing and arrange the intake

8. GRIEVANCE AND APPEALS POLICIES

All grievance and appeals will be handled within the agency according to their policies and procedures.

All households have the right to appeal eligibility and referrals made by THE CALL. All appeals of this nature should be made in writing and submitted within 10 days of client notification to THE CALL Evaluation Subcommittee of the SOCO (South Coast Regional Network to End Homelessness). The entity receiving the appeal must respond in writing to all appeals within 14 days. Responses must be submitted to THE CALL, Receiving Program and the client.

9. MONITORING

All Continuums of Care may develop their own method for monitoring the effectiveness of THE CALL including agency participation and cooperation with THE CALL.

In addition The Southcoast Regional Network to End Homelessness [SoCo] will institute a way in which to measure the effectiveness of THE CALL. SoCo will follow any HUD implemented regulations and performance measures and standards regarding Coordinated Entry.

10. DOCUMENTS

THE CALL will utilize uniform documentation for initial assessment, vulnerability index, and other procedures. The following documentation will be provided to all agencies within THE CALL as well as the Continuums of Care utilizing THE CALL. The documentation will be part of the written standards and procedures. The documentation is subject to change as necessary in order to most effectively serve the clients.

The following documents will be used and are included within the ADDENDUM to these Policies and Procedures:

- THE CALL Initial Assessment
- SPDAT
- Flow Chart for Family Seeking Shelter
- Flow Chart for Individual Seeking Shelter
- Daily Bed Count

ADDENDUM

- Appendix A Definitions
- Appendix B HUD Definitions of Homelessness
- Appendix C Housing Strategies and Components
- Appendix D THE CALL Initial Assessment
- Appendix E SPDAT (Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool)
- Appendix F Flow Chart for Family Seeking Shelter
- Appendix G Flow Chart for Individual Seeking Shelter
- Appendix H Daily Bed Count Form

Appendix A Definitions

Chronically Homeless (HUD Definition):

- (1) An individual who: (i) is homeless and lives in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; and (ii) has been homeless and living or residing in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter continuously for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last 3 years; and (iii) can be diagnosed with one or more of the following conditions: substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002)), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability;
- (2) An individual who has been residing in an institutional care facility, including a jail, substance abuse or mental health treatment facility, hospital, or other similar facility, for fewer than 90 days and met all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, before entering that facility; or
- (3) A family with an adult head of household (or if there is no adult in the family, a minor head of household) who meets all of the criteria in paragraph (1) of this definition, including a family whose composition has fluctuated while the head of household has been homeless.

Disability (HUD Definition):

A Physical, Mental or Emotional Impairment, including impairment caused by alcohol or drug abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, or brain injury that is expected to be long-continuing or of indefinite duration, substantially impedes the individual's ability to live independently, and could be improved by the provision of more suitable housing conditions; includes: Developmental Disability Defined in §102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 USC 15002) – a severe, chronic disability that Is attributable to a mental or physical impairment or combination AND is manifested before age 22 AND is likely to continue indefinitely AND reflects need for a combination and sequence of special, interdisciplinary, or generic services, individualized supports, or other forms of assistance that are of lifelong or extended duration and are individually planned and coordinated. An individual may be considered to have a developmental disability without meeting three or more of the criteria listed previously, if individual is 9 years old or younger AND has a substantial developmental delay or specific congenital or acquired condition AND without services and supports, has a high probability of meeting those criteria later in life.

HIV/AIDS Criteria Includes the disease of acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS) or any conditions arising from the etiologic agent for acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, including infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Literally Homeless (HUD Homeless Definition Category #1):

(1) Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); or (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.

Appendix B HUD Definition of Homelessness

Category 1	Literally Homeless	 Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night time residence, meaning: Have a primary residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing and hotels/motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal/state/local government programs); or Is exiting an institution where s/he has resided for 90 days or less <u>and</u> who
		resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution.
Category 2	Imminent Risk of Homelessness	Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that: • Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; • No subsequent residence has been identified; and • The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing.
Category 3	Modified McKinney- Vento	 Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who: Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes; Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application; Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moved or more during the preceding 60 days; and Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers
Category 4	Attempting to Flee Domestic Violence	 Any individual or family who: Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence Has no other residence; <u>and</u> Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

Appendix C Housing Strategies and Components

Housing Strategies/ Components	Targeted Population	Eligible Activities
Permanent Supportive Housing	Literally homeless individuals with disabilities and families with one member who has a disability	Acquisition, Rehabilitation, New Construction, Leasing, Rental Assistance, Transition (leasing), Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Sponsor-Based Rental Assistance, Project Based Rental Assistance, Vacancies and Property Damage, Supportive Services: Annual assessment of service needs, assistance with moving costs, case management, child care, education services, employment assistance or job training, food, housing search and counseling services, utility deposits, legal services, life skills training, mental health
Rapid Re-housing Transitional Housing Supportive Services Only	Literally homeless individuals and families	services, outpatient health services, outreach services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation
Street Outreach	Literally homeless individuals and families	Engagement, Case Management, Emergency Health Services, Emergency Mental Health Services, Transportation
Emergency Shelter		Essential services: case management, child care, education services, employment assistance or job training, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, outpatient health services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation; Renovation, Shelter Operations, Assistance required under "URA"
Rapid Re-housing		Housing relocation and Stabilization services: financial assistance - moving costs, rent application fees, security deposits, last month's rent, utility deposit, utility payments; services - housing search and placement, housing stability case management, mediation, legal services, credit repair; short (3 months)/ medium (4-24 months) rental assistance;
Homeless Prevention	At risk of homelessness	six months of rental arrears

Appndix D THE CALL Initial Assessment



THE CALL INITIAL CONTACT

DATE: Click here to enter a date.TIME: Click here to enter

STAFF: Click here to enter text.

ON CALL: YES NO

FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME	LAST NAME
Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.	Click here to enter text.
DATE OF BIRTH Click here to	enter text.	
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PRIMARY LANGUAGE:

ENGLISH SPANISH PORTUGUESE HAITIAN/CREOLE

OTHER

TELL ME A LITTLE ABOUT YOUR CURRENT SITUATION

Click here to enter text

ARE YOU ABLE TO RETURN TO WHERE YOU WERE STAYING LAST NIGHT UNTIL OTHER ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE? Explain

Click here to enter text

DO YOU HAVE INCOME	NO LIST AMOUNT
DO YOU HAVE A DOCUMENTED DISABILITY	□YES □NO
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN HOMELESS	□LESS THAN ONE YEAR □OVER ONE YEAR

FAMILY COMPOSITION

NUMBER OF PERSONS	NUMBER	NUMBER OF ADULTS	NUMBER.
IN HOUSEHOLD			
CHILD	Choose an item	AGE Click here to enter	
CHILD	Choose an item	AGE Click here to enter	
CHILD	Choose an item	AGE Click here to enter	
CHILD	Choose an item	AGE Click here to enter	

OUTCOME:

DIVERSION

- PREVENTION APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED
- □ RAPID REHOUSING APPOINTMENT SCHEDULED
- PLACED ON THP WAITING LIST

PLACED ON PSH WAITING LIST

PLACED IN SHELTER Choose an item.

□ NO BED AVAILABLE

DID NOT QUALIFY FOR SERVICES

Appendix E SPDAT (Service Prioritization Decision Assessment Tool)

VULNERABILITY INDEX SCORE (VI Score)

Place Total in box below at conclusion of interview

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- Add up the "1s" from all later pages, and enter at right.
- If the VI = 10 or greater, client is recommended for a PSH or Housing First Assessment.
- If the VI = 6-9, client is recommended for a <u>Rapid Re-housing Assessment</u>.
- If the VI = 0-4, client is not recommended for a <u>Housing and Support Assessment</u>.

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Referring Agency:	
Agency Address (incl. city/state/zip):	
Name of Staff who completed this form:	
Phone of Staff:	
Email of Staff:	
Date of Referral mm/dd/vvvv:	/ /

O Elderly, or Disabled	1
O Displacement for Witness Protection/Hate Crime	2
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WHAT HOUSING WAITLISTS WOULD YOU BE ELIGIBLE FOR? (choose as many as seem appropriate)

INDIVIDUALS	FAMILIES	UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH
○ ES	○ ES ○2BR ○3BR ○ 4BR ○5BR ○ 6BR ○7+	○ Pregnant / Parenting
О ТН	\bigcirc TH \bigcirc 2BR \bigcirc 3BR \bigcirc 4BR \bigcirc 5BR \bigcirc 6BR \bigcirc 7+	○ Runaway / Castaway
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O Domestic Violence	○ Domestic Violence:	
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Triage for Possible Placement and Referral – with Vulnerability Index

WAITLIST PLACEMENT - ALL FIELDS ARE REQUIRED (Vulnerability Index to be completed by CSS staff)

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Triage for Possible Placement and Referral – with Vulnerability Index

CLIENT ID (FOR HO	CLIENT ID (FOR HOH OR UNACCOMPANIED INDIVIDUAL)									N	I/A	Client does not know	CR	l only got a partial name, streetname, or codename	Data not collected – unacceptable answer	
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O CDNK O Black / African American O CD O CR O Native/Hawaiian or Other Pac Islander O CR																
*Hispanic = " Spanish,	Cuban,	Mexi										anish	cultur	e of ori	igin."	
LONG TERM CONTA HOUSING – client ma												UR S	UBSID	IZED//	AFFORDABLE	
Street and Apt # or PO	Вох															
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Total household size,	Annual	Income	
including HoH	income	sources	

Move Out Date

Move In Date

Triage with Vulnerability Score and Waitlist Placement

Have you ever served in the Military?		TYPE OF DISCHARGE
O Yes O No	○ cdnk ○ cr	O Did Not Ask O General O Medical O Other O Honorable O Dishonorable O Bad conduct
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IF YOU ARE NOT A VETERAN, ARE YOU:

O The **spouse** or **partner** (present or former) of a veteran

THE CHILD OF A VETERAN?

partner	(present or former) of a veteran?	• The child of a veteran?

HoH HAS HEALTH CONDITIONS LASTING > WEEK?		\bigcirc Yes \bigcirc No \bigcirc CDNK \bigcirc CR		
SPECIFY THE DISABILITIES (You will list them again on a later page – i.e. you'll be asking the client <i>twice</i>):				
\bigcirc Substance Use: Alcohol only	\odot Substance use: Drugs only	O Substance Use: Both Alcohol and Drug		
\bigcirc Developmental Disability				
\bigcirc Mental Health Issues	\odot Physical Disability			
\bigcirc Other Chronic Health Condition				
	(ex: diabetes, high blood pressure, Hep C, Alzhei	mer's, COPD)		

CHRON HOMELESS: DOES ANY ADULT IN THIS HOUSEHOLD HAVE A DISABILITY <u>AND</u> HAS BEEN 1. HOMELESS 4 TIMES IN THE PAST 3 YEARS <u>OR ELSE</u> 2. CONTINUOUSLY HOMELESS FOR 1 YEAR OR MORE?

\bigcirc Yes	\bigcirc No	\bigcirc CDNK	\odot cr

If you have answered "Yes" to the last two questions, this client/household is CHRONICALLY HOMELESS.

RECORD OF PAST ENTRIES			
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OTHER ASSISTANCE PROVIDED?	,	TYPE OF ROOM DESIRED:	
O RAFT		0	
O HOMEBASE		0	
• SPECIFY:			

HOUSING STATUS AT ENTRY (if you do not provide housing for this family, what would the client's status be?)

O Category 1: Homeless	\bigcirc At-Risk of Homelessness – Homeless Prevention Programs only
O Category 2: Housing Loss in 14 Days (at imminent risk)	\bigcirc Stably Housed
Category 3: Homeless only under other federal statutes	\bigcirc CDNK (will not be eligible for Rapid Re-Housing or Homeless Prevention)
O Category 4: Fleeing domestic violence	\bigcirc CR (will not be eligible for Rapid Re-Housing or Homeless Prevention)

RELEASE FROM INSTITUTION? O not applicable (not institutionalized)

- O will be homelessness if released from current institutional stay (prison, hospital, foster home, group home, etc.)
- O will be at risk of homelessness if released from current institutional stay (prison, hospital, foster home, group home, etc.)

Triage with Vulnerability Score and Waitlist Placement

BASIC TRIAGE QUESTIONS

skip to Homeless or Imminent Risk, including RRH
skip to Homeless or Imminent Risk, including RRH
skip to Homeless or Imminent Risk, including RRH or Homeless Prevention or consider Foreclosure Prevention Resources
skip to Homeless or Imminent Risk, including RRH or Homeless Prevention or consider Foreclosure Prevention Resources
skip to Homeless Prevention
skip to Homeless or Imminent Risk, including RRH or Homeless Prevention or consider Foreclosure Prevention Resources
skip to Referral Decision
If Yes, skip to Homeless or Imminent Risk section on next page. If the household is <u>not</u> homeless and not at-risk, refer to other mainstream resources.
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HOMELESS OR IMMINENT RISK CLIENTS, including RRH	
	that has been condemned n overcrowding that can't last. g or housing provided by family or friends
□ Yes □ No Are you safe in your current living situation?	If no, but household is safe and otherwise eligible for diversion, divert them to RRH or location other than where they are currently staying and make sure that it is somewhere where the household feels safe. Skip to Concluding Questions. If household is unsafe, refer to DV program, safe friend or family housing, or RRH.

HOMELESS PREVENTION

What brought on your housing crisis?Victim of foreclosure on rental propertyLiving in housing that has been condemnedUnable to pay rentExperiencing high overcrowding that can't last.			
□ Yes	□ No	Are you safe in your current living situation?	If no, but household is safe and otherwise eligible for diversion, divert them to a location other than where they are currently staying and make sure that it is somewhere where the household feels safe. Alternately, refer to Concluding Questions. If household is unsafe, refer to DV program, safe friend or family housing, or RRH.
□ Yes	□ No	Is there anyone else you and your family could stay with for at least the next three (3) to seven (7) days if you were able to receive case management services/transportation assistance/limited financial support? Help family think through potential places – with family, friends, co-workers. Have them identify what barriers they think exist to staying in a certain location and how they might be overcome.	If answer to this question is YES, household qualifies for diversion assistance. Skip to Concluding Questions. If answer to this question is NO <u>and</u> shelter diversion has therefore been ruled out, go to Prevention Questions.
□ Yes	□ No	Are you safe in your current living situation?	If no, admit or refer to emergency shelter.
🗆 Yes	🗆 No	Do you believe you will become homeless within the new	kt seven (7) days?
□ Yes	□ No	Have you ever been to a shelter or another homeless ass If you answered yes to the previous question, what was t 	
□ Yes	□ No	Household income is at or below 30 percent of AMI	
□ Yes	□ No	Has household experienced homelessness in the last 12 months?	

Triage for Possible Placement and Referral – with Vulnerability Index

VULNERABILITY INDEX

1. If Head of Household is ≥60 yrs. or older ○ CR to provide D	OB 2. If yes, enter "1" →
2a. Has gone Homeless continuously for at least 12 months? or O Yes O No O CDNK O 2b. Has gone Homeless at least 4 times in the past 3 years? O Yes O No O CDNK O	2 If you to aith an
 3. In the past six months, how many times have you been to the Emergency Room? 4. In the past six months, how many times have you had an interaction with the police? 5. In the past six months, how many times have you been taken to the hospital in an ambulance? 6. In the past six months, how many times have you used a crisis service, including distress centers or suicide prevention hotlines? 7. In the past six months, how many times have you been hospitalized as an in-patient, including mental health hospitalizations? 	If you total the answers 3-7 and it's ≥ "4 times", enter a "1" →
 8. Have you been attacked or beaten up since becoming homeless? 9. Have you tried to harm yourself, or threatened to harm yourself, or anyone else, in the last year? 	If yes to 8/9, enter $a "1" \rightarrow$
 10. Do you have any legal stuff going on right now that may result in you being locked up or having to pay fines? 	If yes to 10, enter a "1" →
 11. Does anybody force you or trick you to do things that you do not want to do? O cr 12. Do you ever do things that may be considered to be risky, like exchange sex for money, run drugs for someone, have unprotected sex with someone you don't really know, share a needle, or anything like that? O cr 13. Types of places you may have slept: which one do you sleep at most often? Shelter O Street O Vehicle O Bus or Subway O Beach, River, Park O Other 	13 is something other than
\odot 17. Do you have planned activities each day other than just surviving? O cm	If yes, enter "1" →
 18. Do you have any friends, family or acquaintances out of convenience or necessity, but you Don't like their company and you wouldn't hang with them unless you had to? 19. Do any of your friends ever take your money, borrow cigarettes, use your drugs/alcohol, or get you to do things you don't really want to do? 	both, enter "1" \rightarrow
○ 20.	If yes, enter "1" →
\odot 21. Where do you usually go for health care? O cF	If "nowhere", enter "1" →
○ 22. Do you have Kidney disease / End Stage Renal disease, or Undergo Dialysis? O CF	If yes, enter "1" →
○ 23. Do you have History of Frostbite, Hypothermia, or Immersion Foot? O CF	If yes, enter "1" →
O 24. Do you have liver disease, Cirrhosis, or End-Stage Liver Disease? O CR	If yes, enter "1" →
O 25-33. Look at the Chronic Health Conditions box on the next page. Enter at "1" on that pag	e if you have any of these conditions.

 Substance Use: <u>Alcohol</u> only Substance use: <u>Drugs</u> only Substance Use: <u>Both</u> Alcohol and Drug 35. Have you ever had problems with dru 36. Have you consumed alcohol / drugs event 37. Have you used injection drugs or shot 38. Have you been treated for drug/alcoh 39. Have you used non-beverage alcoh wine, or anything like that in the past six 40. Have you ever blacked out because or 41. Interviewer: do you observe signs or set 	g or alcohol use very day or almo s in the past six iol problems bu ol like cough s months? f your alcohol /	ost every day in the past month months? It then returned to drinking or syrup, mouthwash, rubbing al	n? drugs? cohol, cooking	If yes to one or more, enter "1" →
\bigcirc Physical Disability (missing a limb, bli	nd, deaf, in a	wheelchair, etc.	O cr	If yes, enter "1" →
O HIV/AIDS			O cr	If yes, enter "1" \rightarrow
 Mental Health Issues 42. Have you ever been taken to a hospit 43. Gone to an emergency room because of n 44. Spoken with a mental health professional 	erves or feeling s	haky or scared?	O cr ?	If yes to one or more, enter "1" →
 Developmental Disability 45. Had a serious brain injury or head traumation 46. Ever been told you have a learning disabilitient 47. Have trouble concentrating, or remember 48. Interviewer: do you detect signs or symptomic 	ty or developmer ing things?			If yes to one or more, enter "1" →
 Chronic Health Conditions: Heat st If not already answered above Heart conditions: Heart conditions: Heart conditions: Asthma Diabete Hepati Tuberconditions: Other: 	liseases, Arrhy a es tis C	haustion ythmia, or Irregular Heartbe O Cancer O Emphysema O High Blood Pre O Alzheimer's		If yes to one or more, enter "1" →
 49. Have you had any medicines prescribe misplaced, or had stolen, or where the 				If yes, enter "1" →

IS THIS PERSON PREGNANT?

VICTIM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE?

O No or N/A O Yes If Pregnant, Due Date://	Use same ans	se same answers as for Adult HoH	
 ○ 50. Have you ever experienced any emotional, physical, psychological, sexual abuse, or trauma in your life which you did not get help for, and/or which you feel has caused your homelessness? If yes, enter "1" → 			
TOTAL VULNERABILITY SCORE (add up the 1s and enter in box at right; also enter this score at top of page 1, then continue below.)			

Triage for Possible Placement and Referral – with Vulnerability Index

REFERRAL DECISION		
If so, what kind of assistance of Landlord mediation Conflict resolution with po Rental assistance Utility assistance Other financial assistance		If no, attempt to make appropriate referrals to other available community/mainstream resources. If yes, refer to ESG ES, TH, RRH, and Housing Search Advocates.
 Yes No Does client quint If so, what kind of assistance of current housing location? Landlord mediation Conflict resolution with poil Rental assistance Utility assistance Other financial assistance Other assistance (Define:) 	If no, attempt to make appropriate referrals to other available community/mainstream resources. If yes, refer to ESG HP and Housing Search Advocates.	
□ Yes □ No Does client qu	alify for Housing Search Assistance only?	Refer to SSO agencies or www.housingworks.net
	□ Emergency Shelter? □ TH? □ Dom Violence Shelter? □ PSH?	Consult Bed Register and refer to agency or send form to be added to that programs waitlist

If client returns in 30 days, pull this form from the files and complete the Follow—Up on the next pages.

FOLLOW-UP FORM

2.

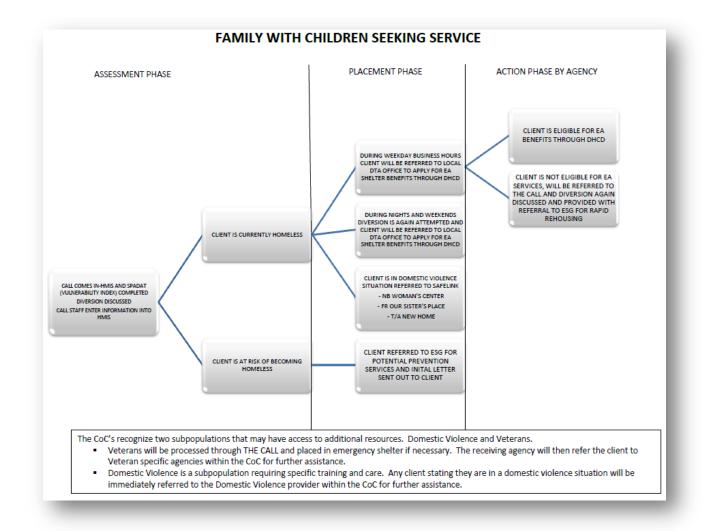
1. Was the household diverted from entering shelter? (If no, skip to question two).

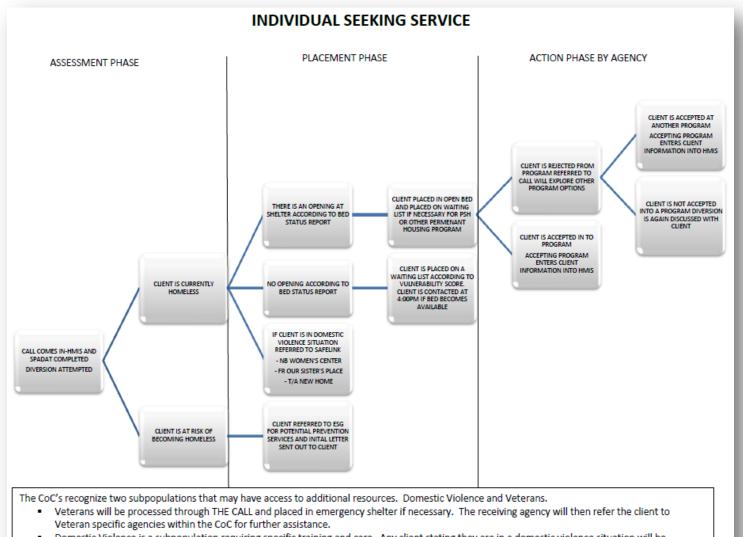
🗆 Yes 🗆 No

If yes, to where:	
Friend's house	Previous housing
Family member's housing	Other (please describe):
How long were they in this housing? Number of days:	
Did the household receive prevention assistance?	🗆 Yes 🛛 No
What type?	
 Utility assistance in the amount of \$ Rental assistance in the amount of \$ 	□ Moving costs in the amount of \$
□ Security deposit in the amount of \$	\Box Moving costs in the amount of 3
After 30 Days	
1. Did they find permanent housing?	🗆 Yes 🛛 No
After 90 Days	
1. Have they come back to shelter/the homeless assistance	system since being diverted?
🗆 Yes 🖾 No	
2. Are there whereabouts known?	□ Yes □ No
3. If they are known, where do they live currently?	
 Remained in initial housing Relocated to different permanent housing unit In homeless assistance system 	

4. Number of Days If they "remained in initial housing" or "relocated to different permanent housing unit," how long have they been there?

Appendix F Flow Chart for Family Seeking Shelter





 Domestic Violence is a subpopulation requiring specific training and care. Any client stating they are in a domestic violence situation will be immediately referred to the Domestic Violence provider within the CoC for further assistance.

Appendix H Daily Bed Count Form

Bed Status Reporting Form

- Submit via / fax to: 508-675-2224 / email to: thecall@cssdioc.org
- ES Programs must report daily between 8:30 AM and 9:30 AM
 ES Programs must also report by 4:00 PM if any vacancies remain after 3:30 PM.
- TH and PSH Programs must report ASAP if a vacancy occurs or is about to occur.

This report is for the . . .

... night of: mm/dd/yyyy

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- ... day of the week:
- ... agency:
- ... project:
- ... city:

This program serves: Check one box	Unaccompanied Individuals <u>and</u> Families Unaccompanied Individuals <u>and</u> Families <u>and</u> Teen Parents Unaccompanied Adult Individuals Only Unaccompanied Teens Only Teens Parents with Children
Any Vacant Beds?	Yes (explain below) No (if "No", save and print/fax <u>or</u> email)
A. Unaccompanied Individuals	# of empty top bunks (any weight) # male beds # female beds # of empty top bunks (persons weighing less than 150 lbs) # male beds # female beds # of empty lower bunks, mattresses, or pads (any weight) # male beds # female beds
B. Beds/Rooms for Families	# of empty top bunks check if bunks are restricted to persons weighing less than 150 lbs.) # of empty lower bunks, mattresses, or pads (any weight) # of empty cribs
C. Beds/Rooms for Teens/Teen Parents	# of empty top bunks (persons weighling less than 150 lbs) # of empty lower bunks, mattresses, or pads (any weight) # of empty cribs