Experiencing or at Imminent Risk of Long-Term Homelessness
Client Form

FAQ for JOHS contracted providers

Updated October 1, 2021 *currently, this FAQ is updated frequently since this is a new form*

- Starting on October 1, 2021 the Joint Office of Homeless Services will require all of its contracted providers to include the Experiencing or at Imminent Risk of Long-Term Homelessness form into their client intake packets.
  - This is not required if the program does not normally conduct an intake. For example, *some* outreach and navigation programs, supply center and severe weather activation programs, and some emergency shelter programs do not conduct formal intakes to start services.

- *Why are we asking for this information?* In May 2020, voters in Clackamas, Multnomah, and Washington counties approved the Metro Supportive Housing Services Measure to raise local funds for regional supportive housing services. Since this is a local source of funds, Metro was able to craft a local definition of homelessness that is more expansive than the HUD definition. We now need to collect new types of data in order to demonstrate that we are investing the Metro funds according to the new regional definition of homelessness.

- *How is this different from the HUD definition of homelessness?* There are several differences. You will not need to learn two definitions, instead, just walk the client through the questions. These changes include:
  - **Disabling condition** does not need to be diagnosed or documented by a third party (this can be self-certified)
  - **Disabling condition** can include a physical, psychological or cognitive disability, a chronic illness, or an addiction.
  - **Literally homeless includes** anyone in an institution or publicly funded system of care (e.g. hospital, jail, prison, or foster care), anyone in housing that will become literally homeless within 14 days, and anyone that has received an eviction (this includes households that are involuntarily doubled-up), and anyone fleeing domestic violence (including anyone fleeing sex trafficking).
  - **People in institutions for longer than 90 days** retain their homeless status.

- *Does my client need to be present to complete this form?*
  No. If the provider has access to the information necessary to answer the questions then the client does not need to be present. Also, the client does not need to sign this form.

- *What counts as a combined total of 12+ months of homelessness?*

Time Institutionalized (Hospital, jail, prison, foster care)	Time Involuntarily Doubled-Up	Time Literally Homeless (Tent, car, emergency shelter, hotel, transitional housing)	For a combined total of 12 months over the last 3 years

- *If my client completes this form does that mean they will be eligible for more services?*
Not at this time. Currently, the intention of the form is to capture baseline data about all of the clients accessing homeless services.

- *If my client is currently in a Homeless Assistance Housing program, like a rapid rehousing program, are they still considered population A?*
Yes. Households who enter a Homeless Assistance Housing Program will maintain their eligibility for the purpose of transitioning into another housing program. This policy is aligned with the HUD CoC Program and allows the system to flexibly meet households' needs with the resources available - for example, to serve a household with Rapid ReHousing as a bridge to Permanent Supportive Housing.

- *Is there an HMIS data collection requirement associated with this form?*
Yes. All of the programs for which HMIS data collection is a requirement are now required to collect one new, associated data point. The new question enables identification of SHS population status, as determined by the form, for all heads of household who are active in SHS-funded programming starting on 10/01/21. The question must be answered for each head of household at program entry only. Please send questions about this data point to servicepoint@multco.us.