HOUSING PRIORITIZATION TOOL

Coordinated Access, Referral, Entry and Stabilization (CARES) System January 2024



ADMINISTRATION: ASSESSOR INFORMATION

Name of Assessor				Phone	
Name of Agency				Email	
Assessment Date	Time	Туре	🗆 Phone 🗆 Virtua	al 🗆 In-pers	son (Location):

CDK = Client Doesn't Know, PNTA = Prefers Not To Answer, DNC = Data Not Collected

NAME OF PERSON BEING ASSESSED

First Name			Last Name		
Preferred Name		Other nam	es you go by		
Polationship to th	ne Head of Household	□ Self (Head of Household (I	HoH)) □ HoH's s	spouse/partner	□ Other: nonrelation member
Relationship to th	ie neau of nousellolu	□ HoH's child	🗆 HoH's d	other relation member	

OPENING SCRIPT

NOTE: If you have not already done so, introduce yourself and the agency you work for, and then read the following. "You were referred for a CARES Housing Prioritization Assessment to determine your current housing needs and eligibility. These questions are asked to help determine the best referral for you, not to judge you or your experiences. (NOTE: If Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and CARES Release of Information (ROI) forms were not previously signed ask for permission and have them sign the ROIs.) If you give me permission, I will ask you a series of questions to determine your preferences and eligibility for housing and services.

Literally Homeless Situations	Institutional Situations	Temporary Housing Situations	Pe	rmanent Situatio	-	0	ther Situati	ions
 Situations Place not meant for habitation (e.g., vehicle, abandoned building, bus/train/subway station/airport, or anywhere outside) Emergency shelter, including hotel or motel paid for with emergency shelter voucher or RHY- funded Host Home Shelter Safe Haven 	 Institutional Situations Foster care home or foster care group home Hospital or other residential non-psychiatric medical facility Jail, prison, or juvenile detention facility Long-term care facility or nursing home Psychiatric hospital or other psychiatric facility Substance abuse treatment facility or detox center 	 Situations Transitional Housing for homeless persons (including homeless youth) Residential project or halfway house with no homeless criteria Hotel or motel paid for without emergency shelter voucher Host Home (non-crisis) Staying or living in a friend's room, apartment or house Staying or living in a family member's room, apartment or house 	ong □ Rent ong □ Own ong □ Own	tal by clier oing hous tal by clier oing hous ed by clie oing hous ed by clie	it, no ing subsidy it, with ing subsidy nt, with ing subsidy	□ Other □ Work □ Client □ Client answ	er unable to mine t doesn't kno t prefers not	ow t to
Skip Questions A-E.	Continue to Question A.	Continue to Question A.	Con		uestion A.		p Questions	
A. Are you going to have to lo	eave your current living situati	i on within 14 days? question A, please answer ques	tions P	□ Yes	🗆 No		PNTA	
3. Do you have another safe				 □ Yes	□ No		PNTA	
	support networks to obtain ot	her permanent housing? (If yea	s, end	□ Yes	□ No			
	I housing in the last 60 days?			\Box Yes	🗆 No		□ PNTA	🗆 DN
E. Have you moved 2 or more				□ Yes	🗆 No		□ PNTA	🗆 DN
Do you have verification o living situation?	T your current □ Yes – Ho	omeless 🛛 Yes – LTH	□ Y	′es - CH	□ No		□ PNTA	
	nce obtaining verification? (If a	daing accompant on paper note	41-11 4	ha and)			□ Yes	🗆 No

END ASSESSMENT: Thank you. You are not currently eligible for CARES housing assistance based on your answers. I want to refer you to other services that may help you further stabilize in housing. With the household's permission, connect the household back to access navigators, mainstream services, prevention assistance, or other agency or community supports as needed.

<u>CONTINUE ASSESSMENT</u>: Thank you. Based on your answers, I would like to proceed with the assessment. The assessment will take about 20 minutes. Many questions are looking for yes/no answers and do not require you to provide any explanation. If you do not hear or understand a question, I can repeat it or clarify it for you. You can decide not to answer a question. No one will be upset with you if you do not answer a question. However, this information is important to help determine if you qualify for specific housing programs. Skipped or inaccurate answers may affect your eligibility. It will benefit you to answer as honestly as possible, especially since we may need to verify some of your answers later.

CONSENT

Now, I would like to know if I have your permission to share your assessment answers in HMIS with housing and service providers in the CARES system. The information shared may help further determine your eligibility and best match you with housing based on your needs and choices."

Do I have your permission to share your data in HMIS?

□ Yes – say "thank you" and proceed with the assessment

□ No - say, "Since you are not willing to share your information in HMIS, your information will be placed in our alternative database."

DEMOGRAPHICS

	I will ask for some basic information about ;						
intake	. Review/confirm the questions with a single as	terisk (*) if prepopula	ted. Questions with a double a	asterisk (*	*) need no	ot be reviewed or confirm	ned.
D1.	*What is your household type?	Family	□ Single	🗆 Yo	uth – Farr	nily 🛛 🗆 Youth - S	ingle
D2.	*What is your household size?	Total # of Persons:	Total # of Adults:			Total # of Children:	
D3.	In the next few weeks to months do you ar				□ Yes	□ CDK	
	pregnancy, custody, marriage, separation,	divorce, split-up, re	eunification, or similar?		□ No	□ PNTA	
а.	If yes, please explain. Include details on						
	timing and size changes.						
D4 **	What gender do you identify with?	□ Woman (Girl, if cl	hild)	□ Trans	gender	Different Identity	□ PNTA
	k all that apply)	🗆 Man (Boy, if child)	🗆 Non-I	Binary	□ CDK	
(Check	Kan that apply)	Culturally Specifie	c Identity (e.g., Two-Spirit)	□ Ques	tioning		
а.	**If you selected Different Identity, please identify your gender.						
D5.	**What is your date of birth?		D6. **What is your social s	ecurity n	umber?		
		American Indian,	Alaska Native, or Indigenous	🗆 Mi	ddle Easte	ern or North African	
D7.	**What race do you identify with?	Asian or Asian A	merican	🗆 Na	tive Hawa	aiian or Pacific Islander	🗆 PNTA
D7.	(Check all that apply)	🗆 Black, African An	nerican or African	\Box W	nite		
		□ Hispanic/Latina/e	e/o				
а.	**If you do not identify with one of the						
	races or ethnicities I just read, what						
	would you say your race or ethnicity is?						

CLIE	NT CHOICE						
	, I would like to understand a bit about the ty openings and understand that your desired						
	you more quickly be housed.		e avallau	ie. Tou may b	e offered a different location of	type of not	using to
C1.	County of primary residence?						
C2.	Would you be willing to move if housing	🗆 No			☐ MN Residents: Yes, anothe	er county in	MN
	in another county or the border state (MN or ND only) is available?	☐ MN Residents: Yes, ND)		\Box ND Residents: Yes, anothe	r county in	ND
	(Check all that apply)	□ ND Residents - Yes, MI	N		\Box ND residents, any county ir	n ND	
C3.	What three regions/counties would you like	e to live in?					
1.		2.			3.		
C4.	If you are not currently living in the city/co	unty where you want to liv	e, do you	ı have any coı	nnections to the area?	□ Yes	□ No
a.	Please explain the connections.						
C5.	If available and offered, do you need or wo	uld you prefer housing		_			
	with any of the following?		Need	Preferred	Notes		
a.	A housing unit for only persons who are forme	erly homeless					
b.	A building with locked doors AND front desk s	taff					
C.	A building accessible for persons with a disab	ility					
d.	Housing near a public transportation bus stop						
e.	A voucher that can be used anywhere in the c	community – not site-based					
f.							
1.	Housing in a specific school district so your ki	ds can stay enrolled					

ELIGIE	BILITY INFORM	ATION									
		system are targeted									
		ermine eligibility for t			and offered ho	using, you will	need to provid	de verification	n of your eligibility.		
E1.		HERE ARE SCHOOL- Irolled in school in NI		ΞN	🗆 Yes - ND	🗆 Yes – MN	🗆 No	🗆 DK	🗆 PNTA 🛛 DNC		
a.		school district is you		<u>ו</u>							
	enrolled?										
b.	If in MN, check	if in one of the follow	ving WC Minne	sota Schoo	l Districts.						
□ Ale:	kandria 🛛 🗆 Bro	eckenridge 🛛 🗆 DGF	-] Frazee-Ve	rgas 🗆 Ha	awley	□ Moorhead	🗆 Ule	n-Hitterdal		
🗆 Bar	nesville 🗆 De	etroit Lakes 🛛 🗆 Ferg	gus Falls 🛛 🗆] Freshwate	r 🗆 Mi	nnewaska	🗆 Osakis	□ Wa	dena-Deer Creek		
E2.	What is the app	proximate date of you	ir most recent e	episode of I	nomelessness?	•					
E3.	How many tota	I months have you be	en homeless d	or doubled	up, do not inclu	Ide time in insti	tutionalization	n, incarceratio	on,		
	or housing incl	uding TH?									
E4.	Did you leave	□ Adoptive home (fro	om foster care)	□ Mental	Health Treatme	nt or Hospital	Residence for	or people with	physical disabilities		
	any of these in the past 3	□ Foster Home (yout	th only)	Drug or	Alcohol Treatm	ent Facility	□ CDK				
	months?	□ Juvenile Detention	Center	🗆 Combin	ed MI/CD Treat	ment Facility	🗆 PNTA				
		□ County Jail or Wor	khouse	🗆 Group I	Home						
		□ State or Federal P	rison	🗆 Halfway	/ House						
E5.	Prior Living Site	uation									
а.	Literally	\Box Place not meant for	or habitation (e.g	g., vehicle, a	bandoned buildi	ng, bus/train/sub	way station/air	port or anywh	ere outside		
	Homeless Situation	□ Emergency shelter	r, including hote	l/motel paid	for with emerge	ncy shelter vouc	her, or RHY-fu	nded Host Hor	ne shelter		
	Situation	Safe Haven									
b.	Institutional	□ Foster care home	or foster care gr	oup home		🗆 Long-te	erm care facility	/ or nursing ho	me		
	Situation	□ Hospital or other re	esidential non-p	sychiatric m	edical facility	🗆 Psychi	atric hospital or	other psychia	tric facility		
		🗆 Jail, prison, or juve	nile detention fa	acility		🗆 Substa	nce abuse trea	tment facility c	r detox center		
C.	Temporary	Transitional Housir	ng for homeless	persons (in	cluding homeles	s youth)					
	Housing Situation	Residential project	or halfway hous	se with no h	omeless criteria						
	Situation	□ Hotel or motel paid	for without eme	ergency she	lter voucher						
		□ Host Home (non-ci	risis)								
		□ Staying or living in	a friend's room,	apartment	or house						
		□ Staying or living in	a family membe	er's room, ap	partment or hous	e					
d.	Permanent	□ Rental by client, no	•				lient, with ongo	ing housing su	ıbsidy		
	Housing	□ Rental by client, wi	ith ongoing hous	sing subsidy		□ Owned by c	-		•		
е.	Situation Other				PNTA			NC			
.											
E6.			□ 1 night	□ 1 v	veek to < 1 mo.		s to < 1 vear				

E7.	Approximate date of most recent episode of	homelessness						
E8.	Regardless of where you stayed last night, h		□ 1 time	🗆 3 times	3			
	you been on the streets, in emergency shelt the past three years (including today)?	er, or Safe Haven in	□ 2 times	□ 4 or m	ore times	□ PNTA		
E9.	What is the total number of months you hav	e been homeless on	-	episode w/in 1s			□ 9	□ More than 12
	the street, in emergency shelter, or Safe Hav				monury		□ 10	
	years?						□ 11	
							□ 12	
E10.	Do you have verification of past episodes of	homelessness?	□ Yes	🗆 No		. Γ] PNTA	
a.	If no, do you need assistance obtaining veri	fication? (If yes and doing	g assessmen	t on paper, note	this at the e	nd)	□ Yes	□ No
E11.	Are you Native American?		□ Yes	🗆 No] PNTA	
a.	If yes, with which Tribe are you affiliated?	North Dakota Tribes			Minnesota	a Tribes		
		Sisseton Wahpetor	n Oyate Natio	n	□ Lower S	Sioux in M	N	
		□ Spirit Lake Nation			□ Mdewał	kanton Sio	ux Indian	S
		□ Standing Rock Sio	ux Tribe		□ Minneso	ota Chippe	wa Tribe	
		□ Three Affiliated – N	/IHA Nation		🗆 Prairie I	sland in M	linnesota	
		🗆 Turtle Mountain Ba	and of Chippe	wa	□ Red Lal	ke Band of	f Chippew	va Indians
								ioux of MN
					Upper S	Sioux Com	munity	
		□ Other:						
b.	MN TRIBES ONLY: If eligible and available, w	vould you be interested	in housing s	pecifically for	White Earth	members	;?	
□ Yes	□ No						DNC	
E12.	Did you serve on Active Duty in the U.S. mili		Reserves?					
□ Yes				🗆 PNTA			DNC	
а.	If yes, what kind of discharge did you have?	□ Honorable or under ho						
	nave :	□ Other than honorable	but not dishoi	norable	□ PNTA			
						· _		
b.	Do you have verification of your Veteran sta		□ Yes	□ No		<u> </u>] PNTA	
C.	If no, do you need assistance obtaining veri doing assessment on paper, note this at the end		□ Yes	🗆 No] PNTA	
E13.	Do you have a disabling condition? This inc		ntal, emotion	al impairment,	including o	ne cause	d by alco	hol or drug
	abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, or bra							
	independently, and could be improved with							
	Developmental Disabilities Act: AIDS/HIV or active military service and whose disability						r aggrav	ated during
□ Yes							DNC	
a.	Have you been told by a medical profession							
	severe mental illness?		🗆 Yes	🗆 No		ι L	□ PNTA	

Head of Household Name: _____

b.	Do you require accommo	odations due to health or disab	ility?	□ Yes	□ No		🗆 PNTA		
C.	If yes, list needed accom	modations.							
d.	Do you have documenta assessment on paper, not	tion of your disability? (If yes all e this at the end)	nd doing	□ Yes	□ No		□ PNTA		
E14.	violence (dating, domest	en) living with you experienced ic, sexual assault, stalking) or g conditions that took place at nce?	other	□ Yes	🗆 No				
а.	If yes, when did this expe	erience occur?	□ Currently	fleeing			🗆 One year	ago or more	
			□ Within the	e past 3 montl	hs		□ CDK		
			□ 3 months	to 6 months a	ago (but not 6	PNTA			
			\Box 6 months to 1 year ago (but not 1 year exactly)						
E15.	In the past 6 months,	ot meant for	habitation		Foster care home	or foster care g	roup home		
	where have you (or your family) most	Emergency shelter, including	hotel/motel	paid w/ vouch	ier 🗆	Hospital or other r	residential medic	al facility	
	frequently slept?	□ Hotel/motel paid for by family	/household			l Jail, prison, or juv	enile detention fa	acility	
	noquonity otoper	Home owned by you	🗆 Long-term care fa				cility or nursing l	home	
		\Box Rental where you were on the	e lease with NO assistance Mental health fa			Mental health faci	acility		
		\Box Rental where you were on the	e lease, with	voucher/subs	sidy 🗆	Substance abuse	treatment facility	y or detox center	
		□ Staying/living in a family's or [•]	friend's roor	n, apartment,	or house 🛛 🗆	CDK			
		Domestic violence or safe has	rbor shelter	or program		I PNTA			
		Homeless transitional or pern	nanent hous	ing program		DNC			
E16.	* Is the client chronically h	□ Yes] No				
			🗆 Not cu	rrently homele	ess				
	* Extent of Hereeleeenees		□ 1 st time	homeless an	d less than 1 y	ear without home			
E17.	* Extent of Homelessness	DUNUTASK	Multiple	e times homel	ess, but NOT ı	meeting LTH defini	tion		
			□ Long te	erm: At least 1	year OR at le	ast 4 times in the p	ast 3 years		

PRIORITIZATION

Now I am going to ask you some questions to assess some of the obstacles and challenges you may have in finding or maintaining housing. These questions will be yes/no questions, multiply choice, or questions on frequency. You do not need to go into any detail or explain your answers. If you are unsure on how to answer, or want me to repeat or clarify a question, please let me know. I can help you try to determine which answer best fits your situation. The more honest you are the better we can help you. Before we proceed, I want to remind you that the questions are intended to help identify any obstacles you may have to finding and maintaining housing, not to judge you. Now, let's get started.

P1.		ysical fights with	ad to move in the p people you lived v								
□ Nor		□ 1 time	□ 2 times	□ 3-4 times		more than 4 times			🗆 PN		
P2.			eased or owned ho vas on the lease or						ase or n	nortgage or	a dependent or
	nonths or less	□ 3-6 months	□ 7-9 months	□ 10-12 month		□ more than 1 ye			D PN		
P3.	may include staying whe	having to excha re people are usi here you felt uns		g, staying outside s when you are tr	e, sta ying	aying with an abu	user, t	being forced to s	stay sor	newhere ag	ainst your will,
	nonths or less	□ 3-6 months	□ 7-9 months	□ 10-12 mont		□ More than 1 ye			🗆 PN		
P4.	witnessing,		nany times have yo g a victim of a crim , jail, or prison?								
□ Nor		□ 1 time	□ 2-3 times	□ 4-5 times		over 5 times		CDK			
P5.	keep housin being health	g? (Only read if in a second	hysical health, or th necessary. A few ex p employment or fi at affect your ability	xamples are havir Il out paperwork r	ng ai need	nxiety, paranoia, led to pay bills; o r your housing.)	or de or not	pression, or oth being able to loo	er chro	nic health c	onditions; not
		□ No		□ CDK			□ PNT				
P6.			or service provider nability to rememb								This may include
		🗆 No		□ CDK			□ PNT				
P7.			our, or a household getting evicted or b				n or il	llegal drugs affe	cted yo	ur ability to	find, maintain,
		🗆 No		□ CDK			□ PNT				
P8.	Do you or w	ould you have di	fficulty being appro	oved for housing	beca	ause of your or a	family	ly member's rent	al histo	ry or rent o	wed?
□ Yes		🗆 No		□ CDK			□ PNT				
P9.	Do you or w	ould you have di	fficulty being appro	oved for housing	beca	ause of your or a	family	ly member's lega	l or crir	ninal histor	y?
□ Yes		🗆 No		□ CDK			□ PNT				
P10.	Have you ha sexual orier		ng into housing or l	have been asked t	to le	eave housing bec	ause	of gender identi	ty, race	, ethnicity, v	victim status, or
□ Yes	6	🗆 No)	□ CDK			□ PNT	ТА			

HOUSEHOLD DEMOGRAPHICS

NOTE: Information	n shoi		n a previous HMI	S intake. If prepop				are offered housing. that have a single asterisk	: (*). Questions
		**) should not need to be	e reviewed or con	nfirmed.					
*Person #2 Name)							**Date of Birth	
**Relationship		oH's Spouse/partner	□ HoH's Other r				□ CDK		
		oH's Child	□ Other: non-re	lation member			PNTA		
**Gender	. ()	Woman (Girl, if child	/	ly Specific Identity	∕ (e.g., Two-	-Spirit)	Non-Binary	Different Identity	□ PNTA
(Check all that app	oiy)	□ Man (Boy, if child)	Transge	ender			Questioning		
**If Different Iden	tity s	elected, please identif	y a gender.						
**Race		□ American Indian, Ala		digenous	🗆 Hispani			□ White	🗆 PNTA
(Check all that app	olv)	□ Asian or Asian Ame	rican		□ Middle I	Eastern o	r North African		
(Black, African Ameri	can or African		□ Native I	lawaiian	or Pacific Islande	r	
**If one of the rac	es oi	r ethnicities is not ider	ntified, please id	entify a race or e	thnicity.				
*Person #3 Name)							**Date of Birth	
**Relationship	$\Box H$	oH's Spouse/partner	□ HoH's Other r	relation member			□ CDK		
•		oH's Child	□ Other: non-re				🗆 PNTA		
**Gender	. ()	Woman (Girl, if child	,	ly Specific Identity	∕ (e.g., Two-	-Spirit)	Non-Binary	Different Identity	□ PNTA
(Check all that app	oiy)	□ Man (Boy, if child)	Transge	ender			Questioning		
**If Different Iden	tity s	elected, please identif	y a gender.						
** D = = =		American Indian, Ala	aska Native, or In	digenous	🗆 Hispani	c/Latina/e	e/o	□ White	🗆 PNTA
** Race (Check all that app	olv)	□ Asian or Asian Ame	rican		□ Middle I	Eastern o	r North African	□ CDK	
(Oneon an that app	<i>, y)</i>	🗆 Black, African Ameri	can or African		□ Native I	Hawaiian	or Pacific Islande	r	
**If one of the rac	es oi	r ethnicities is not ider	ntified, please id	entify a race or e	thnicity.				
*Person #4 Name)							**Date of Birth	
**Relationship	ΠH	oH's Spouse/partner	□ HoH's Other r	relation member			□ CDK		
Relationship	$\Box H$	oH's Child	□ Other: non-re	lation member			□ PNTA		
**Gender		Woman (Girl, if child) 🛛 🗆 Cultural	ly Specific Identity	e.g., Two، (e.g., Two	-Spirit)	Non-Binary	Different Identity	🗆 PNTA
(Check all that app	oly)	□ Man (Boy, if child)	🗆 Transge	ender			Questioning		
**If Different Iden	tity s	elected, please identif	y a gender.						
**De ee		🗆 American Indian, Ala	aska Native, or In	digenous	🗆 Hispani	c/Latina/e	e/o	□ White	□ PNTA
** Race (Check all that app	d(y)	□ Asian or Asian Ame	rican		□ Middle I	Eastern o	r North African		
	<i>(</i> y)	🗆 Black, African Ameri	can or African		□ Native I	lawaiian	or Pacific Islande	r	
**If one of the rac	es oi	r ethnicities is not ider	ntified, please id	entify a race or e	thnicity.				

CONTACT INFORMATION

This is the last available.	This is the last set of questions for you today. I will be asking the best way to safely contact you if you are eligible and housing becomes available.									
What is the be	est address/loo	cation?								
Phone #?			Is it ok to text an	d leave a deta	iled message?	□ Yes	□ No			
Email address	?									
These would c	come from my	agency or wo			□ Facebook	□ Instagram	□ Snapchat	□ Other:		
If we are not a possibly conta		old of you at tl	nose locations, will	you provide t	he name of a co	uple other famil	ly members or fri	ends where we can		
Name		Relationship	Phone	Email		Notes				
Would you als	o be willing to	o share the na	mes and agencies of	of any case we	orkers/providers	(i.e., agency st	aff, school coun	selor/liaison, etc.)		
you are workin unable to reac		ve regular cont	act with? Providers	s who could h	elp verify your e	ligibility or who	could help us c	ontact you if we are		
Provider Type	Agency	Wo	rker	Phone	Email		Notes			

REFERRALS

Please provide household with a HOUSING ASSESSMENT RECEIPT and assess for documentation needs below.

As I mentioned earlier, housing programs have eligibility requirements that they need to verify prior to providing	Criteria	Have it?	Uploaded	Want help getting it?
housing. I recognize that these requirements can be	Social Security Card			
confusing and overwhelming. I will read a list of the most	Veteran Status			
common. Let me know if you have the documentation to show your eligibility or if you would like help getting it.	Disability Status			
Show your engining of it you would like help getting it.	Extent of homelessness*			
	Photo ID			
* Extent of homelessness documentation must show:	HUD Homeless Status	If they have it,		If they need help,
 <u>HUD's Four Categories of Homelessness</u> 	Documentation Criteria	of the documer		provide assistance or
 LTH/CH needs: Households must have 1 year of 		upload it into H	MIS.	connect with access
continuous homelessness or a combined total of 12				navigator or other
months of homelessness from 4 distinct episodes in				services to help
the past 3 years.				acquire
				documentation.
Thank you for yo	ur time! (Enter assessment within	24 hours!)		

ASSESSMENT OUTCOME

Referrals Made: Please list	Follow-up Case Management	□ Shelter
	□ Street Outreach	\Box Other emergency assistance/flex fund/furniture assistance
	Housing Navigation	Emergency Housing Voucher
	Non-CoC services – ineligible	Housing Stability Voucher
	Non-CoC services – no services	□ Other
Prioritization Status	Placed on Priority List	Not placed on priority list
Status details: Date if placed on list or reason not placed on the list.		
Other notes: Please include any information or knowledge you have that further clarifies or contradicts answers given during the assessment.		
CARES referral result	Successful referral	Unsuccessful referral
If successful, what was the outcome?	Transitional Housing	Permanent Supportive Housing
	□ Rapid Rehousing	Other Permanent Housing
	□ Transitional-Rapid Rehousing	