Emergency Shelter Agency Self-Assessment

**Adoption of Housing First Approach**

1. **Our mission statement reflects a Housing First philosophical approach to provider shelter, services, and housing.**

* Strongly Agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly Disagree
* I don't know

1. **Our policies and procedures support participants in moving into permanent housing in the most rapid and streamlined way possible, without unnecessary service pre-requisites, rules, or program requirements.**

* Strongly Agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly Disagree
* I don't know

1. **Our eligibility criteria to enroll in shelter does not restrict access to shelter because of the use of alcohol, drugs, lack of income, criminal history background, or because the person has a partner with whom they want to shelter, or a pet.**

* Strongly Agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly Disagree
* I don't know

1. **Every member of our staff, from the Executive Director to the administrative staff, fully believes that everyone who comes into shelter should return to permanent housing as quickly as possible if they choose to do so.**

* Strongly Agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly Disagree
* I don't know

1. **Our shelters’ job roles, job descriptions, and staffing clearly support a program that follows a Housing First approach.**

* Strongly Agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly Disagree
* I don't know

1. **We provide training for board, staff, donors, and community members on the effective use of a Housing First approach as a solution to homelessness.**

* Strongly Agree
* Agree
* Disagree
* Strongly Disagree
* I don't know

**Action Plan for Adopting a Housing First Approach**

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| **Action Step *What needs to be done?*** | **Responsible Person *Who should take action to complete this step?*** | **Deadline** | **Necessary Resources *What do you need in order to complete this step?*** | **Potential Challenges *Are there any potential challenges? How will you overcome them?*** | **Result**  ***Was this step successfully completed? Any new steps to take?*** |
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