## Project Description / Purpose

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| **Project Name:** | Health-Related Social Needs/ Social Determinants of Health |
| **Clinic:** | Alium Health & Wellness |
| **Process:** | Distribution of Social Determinants of Health screenings, documentation of outcomes, and link participants with services to meet identified needs. |
| **TIP 2.0 Process Milestone:** | Milestone 3 |
| **Project Description / Purpose** | |
| To establish standards and criteria for conducting screening of Health-Related Social Needs screening, including methods to support service participants in accessing necessary resources within Alium Health & Wellness and within the community. | |

## Project Overview

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| **Problem Summary:** | Per the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), growing evidence supports that unmet social needs such as homelessness, hunger, or environmental safety can have a clinically significant impact on a person’s health and wellness. These social needs can often become determinant factors in a person’s ability to address other mental health conditions. Access to mental health appointments (therapy, medication management, etc) can be limited due to limited social supports, transportation barriers, access to the internet, and financial barriers. |
| **Desired Outcome(s):** | Completed the Social Determinants of Health screening with each participant enrolled in behavioral health services and link each participant with resources as needs are identified. |
| **Benefits:** | Each participant’s needs will be assessed using the Social Determinants of Health screening tool. If needs are identified, participants will be given resources within Alium Health & Wellness and within the participant's community to assist participant with meeting their physical, mental, and emotional needs. |

## Timeline

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|  | **Description of Task and Completion Dates** |
| **Task 1** | Establish policy and procedures regarding Social Determinants of Health screenings and referrals processes. (May, 2024) |
| **Task 2** | Provide training for clinical staff regarding the use and implementation of SDoH screening tool, Z codes, and the referral procedure (June, 2024) |
| **Task 3** | Reach 80% compliance with the completion and review of SDoH screenings during the intake process. (August, 2024) |
| **Task 4** | Reach 80% compliance with documenting Z codes for all behavioral health participants, as needed. (August, 2024) |
| **Task 5** | Link each participant with identified needs with the case manager to coordinate referral process. (December, 2024) |

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## Project Scope

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| **In Scope Project Objectives** |
| The project's main objective is to identify social needs presenting as barriers to reaching the participant's mental and physical health goals and linking participants with resources to remove the identified barriers. |
| **Out of Scope Project Objectives or Activities** |
| Alium Health & Wellness has limitations to the resources that can be offered to participants; therefore, referrals will be needed in some cases. |

## Project Team

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| **Team Lead:** | Ashley Kirby-Ward, PhD | **Project Champion:** | John Elliott, MD |
| **Process Owner:** | Lea Grosvenor | **Process Manager:** | Andrew Elliott |

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| **Stakeholders** | | | |
| **Stakeholder** | **Title** | **Department** | **Organization** |
| Debra Gibson, PMHNP | Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner | Behavioral Health | Alium Total Women’s Care |
| Sara Schrag, PMHNP | Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner | Behavioral Health | Alium Total Women’s Care |
| Ashley Kirby-Ward, PhD | Director of Behavioral Health | Behavioral Health & Administration | Alium Total Women’s Care |
| TBD | Family Nurse Practitioner | Family Medicine | Alium Health & Wellness |
| Miles Howard, MD | OB/GYN | OB/GYN | Alium Health & Wellness |
| Julie Crowley | Director of Operations | Operations | Alium Health & Wellness |

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| **Project Team Members** | |
| **Name** | **Team Role** |
| Lori Clardy | Case Manager |
| Sopya Thao | Care Coordinator |
| Tennille Paul-Exume | Therapist |
| Karina Trejo | Therapist |
| Christina Maddalone | Therapist |
| Lauren Lormel | Therapist |
| Pam Ryan-Hick | Therapist |

## Signatures

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| **Process Owner** |  |
| **Project Champion** |  |
| **Team Leader** |  |