HMIS Forum
Second Quarter 2014

Harris County Department of Education
Thursday, June 19, 2014
2:00 – 4:00 pm
Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County

The Coalition’s mission is to provide leadership in the development, advocacy, and coordination of community strategies to prevent and end homelessness.

▷ We serve those who serve the homeless ◁
Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- HMIS Support Committee Updates
- Review of HUD Data Standards
- Satisfaction Surveys
- HMIS Trial Period Projects
- Awards & Recognitions
- Q&A
HMIS Support Committee Updates

- Current Member Introduction
- Support Committee Bylaws
- Member Selection Process
- HMIS Services
Final HMIS Data Standards released in May 2014

Product of collaboration between HUD, HHS, and VA

Effective date is October 1, 2014

Released as two documents:
  - HMIS Data Manual (broader use)
  - HMIS Data Dictionary (more technical)

Additional guidance and info yet to be released
Data Standards – Key Changes

- Federal Program vs. HMIS Project & Project Type
  - New project types: four PH types, Day Shelter, CA

- Emergency Shelter Tracking Model
  - Entry/Exit vs. Night-by-Night

- New response option: “Data not collected”

- Veteran Status – collected only once

- Head of Household – new requirements

- Client Location – for projects in multiple CoCs

- Length of Time on Street, in ES, or SH
  - New options for determining Chronic Homelessness
Data Standards – Key Changes

- Housing Status – no longer required for most programs
- Health Insurance – separated from Non-Cash Benefits
- Services, Financial Assistance and Referrals
  - Required by and specific to HOPWA, PATH, RHY and SSVF
- Residential Move-In Date – RRH only
- Housing Assessment at Exit – HP and HOPWA only
- Other Program-Specific Data Elements
  - Required by and specific to HOPWA, PATH, RHY and SSVF
Overall, is our performance...

- Getting much better
- Getting better
- Staying about the same level
- Getting worse
- Getting much worse

HMIS Pilot Projects

- Helpdesk Open Hours
- Modification to Training Curriculum
- Certification of Data Quality Reports
- New Program/Grant Setup Process
- ClientTrack Navigation Pane Cleanup
HMIS Open Hours

- Tuesday – Thursday
- 9:00AM – 11:00AM, 1:00PM – 2:00PM
- Call – 832.531.6029
Awards and Recognitions!
Your HMIS Team

- Takeshia Richardson – HMIS Senior Manager
- Erol Fetahagic – System Administrator/Analyst
- Ryan R. Clay – Reporting Manager
- Kelita Beechum – Support Manager
- Yvette Fuentes – HMIS Trainer
- Karen Flores – HMIS Support Specialist

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