Long Island Coalition for the Homeless

Continuum of Care Meeting – Friday, March 17, 2017

**HMIS Update**

**HMIS Data Quality**

A new HMIS data quality report will be released in AWARDS on April 1, 2017. It is our intention to use this report as the basis of our monthly data quality review from that point forward. In this new report, greater emphasis is placed on income and benefit updates, discharge destinations (outcomes), accurately identifying chronically homeless clients, and on timeliness of data entry for intakes and discharges.

**HMIS Training**

Trainings held in 2017: 8 total trainings (69 users trained)

**Upcoming trainings:**

* AWARDS/HMIS New User Training – March 24, 2017
* AWARDS/HMIS New User Training – March 28, 2017

Please contact Roxzelle or Wayne by phone or email with inquiries regarding trainings.

**Changes to HMIS/AWARDS coming April 1, 2017**

HUD will be requiring CoC Program grant recipients to submit their APR data through a new online database – the Sage HMIS Reporting Repository. **After April 1, 2017 you will no longer use e-snaps to submit APRs.** The HMIS portion of the APR submission will now be submitted by CSV import to Sage (there will be no manual input of HMIS data into the new system). A HUD training webinar was held yesterday to introduce users to the new Sage system. It was recorded, so if you missed the webinar, it should be available soon along with additional training material. That will be distributed as soon as it becomes available.

* Please Note: Non-HMIS programs which serve victims of domestic violence will be expected to use the new Sage system to submit APR’s via upload of a CSV file.

As mentioned, the new “HMIS Data Quality Framework” will be deployed to AWARDS on April 1, 2017. The new data quality report is intended to help with monitoring HMIS data that is most critical to the APR, ESG-CAPER and System Performance Measures: employment and income growth, retention of permanent housing and returns to homelessness, and client outcomes at discharge.

**Coordinated Entry and HMIS**

When our CoC’s Coordinated Entry system goes live on May 1, 2017, we will be using the Central Intake functionality in AWARDS/HMIS to place client referrals into the Intake modules of our CoC-funded permanent housing projects. At our next Coordinated Entry Committee meeting on April 5, I will be demonstrating that functionality.

**Agency Chronically Homeless Clients - Saved Report in AWARDS**

An AWARDS reportbuilder template has been created so agencies can run a report which lists the chronically homeless clients in their programs. To access the report in AWARDS, go to Census > Profile > Select your Program and click the ReportBuilders button > click the HMIS ReportBuilder button > from the ‘select a saved report format’ dropdown list, click on the report named: *Agency Chronically Homeless Clients 2017* and click the Continue button to run the report.

**HMIS Oversight and Advisory Committee**

The kickoff meeting for this committee is scheduled for April 7, 2017 at LICH offices in Amityville. We continue to look for committee members, particularly someone from an uploading agency.

**HMIS Oversight and Advisory Committee mission:**

Ongoing review and assessment of the HMIS implementation to identify best practices for HMIS data collection, reporting and data quality monitoring.  The committee will perform periodic reviews of the HMIS Data Quality Plan, data quality monitoring processes, user training practices and security and privacy protocols.

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