



September 2018

Calendar of events

9/3: Office closed for Labor Day

9/19: 1:00 pm Feedback

Needed: *Proposed CE Data Collection and Management Tools - Both at the CARES office and via phone call*

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Dear HMIS Friends,

Have you seen the meme making its rounds on the interwebs about looking back at all the plans you had for the summer compared to what you actually did? I am not sure I have come across a more accurate description of this summer. The week days were nice, but the weekends? This is the first time that I can remember there not being a water restriction and/or burn ban in the area. And now? Now, it's September. Kids are going back to school this week, fall sports have begun, people are already eating and drinking pumpkin spice everything!

Here in HMIS land we are gearing up for the end of the fiscal year and our HMIS "busy season". Year end reports, LSA, User Reviews, NHSDC, RHY Grantees Conference, the list goes on. Never fear though, we have an amazing team and a Stewart's right next door. We've got this, however gifts of coffee and chocolate will never be denied.

Even as we prep and plan for the upcoming busy time, we are never to busy for our users! Feel free to give us a call, send an email (with no client level data), or send a helpdesk ticket. Your success is what is most important to us!

~Kelli
HMIS System Administrator

HMIS Data Clean Up



As we prepare for the upcoming LSA (formerly known as AHAR) submission we will be reaching out to projects that may need to do some data clean up. I am hopeful that there won't be too much as you all did such a wonderful job when we were preparing the System Performance Measures Report last spring.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or are curious as to what your projects data quality/completeness looks like, please [CLICK HERE](#) to find your community and view the most recent Data Quality and Completeness Reports.

HMIS System Administrator Call 8/28/18



Here are a few of the updates that were covered on the last HMIS System Administrator call held on 8/29/18:

Coordinated Entry: HUD is designing the CE APR in SAGE to look more like the HMIS Dedicated APR, meaning less HMIS data (though there will be some) and relying more on narrative. We can all breathe a sigh of relief.

CSV Files: Any CoC projects that are due to submit APR's in October, we are asking that you please hold off on doing so until 10/10, as SAGE will only be accepting the newest CSV file version effective 10/1. While this would normally not cause an issue, the newest CSV file version will not be available in our database until 10/10 to allow SSVF projects to perform their CSV upload to the VA using the current

CSV version. If you have any questions, please call Kelli at 518-489-4130 ext 113.

Federal Partner Data Manuals: Each of the Federal Partners have updated their program manuals and will be releasing them this month. There are no changes/updates to any of the data elements, just clarification on data collection. As soon as they are released we will have them available on our website.

Rapid Rehousing Evictions: Though this may not have come up in any of your RRH projects, HUD has clarified how client evictions should be recorded in HMIS: If a client in a RRH project has been permanently housed (a permanent housing placement date has been recorded), but loses that housing while still enrolled in the project the client needs to be discharged back to homelessness in the HMIS and then readmitted into the RRH project if it is decided that the project will begin a housing search with the client again. It was clarified that the discharge date from the enrollment where the housing was lost and the admission date for the new enrollment can be the same date. Projects are not to delete the Permanently Housed date if a client loses their housing. Again, call Kelli if you have any questions

Furry Friends

Pretty sure it's safe to say that there is no shortage of cuteness going on at the office. Meet Bruce Leroy Brown Jenkins Clark - He's a little chihuahua (only 1.5 pounds) who needed a home, and now lives with Kelli. Look at Luna so hard at work! If you ever have grant questions, she's your gal. Then there are the six plant killers. They took a once majestic aloe plant and turned it into their bed. Poor plant never stood a chance against those sweet little faces.

