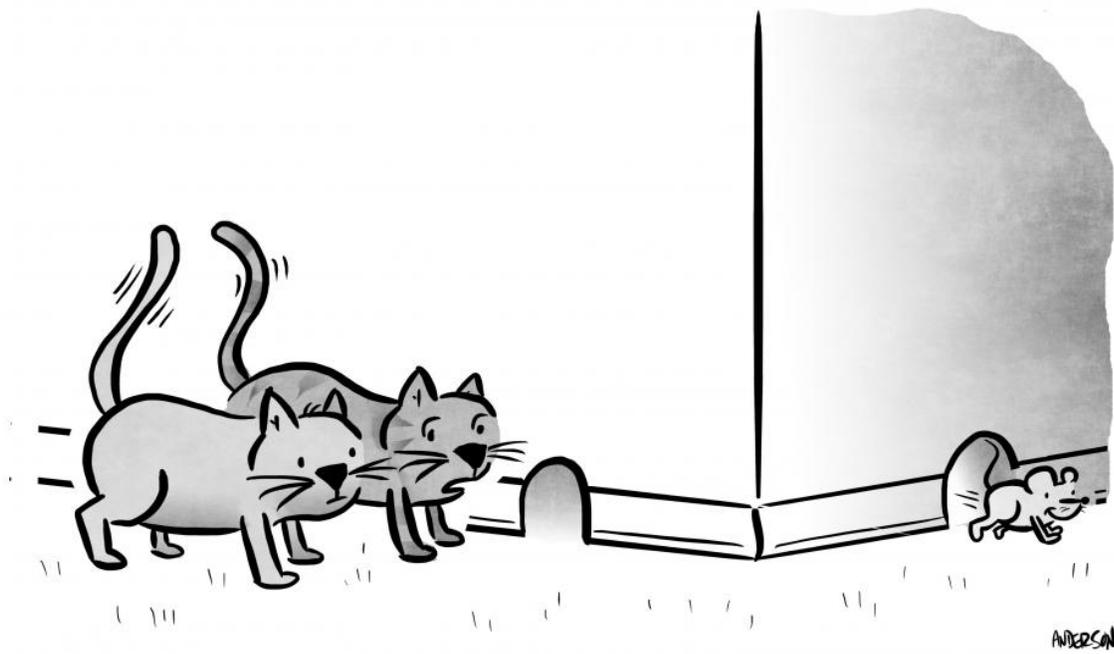




April 2019



"According to our current predictive analytics solution, the mouse should be exiting from this hole in 3... 2... 1..." #betterdata



**We're Swapping Offices Around**

Allyson, Kelli, and Rachel are swapping offices the week of April 8th. Unfortunately our phone extensions will not be swapped along with us until the week of April 15th. If you need to reach us before our extensions are set back up please make sure to email us.

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**NHSDC 2019**

From April 15th through April 18th the majority of the CRHMIS Team will be in Nashville for NHSDC. **We will be monitoring the help desk throughout the day, but response times may take longer than normal.** Staff attending NHSDC are: Allyson, Kelli, Sue, Bill, and Rachel.

**System Performance Measures**

We pulled the initial System Performance Measures Reports for all of our communities. First I want to say WOW! Last year when

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we pulled the initial data errors for clean up the report was about 95-100 pages long. This year??? 40! FORTY PAGES! That's it. To say that I am impressed is such an understatement.

We will begin reaching out to users to address any data clean up on Monday April 8th. We will be pulling the second round of SPM's upon our return on April 22nd so please make every effort to address the data issues that will be sent to you via AWARDS by Friday April 19th.

## From Foothold

### HMIS Bed Inventory Module and ReportBuilder

A new **HMIS Bed Inventory** module will appear in the System Setup > Agency Program Information menu for HMIS projects with a residential project type (ES, TH, SH, PH, and RRH). This module does not replace the **Residence Units** module, but instead works in tandem to provide an accurate chart of housing inventory for residential HMIS projects. Until now this information has been saved behind the scenes and used to generate the Inventory.csv file found in HMIS Exports and in the LSA report. Now, system administrators and Local CoC Admins can access this module to make notes about the numbers of beds and units available at any point in time, along with the type of bed. This module can even be used by projects that don't participate in HMIS or who simply upload data. Users with the necessary permissions to access the **Residence Units** module will also be able to access the **HMIS Bed Inventory** module. An accompanying ReportBuilder will also be available making it easier than ever to produce a full Housing Inventory Chart for a Continuum of Care.

### This Month in HMIS

Lots of exciting changes are afoot in the world of Homeless Management Information Systems.

First of all, those of you who were looking forward to a new PATH Annual Report Survey will need to wait just a little bit longer. SAMHSA and HUD are delaying the release of this new report until June 1, 2019.

The biggest concern for HMIS System Administrators right now is the Longitudinal System Analysis (LSA) report. Abt Associates has sent out error reports to every CoC and is asking that errors be addressed by April 15th. What they failed to mention is that many code changes were given to vendors in December 2018 and January 2019, making the report that was submitted back in December rather useless. We are recommending that communities re-run the LSA and ask their Abt Associate contact to re-evaluate the file to see what errors and warnings still exist. Also, be sure to check out the new **HMIS Bed Inventory** module (described above), which will help you see exactly what inventory information is being reported.

Last month, vendors and HMIS administrators were given a sneak preview of the Data Standards changes that will be coming this October. Among these changes include new data elements for tracking Coordinated Entry events and client assessments. We will be providing a deeper look at the Data Standards changes at the User's Conference in July.

More details are also expected to be released at the National Human Services Data Consortium (NHSDC) conference in a few weeks in Nashville. This year's conference is expected to be quite special given that it's been expanded to three days and is being co-sponsored by HUD. We are looking forward to seeing many of you there!

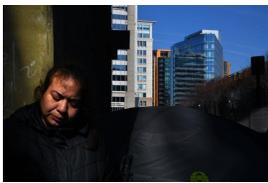
## Data Clean-up Challenge

So, I was online over the weekend looking for things to do in the evening while we are Nashville, and I found what looks like a pretty cool karaoke place. It's called Ms. Kelli's Karaoke. Could it be more perfectly named???

Anyway, here is my proposition for you all.... If you can get 50% of the System Performance Measures data clean up done by the time we return from NHSDC I will post a special karaoke video dedicated to you all from the HMIS team. Who knows, if more than 1/2 the clean up is done the video could even include a special choreographed dance!



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### [How We Hate the Homeless](#)

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