

July/August 2020

CARES COLLABORATIVE HMIS NEWSLETTER



CARES of NY, Inc. staff are still working remotely.
Please continue using email to contact us.

Updates

CCHMIS Updates



1. Effective July 1st we officially transitioned from being the CARES *Regional* HMIS to the CARES *Collaborative* HMIS. We are currently working on updating all documentation to reflect this change.
2. The HMIS System Administrator calls that we participate in with HUD and National TA providers have largely revolved around Project Set Up and Reporting Requirements for ESG-CV funding. We will send out the requirements once we receive final guidance from HUD.
 1. The current expectation is that there will be no extra HMIS data collection required by projects that receive funding.
3. Coordinated Entry Projects that receive CoC funding are still expected to be implemented into HMIS by October

1st. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Robson for all of the work he has done to ensure that each community's CE HMIS implementation will be ready for this deadline. He has spent the majority of his time creating, editing, and sometimes recreating each CoC's CE intake in AWARDS. THANK YOU BILL!

4. There will be no changes or updates to the HMIS Data Standards in October for data collection. All of the updates are specific to the HMIS System Administrators surrounding Project Descriptor Data Elements.
5. The LSA's (Longitudinal System Analysis) have been pushed back from a mid-July opening to opening in October.
6. If you haven't visited our [website](#) yet, I would highly recommend checking it out. Travis Brodbeck has done a wonderful job of updating it to make it more user friendly.

Upcoming Training Schedule

Due to CARES of NY staff still working remotely, In person HMIS New User Trainings are currently suspended.



HMIS New User Training is offered monthly with Bill Robson via webinar on the dates listed below. All trainings are scheduled to be 2.5 hours from 1 - 3:30 pm. You can register on our website or [click here to be taken directly to the HMIS New User Training Registration Page](#).

- August 12
- September 16
- October 14
- November 11
- December 16

If staff are unable to attend a training with Bill, the Pre-recorded HMIS New User Training Series can be accessed [here on our website](#).

*Remember, all required documentation must be completed and submitted prior to granting HMIS access.

From Foothold

Did you know that Foothold has a [Community Smiles page](#) in Online Help? It's adorable pictures of Foothold staff and AWARDS users working from home! Now that I know this exists you know I will be submitting pictures of the CCHMIS team working from home with their pets! If you would like to submit photos as well please send them my way kclark@caresny.org or you can send them directly to Foothold responseteam@footholdtechnology.com Even if you don't want to send in photos you really should check it out when you need a little breather.





Uploading Agencies

Don't forget that HMIS data uploads are due by the 15th of the month. Thank you so much to all of you who have been so flexible with working with Cathy identifying and updating any necessary validation errors to allow for successful data uploads into the CARES Collaborative HMIS.

If you have any questions or need any assistance with uploading HMIS data please reach out to Cathy Allen callen@caresny.org



RHY Updates

On our most recent HMIS System Administrator call in July we learned that there will be 2 HMIS Data Upload submissions to the RHYPoint Portal this fall. Grantees who have grants that expire on 9/30/2020 will upload their data during the month of September, while Grantees who do not have grants expiring on 9/30/2020 will upload their data in October. I will begin pulling Grantees' HMIS data and reaching out in August to review for any validation errors and/or data correction that may be necessary for a successful upload.



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