



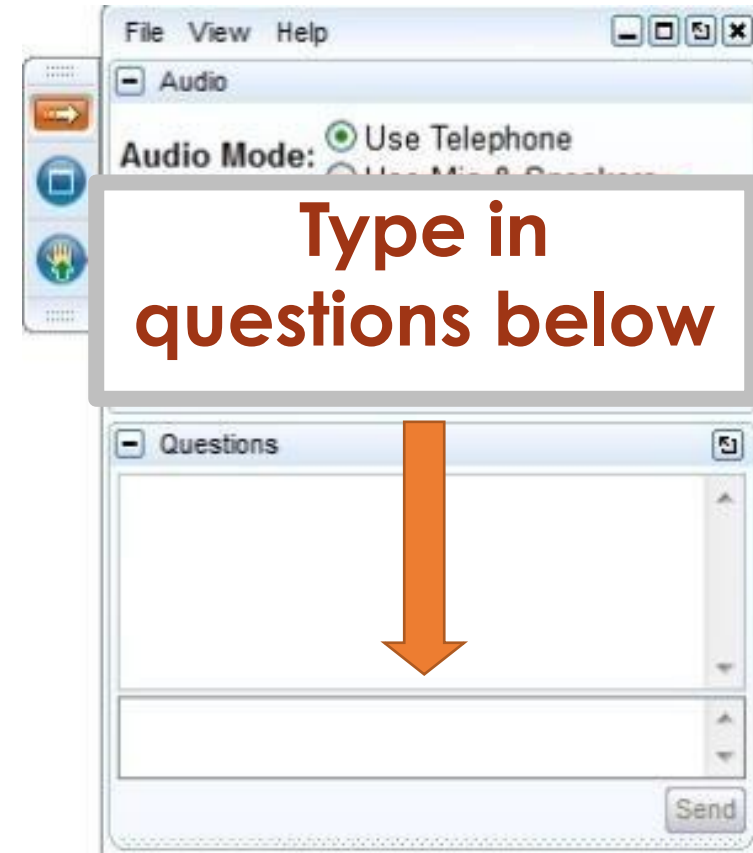
HMIS Open Forum

Session 1

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House Keeping

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Agenda

- Addition of Incarceration Questions to Emergency Shelter and Outreach Workflows
- Updates on Length of Time Homeless Calculations for BNL Prioritization and Chronicity Calculations
- Upcoming HMIS Changes
- COVID-19 Dashboard Preview
- Q&A



Client Incarceration History Data Collection

Incarceration Questions - Background

- **Why ask about incarceration history?**
 - Based on analysis CCEH conducted:
 - Between 66% and 75% of those incarcerated were homeless BEFORE they entered the corrections system
 - Between 25% and 33% became homeless AFTER incarceration
 - Statewide programs can assist with housing placement and resources for those released from Department of Corrections
 - Several research efforts to learn more about this population for prevention and needs

Source: CCEH Data analysis of data match between CT DOC and HMIS, October 2019

Incarceration Questions - Details

1. Were you ever incarcerated?

- Response options
 - Yes
 - No

ADD NOTE? Answering this will NOT affect your ability to receive services or housing.

If yes, then show the following questions:

2. Were you charged with a misdemeanor or felony?

- Response drop down
 - Misdemeanor
 - Felony

3. Are you currently on probation or under the supervision of the CT Department of Correction?

- Response options
 - Yes
 - No

4. When did you return to the community following incarceration?

- Response options:
 - Date picker

Incarceration Questions – Input Needed

- Where to put these questions in the Emergency Shelter and Outreach workflows
 - After all current assessments for Outreach and PATH
 - Update a custom assessment for ES

Incarceration Questions – Input Needed

- Emergency Shelter custom assessment

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the CTHMIS Emergency Shelter custom assessment form. The browser address bar shows the URL: `home.cthmis.com/CaseWorthy_8_0/WorkflowContainer.aspx?WorkflowID=100000079&WorkflowRuntime=true&WFContextTypeID=1&WFContextID=100000625&`. The page title is "Wendy Test - Emergency Shelter (input) - 4.4 - CTHMIS".

The form includes the following fields and values:

- Related Assessment: 9/14/2021 - Beth El Shelter - Individual (ES)(IND)(DOH) - At Entry
- Primary Language Spoken: English
- Additional Contributing Factors:
 - Criminal Justice Involvement: Yes
 - Legal Eviction Or Foreclosure: Yes
 - Expense Exceed Income: Yes
 - Was doubled up, could no longer stay with friend/family: No
- Primary Factor:
 - Homelessness Primary Factor: Criminal Justice Involvement



Updates on Length of Time Homeless (LOTH) Calculations

Background

VI-SPDAT

- The VISPDAT is prone to bias and inequities
- Not strength-based
- Nationwide interest to end its use
- Will be sunsetted soon in CT
- Could LOTH replace?

Length of Time Homeless

- Potentially more equitable method for prioritizing clients on the BNL
- Currently difficult to manually calculate
- Two different uses for LOTH

BNL v2

- New BNL that has ALL clients experiencing literal homelessness, not just those with VI
- Goal is to use LOTH to replace VI for one of prioritization methods

Updates to LOTH Calculation

- **Month-based counts** of time homeless will continue to be used for determining chronicity and program eligibility.
 - One day = one month (HUD guidance)
- **Number of days** homeless will be calculated to provide a more granular look a client's time homeless for housing prioritization purposes.
 - Counts will be based on:
 - Emergency Shelter bed check-ins
 - Outreach enrollments and completion of Current Living Situation
 - Hotel/Motel enrollment dates

What it Means for Non-BNL Users

- **Data Quality Matters!**
 - Accurate, complete, and timely data entry is **CRITICAL**
 - Enrollment start dates
 - Enrollment end dates
 - Shelter bed check-ins
 - Service dates
 - Outreach and PATH 'Current Living Situation' updates
 - Impacts LOTH





Upcoming Changes to HMIS

What's on deck?

- 2022 HUD HMIS standards updates
 - Expected to go live by 10/1/21 – Nutmeg will continue to provide updates
 - Most updates are “behind the scenes”
 - Users will see
 - New values for gender
 - Updates to values for race and ethnicity
 - New Coordinated Entry Events options

What's on deck?

- Adjustments to Coordinated Entry Events workflow
- Ability to collect data on COVID booster shots
- Updates to CAN appointment outcomes values to standardize and provide more detail on client outcomes



COVID Dashboard Preview

Questions?

