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?
   o Response options
     ▪ Yes
     ▪ No

If yes, then show the following questions:

2. Were you charged with a misdemeanor or felony?
   o Response drop down
     ▪ Misdemeanor
     ▪ Felony

3. Are you currently on probation or under the supervision of the CT Department of Correction?
   o Response options
     ▪ Yes
     ▪ No

4. When did you return to the community following incarceration?
   o Response options:
     ▪ Date picker

ADD NOTE? Answering this will NOT affect your ability to receive services or housing.
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
Updates on Length of Time Homeless (LOTH) Calculations
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 at 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?